

TALKING TAORO A

The official newsletter of Taoroa School



Important Dates

24th June

Matariki
(Public Holiday)

27th June

Matariki Breakfast

7th July

Mid Year Reports home

8th July

End of Term Assembly

25th July

Teacher only day

5th August

School Ski Trip

10th August

BOT Meeting

19th August

Winter Tournament

23rd September

Cross Country

2022 Term Dates

Term 2

May 2nd - July 8th

Term 3

July 25th - Sept 30th

Term 4

Oct 17th - Dec 14th

Principal's Report

With the arrival of Matariki, comes a time to reflect on the year that has passed- and what a year it has been! We have navigated covid, reconnected with our local community, developed a new vision and strategic plan, created a new logo, implemented new learning programmes, formed sports teams, established a friends of the school group, tidied up our rugby field for use, reinstated our school pool, built a school garden, replanted our bank in natives and most importantly we continue to grow a safe, positive and fun learning environment for our tamariki. I feel a strong sense of pride and gratitude for all those that are paddling in this waka and just want to say thank you for your continued support of our little school on the hill. Looking forward to the year ahead, we have some really exciting things on the horizon and can't wait to share them with you all soon!

Ngā mihi nui,
Lara Stevens

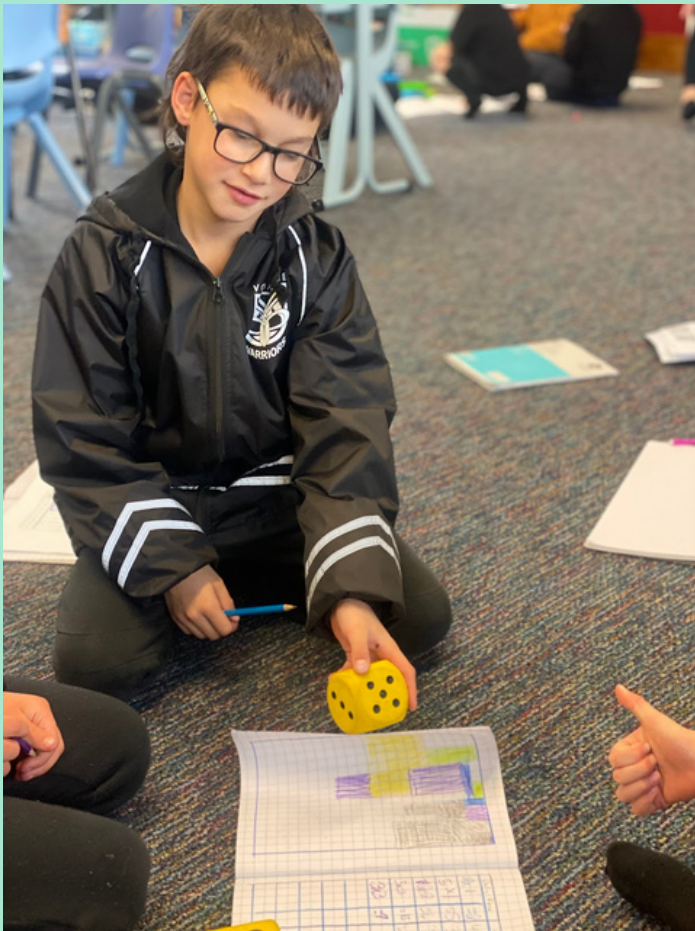
He waka eke noa, kia eke panuku, kia eke Tangaroa

We're in this waka together. Through all our efforts, we will succeed.

Students Corner

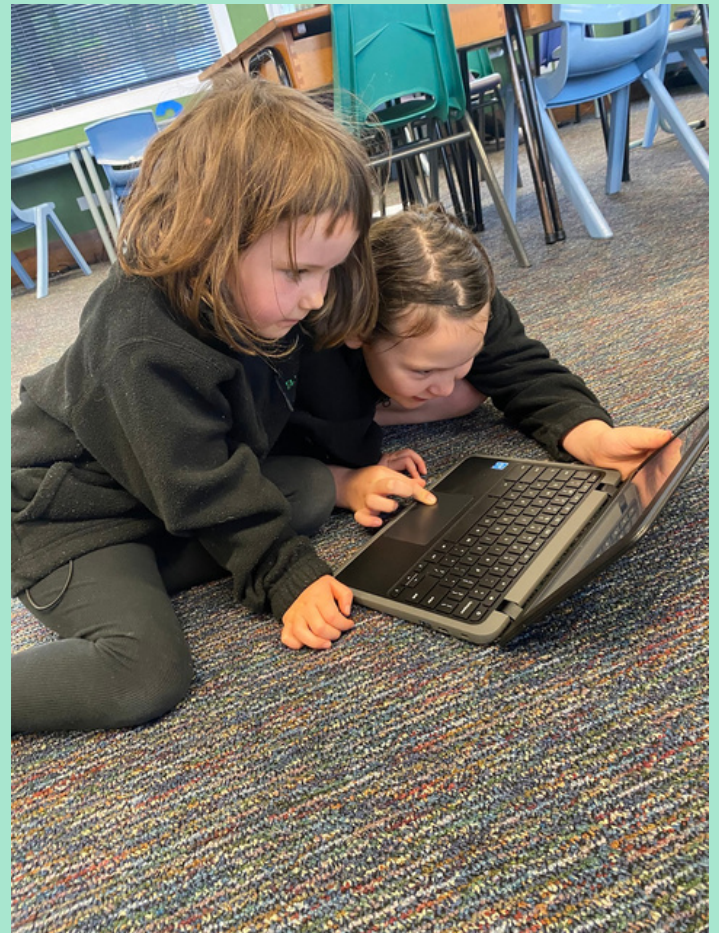
We have been learning how to spell lots of words and we have been reading too. We are experts at skip counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and can get all the way to 100. At home I have been practicing my times tables (Benjamin). Taoroa is the best school because you get to learn stuff, the kids are nice and the teachers are really nice. We have a dog at school and that's pretty cool. When people are kind to each other they get a token for the 'values vase' and it is filling up really, really quick. We love coming to Taoroa School.

Mille Wells (5), Benjamin Fitzgerald (6)



Kahui Ako

'A Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako is a group of education and training providers that form around tamariki and young people's learning pathways, and work together to help them achieve their full potential.' Taoroa School has joined our local Kahui ako and will be working closely with schools to support each other in developing a localised curriculum that will benefit all tamariki. We are really excited to work alongside other schools and strengthen our relationships within the local Taihape community.



School Ski trip

On the **Friday 5th of August** we will be heading to Turoa Ski field. Our year 0-3's will be tobogganing while our year 4-8's will be skiing. All students will be required to wear thermals, warm clothing, waterproof pants, waterproof jacket, a woollen hat and gloves. Please contact the school ASAP if you are not able to access these items for your child. We are currently working out transport and are looking into a shuttle up the mountain to avoid parking/road condition issues or taking personal vehicles. Keep an eye out for a detailed notice that will come home before the end of term.

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out at our 'Shearing fundraiser' at the Haitana's over the weekend. It was a huge success and the money earned from this day will help fund our school ski trip next term which will be an amazing experience for our tamariki. Our community is really coming together to make a difference for our learners and for that we are so grateful! I would also like to make a special mention to those in the community that don't have children at our school but still came along to lend a hand, a legendary act of kindness and community spirit!

Creative Communities Scheme grant

This term we applied for a special grant to support the installation of a Mural artwork at the school. Our application was approved and we have arranged with Joe McMenamin, an artist from Feilding, to work with our tamariki to design and create the Mural. We cant wait to see what they come up with!

Maori kupu (word) of the month

Waiata: Song

Karakia: Prayer

Potai: Hat

Matariki breakfast

After learning about Matariki over the last few weeks and reading a story called Matariki Breakfast, our tamariki have decided it would be a good idea to have a shared breakfast on **Monday 27th June**. We will be making pancakes at school and we ask that the children please bring a topping to add to their pancakes. Ideas include fresh fruit, yoghurt, cream, bacon, sprinkles or nutella.



GRIP Leadership Conference

Last week a group of our seniors attended a leadership conference in Palmerston North which is held in the main centres across New Zealand and Australia. Our up and coming leaders were encouraged to step outside their comfort zone to collaborate with complete strangers and explore topics including qualities of an effective leader, stepping up to leadership, idea generation, raising the standard of teamwork and integrity. I am really looking forward to seeing our young leaders putting these things into action and making a difference within our school.



Well-being Survey

This term our Year 3-7 students completed a comprehensive 'well being survey' through NZCER. There were some really strong themes that showed that our learners feel safe and valued at school, learning is interesting and engaging and the relationships between our learners, staff and whānau are positive and strong. This was rewarding feedback for us as a staff and a true reflection of the awesome mahi we have been doing and continue to do for our learners!

End of Term Assembly

We warmly invite whānau to join us for our end of term assembly on the last day of term (**8th of July**). We will be over at the hall from 2pm ready for a 2:15pm start. Looking forward to seeing all there.

Tennis Lessons

Bookings open for Term 3 tennis coaching in Taihape.

Group 1: Mondays 3.30pm-4.15pm

Group 2: Mondays 4.15pm-5.15pm (extending this out as more match play is getting added in)

Costs for Term 3 only

\$35 for one child

\$65 for two children

\$95 for three children

Costs for Term 3 and 4

\$60 for one child

\$115 for two children

\$170 for three children

Hotshots Tournament- August 7th (Feilding)

If you would be interested in this please contact Kurt on 0279544258 or email info@tennismanawatu.org.nz

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