

TALKING TAORO A

The official newsletter of Taoro a School



Important Dates

19th June
Bike Safety Day

27th June
y7-8 Leadership day

30th June
Assembly

14th July
Community get together

28th July
Red Nose Day

4th August
School Ski trip-Turoa

2023 Term Dates

Term 2
24th April-
30th June

Term 3
17th July-
22nd September

Term 4
9th October-
20th December

Principal's Report

Kia ora koutou,

What a great Term 2 it has been for our school and our learners! With the term being relatively quiet in terms of events and activities, we have been able to really focus on our classroom programmes - particularly literacy and numeracy. With our current school roll of 31 learners we are really making the most of our privileged teacher to student ratios which means our tamariki are reaping the benefits of teacher time and targeted workshops. Our students continue to show dedication and enthusiasm in their learning and we are seeing some awesome progress!

Winter sports are in full swing and a high percentage of our tamariki are participating across a range of different codes. It's been awesome seeing them compete for their clubs and giving it their all. Sport is a great vehicle for the development of so many important life skills and its something that will always be valued at Taoro a School.

As you all know baby Rogers will be making his entrance over the next few weeks which means I will be stepping out of the hot seat for a term. We are pleased to share that we will be welcoming Richard McMillan to lead the school during my absence. Some of you may remember him from his previous principalship at Taihape Area School. He comes with many years of experience and a love for sport and the outdoors. This transition brings both excitement and a sense of continuity as we continue to provide the best educational experience for our tamariki. Rest assured that our new principal will be committed to upholding our school's values and fostering a supportive environment for all.

I look forward to being back on board in Term 4, but until then,

Mā te wā

Lara Stevens

Local legends shout out!

Last term the Taoroa Fundraising Committee asked for a list of items/initiatives that the school would like some support with. So we put it to our tamariki to brainstorm some about what they would like to see improved or added to our school. One of those initiatives was to have our school sandpit back in action. Thank you Taoroa Fundraising Committee for making this happen so quickly and also thank you to Byfords for donating the sand. We also want to make a special mention to Renee Bellamy and Simon Haitana for very kindly donating two new netball posts to the school. They are already getting lots of use and it is awesome for our tamariki to be able to practice in hoops that are the correct height - lucky kids!



Tennis Court Upgrade

The completion of this has now been pushed out to the start of Spring as a result of poor weather. Even though it has not been completed, our tamariki are loving making the most of the new and improved smooth surface.

Pool Pump upgrade

Last year we were successful in a grant application to upgrade our school pool pump system. We are so pleased to have this installed and we can go in to next summer knowing that our pool is in good working order as we knew we were on borrowed time with the previous pump system! Thank you to the JBS Duddings Trust for this funding.



Classroom upgrade

The long wait continues... We are still awaiting another quote from an out of town contractor. Once we have this in, we will be able to finalise a date for this project to start. As our roll continues to grow, the increased classroom space will be a welcomed addition! In the mean time we will have contractors from the ministry on site from 19th June -26th of June and they will be upgrading our lighting and insulation as a part of a Rural Schools improvement initiative.

Ministry Funded Bus

We are over the moon to finally have our own local bus run which is funded by the ministry! There are some limitations around the route but this is something I will be continuing to work hard on to improve so that we are catering for all of our local whānau!



School Gardens

We have been incredibly lucky to have the wonderful Evelyn, Paul and Jemima sharing their expertise with us every Tuesday as we establish our school gardens. We have learnt about the importance of soil quality, built a compost bin, dissected vegetables for seeds, planted seeds and seedlings and we are finally putting our Vege Pod that we won last year to use. This life long learning is incredibly valuable and will be something that our tamariki will be able to put in to action at home

Taoroa Fundraising Committee

Busy few months planning the Taoroa Tiki Tour for 18th February. Little did we know how much Cyclone Gabrielle was going to hit our country. Our neighbours Hawkes Bay and East coast were severely affected. The committee came together and decided the tracks weren't safe and a lot of our neighbours wouldn't be able to make the event due to the cyclone damage. Therefore, postponed the Tiki Tour. The Taoroa School kids did a great fundraiser selling Black Doris plums for the Cyclone hit areas. Many thanks to Amanda and Rob Collier for the donation of the plums, and well done to our children for their work to sell these. New date was set for the Taoroa Tiki Tour 1st April. There was no fooling around on the 1st. The weather was better than expected and put on a great day to showcase our backyard. We had some flash bikes on the tour and people travelled far and wide from the North Island to attend. The Tiki Tour went up to heights of 1000metres above sea level which revealed amazing views from all angles. Sarah Wells did a history talk about our area at the lunch which participants enjoyed. We continue from here into the lower land which again gave great views. Everyone loved their Tiki Tour around Taoroa and said they will be back. The photos below show the story of the day. Shout out to all our sponsors, farmers/land owners and family/friends/community for their help leading up to the event and on the day. We wouldn't have been able to make this event successful without you. Taoroa Tiki Tour raised \$10,144.67 which is outstanding for our first event. We have decided to put some of this money towards a new pool cover, ball pump, sandpit. We are awaiting some quotes for sunshades for the playground. Next year's date for Taoroa Tiki Tour will be posted soon. Keep your eyes peeled.

Thanks again,

Taoroa Fundraising Committee



Students Corner

On the 18th of May, Taoroa School was lucky enough to have the opportunity to go to TAS and watch a live science show. The show was called NANO Girl. She did a range of different things such as: Light her hand on fire, made a big puff of air and flew a plastic cup off a teacher's head. Funnily enough Miss Taylor was lucky to be chosen to be an assistant. She had to sit on a plastic chair and the chair was on top of a shower curtain which was attached to a high power leaf blower and she hovered across the room! She told us that it tickled her bum. It was a very funny day!

About 1 week later, on the 24th of May the year 5-8 students got to go to Palmerston North to participate in a leadership course. We were lucky enough to take back a lot of knowledge from some very famous people. Such as Georgia Lines the singer who taught us to never give up, Brad Smeele who taught us to never live life by comparison as he was in a wheelchair after a serious injury wakeboarding, Julia Grace who told us to tell that negative voice in our head to be quiet! (She named her voice Nelly because she had a very noisy neighbour called Nelly). As well as a famous hockey player called Brooke Neal who taught us to belly breathe in those really intense situations. Last but not least Shane Rangī who told us that we don't have to know everything (It's OK to say I don't know!).

Taoroa School is making a real effort to look after the environment and we now have 5 new recycling bins. We have named the bins to help some of our juniors learn where to put their rubbish. The little green one is called Forky, the red one is called Yogurt, the blue one is Paprey, and the 2 big green ones are called The Dumpster Twins. Every week the recycling coaches, Annabelle and Rigby, train up a group of students and then had an idea that we could hand out certificates every week. Last week Aofie, Wyatt and Millie Wells were the recycling stars. We also award 1 Kapa Haka award every week and that went to Jimmy Brown.

Taoroa School got a new worm farm that Hannah is really intrigued in. It has already produced some healthy worm pee.

This term the senior class has been focusing on agency which means we are in the driver seat of our own learning. We have been helping Miss Stevens write our mid term reports by conferencing with her to decide where we think we are at with Managing Self, Relating to others Participating and Contributing as well as Identity, Kotahitanga, Whenua and Belonging. We rate ourselves at four different levels- Te Kakano (seed of potential), Tipurea (Growing/Developing), Whakaritorito (Throwing up shoots) and lastly, Puawai (Blossoming potential which is the full harakeke).

Early this week, the fundraising committee, Matt Brown, Tom Glendinning and Tom Wells cleaned out the school sandpit. Byfords Engineering donated the sand towards the sandpit which then the fundraising committee, Matt Brown, Tom Glendinning and Tom Wells filled it back up again.

On the 9th of June Taoroa Schools year 5 - 8 (and some of our year 4s) went to the Rec in town to participate in the Winter Tournament. It was a great day for all! We interviewed some of the students about their day. . .

Alqana Stoney-Campus: Netball

Miss Stevens took the netballers to the courts. Country Blue, which was the Taoroa School team, played against TAS for their first game. The score was 3 - 3 being a tie. Game 2 was against the Ohakune Kiwis which they won and the score was roughly 14 - 2 (Taoroa Won). Game 3 was against Pukekos and it was a fair game, having the end score 8 - 8. Game 4 was against Waiouru. It was a close game 15 - 14 we won. Game 5s team was unknown but it was 10 - 8 having Taoroa win.

Tom Walker: Soccer

After going to the Grandstand, we headed to the soccer field. We had 4 games, number 1 was against Ohakune 1 the score was 4 - 0 having the Country team winning. Game 2 was against Waiouru having them win 3 - 0. Game 3 was against Ohakune 2 having Country win 3 - 2. Finally, Game 4 was against St Joes then winning 4 - 0.

Teddy Wells: Rugby

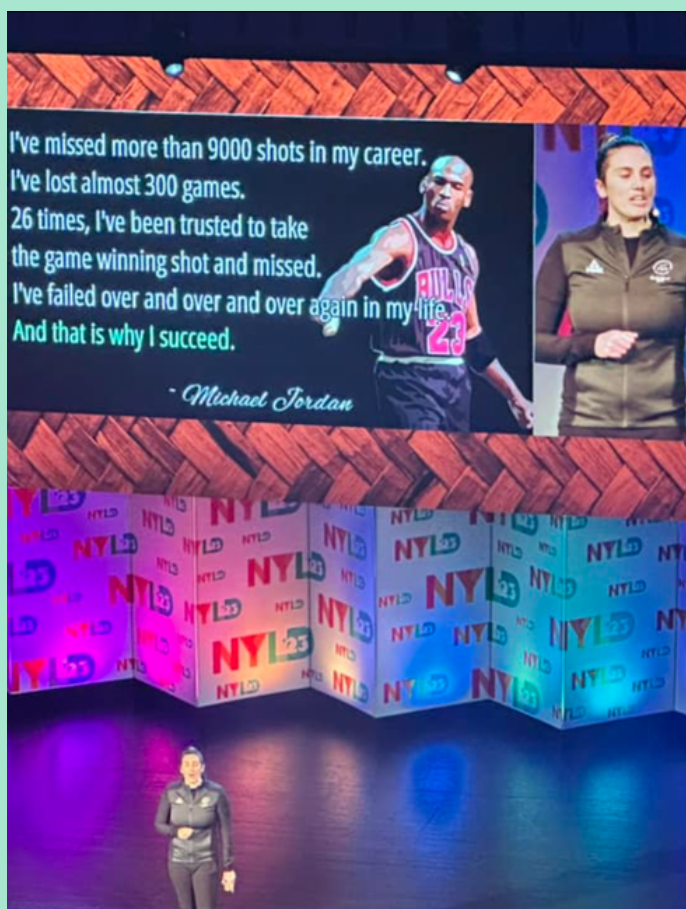
In the first game we played against TAS and lost 25-10, I scored a try. Game 2 was against St Joes it was a draw- 20-20. Game 3 Rigby scored about 3 tries against Waiouru and Country won 30-10. Game 4 we lost against Raitahi the score was 30 - 15. Game 5 was against Ruapehu and we won 35 - 15. Finally, game 6 was against Ohakune and we lost 100 - 15 (they were massive kids!).

By Annabelle Walker (12) and Everson Haitana (9)



Nau Mai Haere Mai

Welcome back to TeAnaRangi Wipaki-Barker. TeAna has been residing in Feilding with her Mum for the last few years but she has moved back to town, and lucky for us has returned to Taoroa School.



Leadership course

This term our senior ākonga attended the NYLD leadership conference in Palmerston North. The theme of the day was 'Leading the Self to Lead Others'. We listened to so many inspiring guest speakers who provided us with some important take aways and we managed to have a whole lot of fun in the process! In the classroom we are creating an inspiration wall so that we will be able to keep these 'gold nuggets' at the front and centre of our minds to support our learning.

Matariki get together

On Friday 14th July, there is a get together at the Taoroa Hall to welcome new community members to Taoroa. A hāngi will be laid down and finger food provided for the children - BYO drinks. If you would like to attend or purchase a hāngi (\$20pp) please RSVP to office@taoroa.school.nz.

Note this is not a school event.

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