

# Tapawera News



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## From the Principal's Desk



Tēnā koutou e te Whānau  
ki te Kura o  
Tapawera

### Whānau Hui Summary

Ngā mihi nui to the Whānua and staff who attended the hui on Wednesday. We appreciate your time and your feedback. It was great to finally get together and discuss what is important for our tamariki and rangatahi.

We heard from the whānau at the hui, that they appreciated the mahi of staff and that they see that good things are happening. From the perspective of the whānau, as a kura, it was stated that:

1. Kapa Haka was important and specifically, opportunities for our kapa haka group to perform, were important as it is a way through which much reo, tikanga, and te ao Māori is learned
2. We learned that communication from school could improve
3. Whānau wanted more involvement in school

This feedback is important for us and we will now look at how we can make these things happen. We will work on becoming more adaptable to how whānau want to communicate. We hope to have more regular kōrero about how we are progressing our mahi to form a whānau group within our school to support our staff and rangatahi, and how we might co-opt a Māori parent onto our Board of Trustees. We believe this person is vital to represent the voice of our Māori ākongā and their parents.

You will hear from us early next term about our progress. Once again, thank you for your support and aroha for the Kura in our journey.

### School and Community Garden

Once again, thank you to the community members who have put mahi into our garden. We have said in the last newsletter we have been working towards a formal agreement as required under the Health and Safety Act, 2015 and to ensure the Kura and community group are clear in the expectations of each other.

The garden agreement is now ready. We have met with the community group to review and hopefully have it signed soon. Then we can work together towards a collaborative community garden. This is very exciting! Thank you for your patience as we work through the necessary red tape as a school we have to have.

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*If you have questions,  
concerns or compliments  
please let us know—we  
value your feedback.*

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## Year 0 - 8 News

With FIRE in our hearts,  
empower, learn, grow.

Keywords for 2024 FIRE =  
Friendliness, Integrity, Respect, Effort

### PB4L(Positive Behaviour for Learning)

The FIRE WAY! Recognition: Manawanui Tanga Effort - Taking up learning opportunities - Crystal Price-Coard, Savannah Wilcock, Atlanta Linstead, Isabella Newcombe, Sian, Logan, Marcus, Charlie Ryan, Sequoia, Florence, Bastian Marr, Amaia-Rain, Ruby Porthouse, Bella Williams, Edward, Haylen, Ollie B, Rose, Jada, Cooper, Tennessee, Mackenzie, Sierra, Isobella, Mylan, Cody, Acacia, Leroy, Kiana, Breeze, Casey, Jayden, Mela, Tamati, Izak, Sarah Jones, Mia, Ocean, Bella, William, Charlotte, Jack Stevens, Kenzie, Hannah

### Star of the Week

Congratulations Meeka MacDonald for showing The FIRE Way and making a great start to our kura.

Congratulations to Mackenzie Booth for always showing The FIRE Way in the playground.



### Welcome Daniel Hooper

It was awesome today having our new teacher, Daniel Hooper on our team. He is a great cricket coach too! Here are some shots of our cricket enthusiasts playing cricket today with Daniel. He will be teaching in the classroom on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.







## **Feedback**

We strive to maintain an open and constructive dialogue between our staff, students, and parents. Your feedback is invaluable to us as we continuously work to provide the best educational experience for our students.

As part of our commitment to fostering effective communication and resolving any concerns or issues that may arise, we kindly request that parents adhere to the following protocol when voicing complaints or grievances:

1. **Appropriate Communication:** We understand that concerns may arise from time to time, and we encourage parents to address these matters with us directly. Please communicate in a respectful and considerate manner, whether through email, scheduled meetings, or book an appointment
2. **Follow Policy:** We have established policy in place to address various types of concerns efficiently and fairly. Please ask for a copy of our Concerns and Complaints policy at the office, or see one sent with this newsletter
3. **Open Dialogue:** We value open and transparent communication. If you have any questions or uncertainties regarding school policies, procedures, or your child's educational experience, we encourage you to reach out to us. Our team is here to assist you and provide clarification whenever needed.

## **Wanted please ...**

We are looking for a volunteer from our community! We need someone to play the guitar at Kapa Haka. This role could be big or small depending on the availability of the volunteer. Ideally someone to play their guitar at Kapa Haka times on Monday's 2.20-3.10pm.

## **Dates:**

Week 9 Area School Tournament at Murchison 24-28th March  
Week 9 Good Friday 29th March  
Week 10 Monday 1st April and Tuesday 2nd April - Easter Holiday  
Week 11 Tuesday 9th April Whole School Assembly 2.20pm  
Week 11 School Holidays Start on 13th April

Tanya Snackers 😊

## **Year 7-8 Wellington Fundraising**

Our annual Easter Raffle is on! We are raising money for our 2025 Wellington trip.

Tickets available from our year 6-7 students or the school office. Only \$2 per ticket.



## **Lost Property**

Help...our Lost Property bin is overflowing!! Mainly unnamed clothing, towels and non-school uniform items. It is becoming an increasing problem as this was emptied just 2 weeks ago!

We have discussed this at whole school meeting and decided that:

1. Students need to pick up their clothing that they leave around the school
2. All school uniform should be well labelled
3. Non regulation clothing should not come to school





## Manga High

Mathematics is like a sport, sport requires practice to gain success. Practice comes in many forms; worksheets, discussions, problem solving, online activities and competitions. With this in mind we use Manga High to support students learning from years 6 to 10.

This can be used both at school and at home. Manga High has a competitive approach in rewarding students through awarding gold, silver and bronze tokens. Students should repeat an activity 3 times to ensure depth of understanding.

Teachers give students tasks to complete. These will complement class topics and times tables practice. The games are great to develop fluency; they are all mathematically valuable for our students' progress.

The school number is 281370

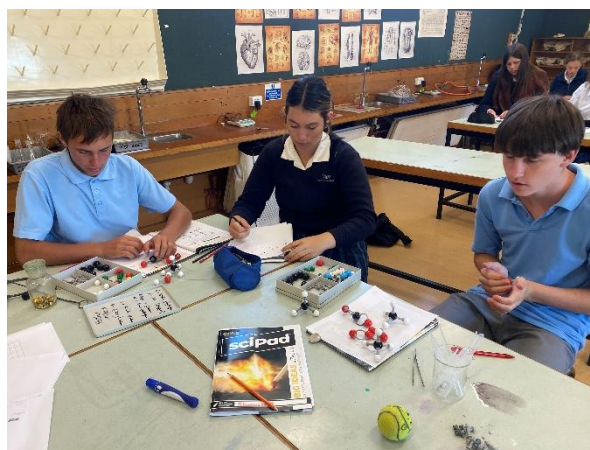
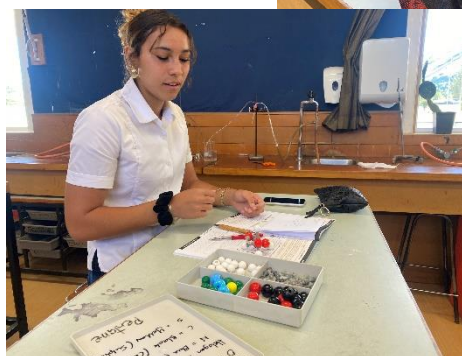
The students all have their log in information, should you require this please ask the class teacher.

[mangahigh.com/en-au/](http://mangahigh.com/en-au/)

## Top 10 Manga High Students

Sian Thomas,	Cyprus Leabourn-Matthews
Rydan Fright,	Aurora Waby
Bax Biggelaar,	Jordan Hook
Claude Gaddes,	Ben Dixon
Florence Gaddes,	Jackson Irvine

Photos of Year 11 students learning about the chemistry of combustion reactions.



## Sports Coordinator Position

We are seeking a new Sports Coordinator. This position is for 15 hours per week. Days are negotiable, but at times required to be on site for sports training or events etc. Skills will include flexibility, IT skills (google docs etc), friendly, and can run sports practices, great organisational skills, support the primary school with events (Motueka cluster, at school events). There is an annual TOSI sports tournament when you will need to be available.

Position starts early term 2. This will enable a crossover with existing Sports - Co to share what the job entails.

Closes on Thursday 28th March. For more information please see Stephen Haunch or send a letter of application to [shaunch@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:shaunch@tapawera.school.nz)





## TSS Athletics

On Monday 11th March a record ten students attended the Regional Athletics event.

This Included a relay team in 4 x 100m for the first time, represented by the U14 girls team.

Everyone who attended came close or improved on their best ever performances. There were over 400 athletes at the event from U14 to U19.

In the U14 age group Breeze Streeter-Mantell performed well, only missing out on the 100m final by a hundredth of a second. In the 200m she won her time trial to finish Third whilst in the Triple Jump she led the field with 9.14m only to finish in 2nd place on the final jump.

Bronco MacDonald finished 3rd in the 400m and First in the Triple jump with a jump of 10.22m.

The Relay team finished in 2nd place ahead of Nelson College and Waimea in a time of 57.92sec. Joseph Butcher performed well and Riley Hook in the U15 finished in second place with a throw of 30.32m in the Javelin.

In the U16 age group Shiemela Streeter-Mantell performed well whilst Jada Jelinek was second in the Shot Put but finished First in the Discus and notably in the Javelin with a new best of 28.34m.

Finally, in the U19 Age group, Sarah Jones managed three Regional titles in the Shot Put, with a new school record of 11.11m, the Discus and the Triple Jump.

It was an outstanding day for Tapawera and could lead onto greater things for some of them in the future. At this stage the group can't compete at the South Islands due to their obligations to the Area Schools tournament but more regular competition and even National Athletics is a possibility.







### Room 5 Camp

Room 5 camp was amazing. We got very lucky with the weather and had a great day on our walk to Apple Tree Bay. We went crab hunting and had lots of fun building sand castles and burying our friends. The tamariki were amazing when we went kayaking. Everyone gave things a go and had a great time out on the water. We had great adventures, lots of swimming, fun and team building. Great way to start the year for Room 5. Thanks to all the parents who came and helped out. We could not have done it without you.







## Halberg Games

HELLO my name is Emily-Rose I'm 8 years old, in year 4 and in room 4, I thought I might share with you all that on the 18th to the 21st April I'm going up to Auckland for The Halberg Games, What is it? Well it's special Games like the Olympics for children from 8 to 21 years old that have all kinds of disabilities. I have chromosomal 15q13.3 microduplication syndrome, which is rare. Only 1 in 40,000 get it. No one in my family has it. I look normal. But I do have a few things that I have due to it. Not that you notice. Like the low muscle tone on my right side, that's why I get tired quickly when running. I have flat feet and have orthotics in my shoes that help me as my feet turn in. (I'm getting new orthotics at the end of April, my Right orthotic will be higher than my shoe but my left one won't be.) One of my Kidneys is bigger than the other one, my ears are low set, which means they don't quite line up with my eyes, I'm smaller than my peers and some people don't think I'm 8 years old and are shocked when I tell them how old I am. This is my first time going to the Halberg Games. They have all sorts of games there like swimming, wheelchair basketball, athletic, boccia, wheelchair rugby, just to name a few. On the Thursday when we get there, Swimming NZ are holding a coaching session which I'm doing. The games have an opening ceremony on Friday, then we start the games. I start with Swimming, then after lunch we get to try different sports that we have never done before. I'm doing boccia. On Saturday it's Athletic, I've signed up for running, shot put, discus and club throwing, then it different sports again that we get to choose I've chosen Gymnastics. Sunday is the Last day where we get to choose some fun coaching sessions. I've gone for netball as NZ netball is going to be there. Then prize giving and the closing ceremony, then pack up and come home. My mum Tania and my nana are coming with me, I'm so excited to go. Thank you for taking the time to read about me. EMILY-ROSE COLEMAN :



## School Uniform Swap/buy/sell

There appears to be a need for families to have the opportunity to either clear out school uniforms that their children don't fit or need any more and for families that need uniforms for their children.

With this in mind on the 16<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30-11.30am the school hall will be open to give families the opportunity to call in to either sell /buy or swap school uniforms.

This is an initial trial to gauge whether it is something that should continue.

Any further information please phone Susan Ellis at the school office.

## FREE TYRES

The school has a rather large supply of tyres that someone might find a use for – maybe silage pits??

Please contact Susan Ellis at the school office for more info.

## Bus News

It is getting pretty cold and dark in the mornings - winter is going to be here before we know it! It is time to hunt out those lovely colourful Hi-Vis vests so we can keep our tamariki safe and visible on the dull mornings. If you cannot find the vests from last year they can be purchased from the Warehouse (either online or in store). They are reasonably priced, from \$15 to \$20. We do not have a supply of these at school to hand out, so it is up to families to get these.

On another note: in the afternoons there are a large number of students/families who are not letting the bus monitors know if they are not going to be on the bus. If you know your child is not going to be on the bus, please ring the school office during the day to let Barbara know, or let the bus monitors know at the end of the day.

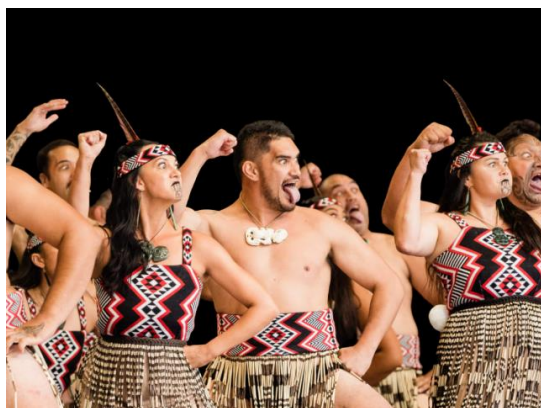


**Year 9 Cultural Identity Starter Pack**

The Year 9 English class has been exploring what it means to be a New Zealander. We have looked at our history, our culture, our sports, our food and lots of iconic moments. Then the students have put together their own starter packs - what makes them who they are.



Alyse Clarke

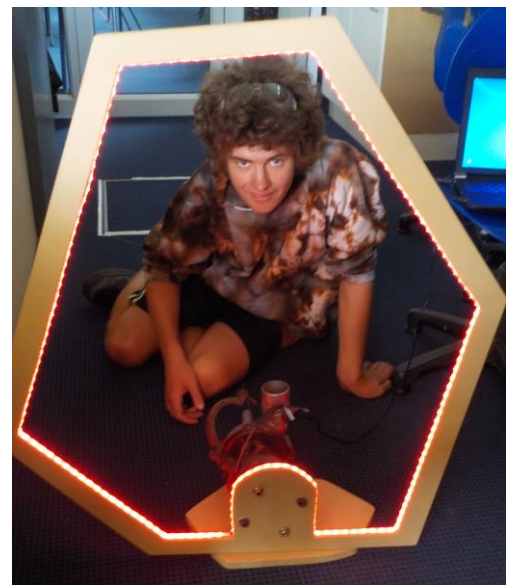


Kiana Collins





Lachlan Wills



**LED Light Sculpture**  
Tyler started a project last year in Materials and has finished it recently. It is a turbo inspired LED Light Sculpture for his room. The end product looks great - kai pai Tyler and Mr Fox!





## MINISTRY OF INSPIRATION

### STEAMS Holiday Programmes in APRIL at Nelson Intermediate!

## SIGN UP FAST!

All workshops run by Ministry of Inspiration are based on the STEAMS concept of learning where all subjects are combined into one immensely creative programme! MOI is offering THREE choices of Holiday Programmes for the April School Holidays at Nelson Intermediate. **The three different holiday programmes are: Art and Engineering, Cooking and Science, and Jewellery Making. The different tickets will show up when you click to register. The courses run Monday-Wednesday then Thursday-Friday at Nelson Intermediate School.**

**Art and Engineering:** This course is specifically designed for 7-9 year olds who are interested in design engineering the dream TREE HOUSE! Students will be using their imagination to create a tree house then theme park using skills in maths and engineering. In addition, several engineering challenges will be tested! This course runs, *MON to WED or THURS to FRI*. Both sections will be very similar.

**Cooking and Science:** This course is designed for ages 6-12 who are interested in learning how to cook ASIAN style dishes and learn some science, art, and geography of the region. This course runs, *MON to WED or THURS to FRI*. Recipes will be *different* for each section.

**Jewellery Making:** This course is designed strictly for ages 12+ who are interested in learning how to make different types of jewellery from silver clay, to stamping, to recycled materials. this course runs only Mon-Wed.

**Please select your ticket(s) carefully. Eventbrite is confusing!**

ALL students must bring morning tea, lunch, and a water bottle. Students must wear closed shoes and have long hair tied back. Please have your child wear clothes that are not precious. Cooking students need to only bring a small snack and also containers to take food home. Link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/holiday-programmes-april-2024-nelson-tickets-861236099357>



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