

# Tapawera News



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## From the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou e te Whānau  
ki te Kura o Tapawera



### Help shape the future of our school

Please complete our survey around our strategic goals and local curriculum. The survey is one way we will be consulting to get your voice to inform our new strategic plan and local curriculum development. **Please have your say by completing the questions by Friday 24th November.**

Scan the  
QR code  
with your  
phone  
camera:



**By filling out the survey you  
go into the draw to win a \$100  
grocery voucher!**

### Wellbeing Survey 2023 Results

At the end of Term 3 and beginning of Term 4 Year 5-13 students completed a Wellbeing Survey in school. The survey is created by the New Zealand Council for Educational Research. It asks students about their experiences at school around: School wide climate and practices, teaching and learning, community and aggressive student culture.

The results help us to develop a plan around ensuring our students wellbeing and is supporting the writing of the new strategic plan.

The results showed:  
What is going well:

- Home-school partnership
- Respect for culture
- Safe school

These are the areas that students scored high. However, the areas needing improvement are:

- Aggressive student culture
- Prosocial student culture

TAS needs to work on our school climate particularly how students treat each other. Both sets of data identified aggressive student culture and prosocial student culture as areas needing development and work. Key areas are respect for each other (student to student and student to teacher), use of name calling and put-downs and hitting and hurting. As well a few students are feeling bullied particularly Year 7-13.

Using this data we now need to plan how we can see improved results. Actions that we will take to improve our school culture through our FIRE Way and explicit teaching prosocial behaviours. The survey will be repeated in 2024 and we will share the results again.

### 2024 Staffing / Resources

We are currently allocating staffing and resources for next year. To support us to get this as close as possible to the correct numbers, please let us know any changes for 2024. If your child/ children are not attending TAS in 2024 you need to inform the school ASAP.

Thank you for your ongoing support and aroha for our kura.

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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

Key words for 2023 The FIRE Way =  
Friendliness, Integrity, Respect, Effort

### PB4L(Positive Behaviour for Learning)

At our school meeting this week we acknowledged these people showing Respect / Ngakau Whakaute:

Room 5 campers, Noah Guyton, Tennessee Mantell, Cooper Anglesey, Brook Omlo, Riley Hook, Shimiela, Tristan Win, Tanya Snackers, Tyler Hook, Sheryl, Todd, Vince, Gemma, Liesel, Kellie, Mia Barker, William Webb, Ayarna L, Marlee Omlo, Cyprus, Hunter Page.



### School Athletics

This was a huge day for our tamariki- we were so lucky with the weather as the heavens opened at 3.10pm!





**A huge thanks to our Friends of the School**

WOW!! A huge thanks to our Friends of the School team for our new BBQ tables! They are awesome and we really appreciate your hard work fundraising so we have something nice to sit on at lunchtimes. THANKS 👍



**The importance of paperwork** 👍😊❤️

There is a lot of paperwork involved in taking tamariki on trips. The process is very long and involves lots of people to check things to ensure safety for all:

1. We start with a proposal to the Senior Leadership Team, who then approves the trip.
2. Notices go home to whānau about the trip and request permission. Often this is also put on skool loop to make it easier for parents to sign
3. Next, we seem to be chasing forms to be returned - whānau we need your help - talk to us asap re changes to a trip as transport lists need to be created. Some children just don't turn up!
4. On the day we check attendance- then ensure the accurate transport lists go to the office (in an unlikely event of an emergency - Barbara needs this information at her fingertips). If this keeps changing it is hard to ensure it is correct.
5. Safety Action Plans are written (SAP) to ensure all bases are covered if something goes wrong
6. If it is overnight or high risk activity etc. This paperwork goes to the BoT.

We love going on trips and giving our tamariki wonderful experiences, but we really need these permission forms to be actioned by whānau asap - we cannot continue to chase forms/ skool loop permission - otherwise some children will simply miss out.

**Vaping/smoking**

Our school is vape and smoke free so we take it very seriously when this rule is broken. There have been some allegations about some students who are vaping and some students have had consequences for their actions. This breaks my heart. The only thing we can do is educate them about the harmful effects and guide them to make positive choices as it is so addictive.

Please talk to your beautiful children about these concerns and hopefully together we can support their choices. Check out his clip as it explains vaping and the substances used to make vape. Patrick Gower presents this show.

[Patrick Gower on Vaping](#)



Lower Moutere Athletics

What a fabulous day in the sun!!



We would like to apologise for all the confusion over permission forms etc. The notice had been out for at least 10 days and the permission form on skool loop. On skool loop it is clearly labelled what year group and what the trip is. The permission for athletics was due last Friday. This provides time for staff to organise transport, helpers and health needs etc. The form returned (or skool loop) the day before is too late as transport is already organised. Please understand we do not want tamariki to miss out, however we cannot be chasing paper work.

Cable Camp - Yr 5-6

Although the weather might have been against us, we had a ball! 25 tamariki went on camp in Cable Bay with Emily Finnie, Tanya Snackers, Sarah Coard, Dion McGaveston and Hannah Barnes. A huge thanks to staff and parents that made the camp a success. We learnt about the importance of having a raincoat so we could still have heaps of fun. And to zip up your tent otherwise things get very wet!





### Assembly

It was great to see so many whānau at assembly.

Congratulations to Rosa for earning the Principal's Award.



Congratulations to all these assembly stars!

### From the Library

Lucky Book brochures have gone out this week with heaps of specials, well worth looking at for your Christmas present list. They are due back on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

We have the new 'Lee Child' book in the library. This can be reserved. We have no charges for a brand new book or for reserving.



### Dates to put on your calendar

Friday 24th November	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>
Tues 4th - Thurs 6th November.	<b>Room 4 Camp Ellis</b>
Friday 9th December	<b>Yr 7-8 Rewards Day</b>
Monday 11th December	<b>Yr 9-10 Rewards Day</b>
Tuesday 12th December	<b>Prizegiving 7pm</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last day for 2023!</b>
	<b>Final Assembly at 11am</b>

Ngā mihi, Tanya Snackers 😊

### VOLLEYBALL REP

Bronco MacDonald has been playing for the Tasman U13 Volleyball Rep team. The tournament started at Tapawera against our school team, then they went off to Christchurch to play other teams



**Teacher Only Day**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**



### **The Yr 9 & 10 Tournament Team**

Teams came to Tapawera from Murchison Area School, Collingwood Area School and Amuri Area School. They competed in various sports, technology and cooking challenges over two days.





### Parent Election – Board of Trustees

A reminder that voting papers for the two representatives on the Board of Trustees close at 4pm on the 22 November.

Voting papers can be delivered to the school or if your residence is on the RD2 Wakefield delivery, Nic will collect these from your mailbox and deliver to the school.

Your vote counts,  
Susan Ellis  
Returning Officer

### Music in the Mountains 2024

Music in the Mountains has become an annual event and will be held again from the 25-29 January 2024 on the school grounds. The school welcome these visitors and the amazing support they bring to the school and our local community.

Craft Fair – the committee have invited any locals who would like to run a stall – this will be on the Sunday 28th January from 11am – 1.00pm.

Remember also that there is live entertainment on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights commencing at 7.00pm. You are very welcome to come along and enjoy the evenings music.

Please contact Susan Ellis, 0220722838 if you or your group would like to hold a stall. The Motorhome Committee request that stalls are not erected before 11am on the Sunday morning.

### Motupiko Hall Educational Trust

Invite applications for grants of assistance for educational purposes from people living within the

Tapawera Area School catchment area.

Grants are available to assist towards:

- Course Fees
- Cost of living or
- Travel

In the following categories:

- Tertiary education
- Apprenticeships
- Special learning opportunities
- Re-training
- Community education projects

Applications close 31 December 2023  
Application forms are available from the school office.

If you require any information please contact:  
Susan Ellis 0220 722838

### Christmas Fair - 11am 10 December at Tapawera Area School

If you are interested in holding a stall or being involved get in touch with Tapawera Kindergarten

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