



Pathways to Excellence

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"Life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it"

John Maxwell

Welcome to Tawhiti a New Entrant in Room 11.

Congratulations to these wonderful students who were recognised at the assembly for their excellence in a variety of areas. Well done: Ben and Hayden in Room 6; Ethan in Room 7; Thomas, Jack, Emma and Niamh in Room 4; Daisy, Amelia and Amaya in Room 5; Charli, Jack, Johnson and Lilly in Room 8.

Athletics Day: Tuesday 29th November.

Make sure your child has their hat on this day. The children 'travel' around the stations in age groups. Sometimes there are two age groups travelling together to manage the numbers.

8.45 – 12.30 Rotations of High Jump; Long Jump; Sprints; Throws; Novelty.

1.00 – 2.00 Sprint Finals; House Relay.

Basic Facts Marathon: Please encourage your child to get sponsors for this event to be held Monday 28th November. It is a way to get children to learn their basic facts and to raise funds to provide maths equipment.

Headlice: Often with the increase in heat we experience an increase in the number of cases of headlice. These "nits" are not selective, they like clean hair as much as unclean hair. Please check your child's head regularly and treat promptly.

2011 Year Book: Teresa and a group of Yr 5 and Yr 6 students have once again produced a School Year Book of events from around the school. These will sell for \$15.00 from the school office. Limited numbers available – Move quickly to secure your copy. Order form attached.

Facebook: It has come to my attention that a number of children have Facebook accounts and are inviting others to become "friends". The following statement is one I wrote in the newsletter 12 May 2011 and I feel it is appropriate to repeat this: There has been much talk about the issues surrounding social network sites, in particular Facebook. To have a Facebook page, there is a minimum age of 13. It is worth parents noting that many Facebook pages tend to be insecure and the 'owner' leaves themselves open to all sorts of issues. Please check how your child is using the internet, what sites they are accessing and what social networks they are part of. When considering social network sites like Facebook please remember:

- The only thing we know about online 'friends' is what they are prepared to tell us.
- You are never anonymous online. If you think nobody knows who you are – think again.
- Limit sharing personal information as there are people in the cyberworld who may wish to use this information against you.
- Once information is on the internet it is never totally private and there is always a 'footprint'.
- You are dealing with people on the 'net' distant in place and time. But the same dangers, responsibilities, rights and consequences exist as in the 'physical' world.



Assembly Celebrations:

- 9 Dec: End of Term Assembly, 1.00pm in the School Hall. Two children from each class are recognised for their efforts over the term.
- 12 Dec: Final Celebration, 10.30am at Tikipunga High School Auditorium. This assembly involves all the school. There is a focus on celebrating the Year 6 students, who leave us at the end of the year. There are also Academic and Diligence Awards for children from each room. There are Citizenship, Sports, Arts and Cultural Awards for Year 6 students. We use buses and cars to get to and from THS. If you are able to provide transport to and from this assembly please complete the slip attached and return as soon as possible.

Library Books: These must be returned for our annual stock take by Monday 5th December. Please ask your child if they have any outstanding books that need returning. Thank you.

Elections: The School Hall will be used as a Polling Booth for the Elections this Saturday, 26th November.

Kind Regards
Paul Shepherd
Principal

Dates to Remember:

18 th November	Assembly; 1.15pm
22 nd November	BoT Meeting; 7pm
24 th November	Youth Theatre Show; School
26 th November	General Election
28 th November	PTA Meeting; 7.15pm
29 th November	Athletics Day; School
30 th November	Talent Zone Concert, 1-2pm; School
04 th December	Kapa Haka Performance at A & P Show 2pm
08 th December	KIS Orientation Day
09 th December	End of Term Assembly; 1pm School
12 th December	End of Year Assembly;
12 th December	Reports Home
14 th December	2012 Classes Announced
15 th December	Last Day of school; 12 noon.

COMMUNITY

Babysitter available: 18year old with her own transport is available for babysitting. Please contact 437 3066.

House for Rent: 3 bedroom, 2 acre lifestyle block, 3km from Pataua North beach. Family transferring. Please phone Matt or Fiona on 436 5088.

Pilates Classes: Learn the basics, find your core and learn you posture type. Beginners, intermediate, advanced, antenatal, or postnatal classes. Phone Sarah Wagstaffe on 022 0961498.

For Sale: Yamaha Motorbike PW80 2007. Hardly been used. Excellent condition. \$1400.00 ono. Phone Steve on 027 2401170.

Free Summer Holiday Surf Programme: Learn to surf week at Sandy Bay, Tutukaka with Surfaris Surf School. Open to 11-17 year olds. Week 1 16th – 20th January, Week 2 23rd – 27th January. Booking essential. Phone 434 3843.

The Global Experience – Host Family Opportunities 2012: We will be receiving exchange students from Japan, Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 – 10 months. If you are interested in knowing more about this opportunity please contact the local office on 0800 440 079.

Kidzone Holiday Programmes: Operating from Kamo, Whau Valley and Tikipunga Primary Schools. These programmes will be open between 9th and 27th January 2012. Kamo and Tikipunga will be open for a time during December as well. Please contact Sandra North on 435 3342 or 021 2493308.



**END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
TRANSPORT FORM**

I am able to transport seat belted children to the Celebration of Excellence at Tikipunga High School on Monday 12th December, leaving school at 10.00am and returning at 12 noon.

Name: Child's Room:

Phone:

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2011 YEAR BOOK ORDER FORM

Child's name: Room No:

Phone: Number of year books..... Total \$