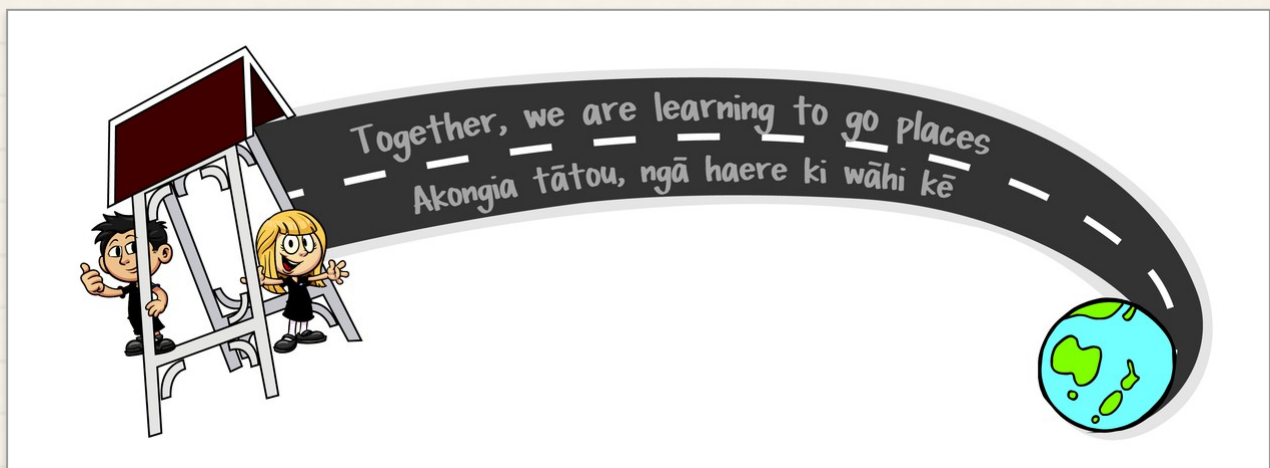


Week 5 Term 4 2019

TAURANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa - Warm greetings to you all.

It is wonderful to see the weather warm up and to have more opportunities to work and play outside. We are a sunsmart school, therefore a reminder that everyone must wear a hat in Term 4.

In the first newsletter of Term 4 the Board of Trustees (BoT) asked for additional feedback regarding a 2019 parent survey question. The statement we asked your opinion about was "I/we feel well informed about my child's progress and achievement". In the original survey there were insufficient comments made as to why 11% of the respondents disagreed with this statement. However, no parents responded via the google form. As an organisation, we strive to be improvement focused, and your feedback is valued. Whilst we may not always agree, or be able to action all requests, there could be suggestions that are possible within our resourcing or there may be ways we can modify or look differently at our practice in the future. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or additional feedback.

Year 2 parent transition meeting. On the 20th November at 2.30pm, in the staffroom, Miss Gillingham and myself will host a meeting for parents of year 2 students who wish to know more about the 'big side'. We will outline the transition activities in place, and explain the teaching and learning programmes in Years 3 and 4. Afterwards, parents are welcome to wander through the middle school classrooms.

Uniform update: We have noticed that a few variations on our school uniform have started to come into school, we have endeavoured to keep our school uniform simple and achievable for all.

The TPS summer uniform:

The following can be purchased from the school office:

- Navy polo (TPS logo) \$32.00
- Navy shorts or skorts (TPS logo) \$30.00 and \$36.00
- Royal blue polar fleece (TPS logo) \$50.00

Please note that the check culottes are no longer TPS uniform, and will be phased out over the next 14 months.

These items can be purchased from any supplier:

- Plain navy sun hat (wide brim or bucket style, no caps please) - no writing or logos
- Footwear – sneakers or sandals. For health and safety reasons we ask that jandals are not worn to school.
- Jewellery – watch and plain stud earrings can be worn. No bracelets, necklaces or dangly earrings please
- Taonga or items of cultural significance can be worn under clothing.
- Hair – Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied up, this helps reduce the spread of head lice and also assists concentration if hair is kept off the face when working. Hair ties should be black, white, navy or hair coloured. Please leave sparkly headbands , Jo Jo bows and flower hair ties for after school and weekend wear.

Please name all uniform items, every term we have a significant amount of unnamed or faded unreadable named items in lost property. It is worth re-checking your child's uniform as labelling does fade over time.

As part of the recent teacher collective agreement (the terms and conditions of employment) the government allocated 8 Teacher Only Days to be utilised over the term of the agreement (3 years). In 2020 we will be utilising 3 of these days, where possible we have aligned our dates with other local schools.

Term Dates for 2020:

School Office Open: 28th January – 31st January

Term 1:

Monday 3rd February – Thursday 9th April 10 weeks

Waitangi Day - 6 February (School Closed)

Teacher Only Day - 13th March

Easter Friday - 10th April (School Closed)

Term 2:

Tuesday 28th April – Friday 3rd July 10 weeks

Queen's Birthday - 1st June (School Closed)

Teacher Only Day - 15th May (School Closed)

Term 3:

Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September 10 weeks

Teacher Only Day - 21st August (School Closed)

Term 4:

Monday 12th October - Tuesday 15th December 10 weeks

Labour Day - 26th October (School Closed)

The Board of Trustees have elected to opt into the **School Donations Scheme for 2020**. This means that the school will receive \$150 per student (based on our student roll as of the 1st of July 2019). The \$150 per student will replace the school donation and activity fee that we normally request from school families.

Therefore the only payment we will request to start the 2020 school year will be stationery costs.

Please note:

- Costs for school curriculum based activities such as school trips, visiting shows, Life Education and marae visits will be covered by the scheme.
- Elective (optional) activities such as sport teams, music lessons, or the school disco will still have a cost or fee associated.
- Camps are **exempt** from the Donations Scheme. We will still request parents/whānau to contribute to the cost of school camps.
- Families/whānau are still able to give a voluntary donation if they so wish, GST is not payable and donation tax credits can be claimed. However, a school donation will not be requested in 2020.

As yet the finer details of the scheme are not yet confirmed, as the Education (School Donations) Amendment Bill is yet to be passed, once we know more we will keep our school community informed.

Supporting our Support Staff at TPS:

You may be aware that support staff are currently in negotiations with the Ministry of Education in regards to their Collective Agreement (terms and conditions of employment). Our teacher aides (learning assistants), administration staff, sport coordinator and caretakers are absolutely critical to ensuring that our TPS students have a positive experience at school and are safe, happy and learning.

Support staff (that work directly with children) have hugely varied roles which can involve toileting children, administering first aid, teaching ESOL programmes, working 1 to 1 on individualised support programmes, working in class with reading, writing and math groups, and responding to challenging behaviour. Our wonderful support staff at TPS make a huge contribution to our learners every day.

The teacher aide role is very rewarding and certainly makes a positive difference to many learners (and teachers) lives. At times, the work can also be extremely challenging and often support staff work closely with children who are sad, anxious, confused, angry or upset.

For many years support staff have been battling to improve their wage, below are the current pay rates and the percentage of support staff within each grade:

Grade A \$17.70 - 18% of support staff nationwide are paid this rate.

Grade B \$17.70 - \$20.69 - 72%

Grade C \$20.69 - \$24.70 - 9%

Grade D \$24.70 - \$33.67 - 1%

The living wage is \$21.15

Schools pay support staff based on the above rates (and matching descriptors), the Ministry of Education provides some funding for these roles, however it is not sufficient to meet the needs of modern schooling. Tauranga Primary School allocated an additional 60k in 2019 for support staff roles, over and above what is funded by the Ministry of Education (MOE).

We value and back our support staff as they continue their negotiations with the MOE, and hope that it is resolved soon, with a fair and equitable outcome.

Nau mai, haere mai, a very warm TPS welcome to Liam Pascual and Elis Lima Brito who started recently at our school. Glad to have you and your family as part of our **T.P.S. TEAM**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Hei kōnei rā

Fiona Hawes

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Multi lingual website information

To all of our dual and multi lingual families, we would like to share a free website with you that we have started using in our ESOL classes this term.

<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com>

There is no need to sign up for anything, simply go to the website and select the language you would like to listen to the stories in, select a book and you just click the language button to hear in your language and then the English button to hear the story in English. Have your child read along in both languages. A great way to help encourage reading and making connections in both languages.

**Frosty Friday is this Friday! Ice
blocks - \$2 each - 3:00pm after
school.**

FROSTY FRIDAY



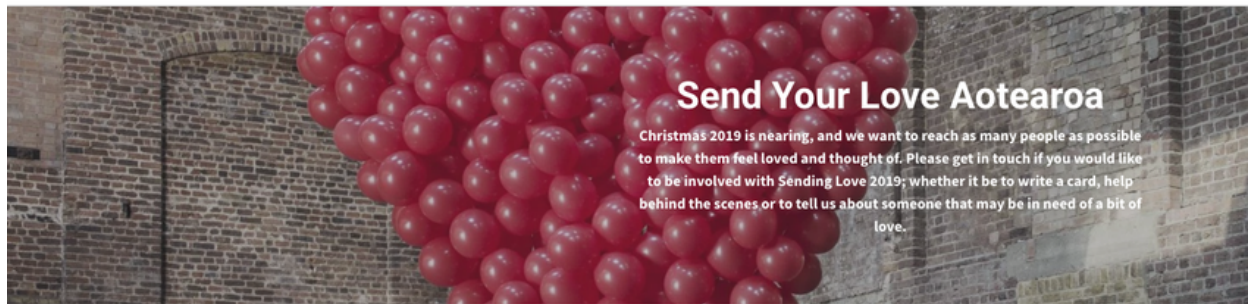
Before & After school care and holiday programmes

Under the Red Cross building, 353 Cameron Rd, Tauranga.
Homework sessions, Afternoon tea, WINZ Subsidies.

For info contact Maree on 021 2454845 or 07 5710597

E-mail: tauranga@schools-out.co.nz

Or check out our website www.schools-out.co.nz



Send Your Love Aotearoa

Christmas 2019 is nearing, and we want to reach as many people as possible to make them feel loved and thought of. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved with Sending Love 2019; whether it be to write a card, help behind the scenes or to tell us about someone that may be in need of a bit of love.



How to write your card

Little tips about sending someone love in an envelope this year...

- Make sure your card is filled with love.
- Make it as creative as you can.
- Ensure it has a legible message (where my boys words have been illegible, I have written in brackets underneath).
- Keep your envelope unsealed to give recipients discretion to check cards if they choose before giving out to wider community.
- Just be you!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/499101030445643/>

[FIND YOUR LOCAL DROP BOX](#)

"Sending Love" at Christmas time.

The school is participating in creating Christmas cards for elderly and lonely people. If you would like to participate as a home project, the box is in the office for your cards. Here is the link for more information.

<https://sendinglove.co.nz/>



DANCE WEEK 11-14th November

Our focus this term is DANCE.

In dance education, students integrate thinking, moving, and feeling. They explore and use dance elements, vocabularies, processes, and technologies to express personal, group, and cultural identities, to convey and interpret artistic ideas, and to strengthen social interaction.

TPS is also very lucky to have secured a variety of dance performers, to showcase to our tamariki, from surrounding schools and clubs!

We are very excited to share with you some of the skills we have been learning.

You are invited to come and see our tamariki perform in Week 5:

Middles on the turf on the Senior side - **Today at 2:30pm**

Seniors on the turf on the Senior side - **Thursday 14th November at 2:30pm**

We will share our dance video with the school at the end of the week, at 9am on Friday 15th November (this week) in the hall. We would love you to join us if you are able.


If you have any questions or know of any dancers that might like to perform at TPS please contact Jenna West or Kylie Forlong.


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Reminder to get your tickets for Frozen 2 before they sell out! We only have a limited supply.

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Come and join us to experience the movie event of the year.
An exclusive screening of
FROZEN 2
3:00pm on Saturday 30th November
at Rialto Cinemas Tauranga.
\$15 Child - \$25 Adult

Child ticket cost includes a goody bag with treats, and an adult ticket includes popcorn and a drink. All proceeds will go directly towards fundraising for a water playground on the Junior side.

Tickets can be purchased at the school online shop or the school office, from Monday 4th November.

Please feel free to dress up in Frozen attire

Find out what Bailey and Brooke did for their Breakthrough.

For our breakthrough we wanted to raise money for a good cause that helps our community. We chose the Salvation Army because it is close to school and they provide shelter, food and clothing for homeless people. Our first idea was to make smoothies and sell them. We did lots of research to find out the information we needed, but we realised the cost would be too high. That's when we decided to do stress balls instead, so people could use them for mindfulness. We got sponsored by our families to pay for the equipment we needed. Brooke

was the stress ball maker, and Bailey was the accountant! Together we raised \$63, and sold every single one in nine and a half minutes.



**Going to the
Salvation Army.**



**Communicating
what we had
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**A big thank you
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Readathon



Readathon Prize Winners

A big thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Readathon. We raised over \$3500!

In assembly on Friday we presented prizes of \$30 Book vouchers from the Friends of the School.

We presented the vouchers to the people who raised the most money, and to the people who read for the most amount of time.

Congratulations to :

Eila Glaholm

Ruby Trueman

Kelan Fox

Travis Enright

Aimee Cresswell

Duncan Arnott

Enjoy spending your \$30 at Books a Plenty!

Thank you to the FOTS for their on-going support, raising money for our school playgrounds

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Students that use the school bus -
early notification: On Thursday 19th
December we finish at 12 noon, there
will be no bus service on that day.

Families are asked to make
alternative arrangements.

**Important dates for Term 4 - see our
website for the full calendar of events.**

Watch our TPS Dance video at 9am on Friday 15th November, in the hall.

[TPS school calendar](#)

Friday 15th November - Cool Bananas Christmas Show 11-12.30pm

Friday 29th November - Orange Day for Road Patrollers

Wednesday 4th - 6th December - Year 6 Camp

Monday 9th December - School Awards Assembly (awards for Year 1-5)

Wednesday 11th December - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (awards for Year 6)

Tuesday 17th December - Year 6 Social Dance evening

Thursday 19th December Last day of School - School closes at 12:00pm.



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Tauranga Library Summer Reading Programme

From 9th Dec - 18th January we are running our new and improved **Summer Reading programme**, where children can earn prizes for chilling out with a book over summer! Participating is simple: rather than registering, they just need to pick up a free Summer Reading booklet at any of our libraries. The booklets have a combination of at-home and free in-library activities to do. Complete 4, and win!

Further information will soon be on the library website, and in all of our libraries.

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