



Tapora Times



'Empowering our children to discover their passion

Week 8 - Term 4 2021

and fulfil their potential'

Kia ora,

By the time you read this newsletter we would have held our very different looking Awards Assembly combined with the Prize Giving.

Schools in Auckland remain at level 3 step 2 restrictions until the 1st of January when they join the rest of Auckland in the traffic light red system. This was decided to make it less confusing for schools to follow the changes and meant we could not hold our ceremonies the usual way.

Following consultation with the most important student this year and his family it was decided to go ahead with the student/staff ceremony and video it for families.

This newsletter is all about the students and their wonderful achievements.

Our decisions have been based upon mid year assessments as there haven't been any at the end of the year. They have also been based upon observations for those that aren't academically related.

There are some missing as they just couldn't be judged or awarded due to the shortened year.

Prize Giving Awards

Effort cups - Puts in the most consistent effort for their learning

Junior: Kayleigh Judd

Senior: Briana Mackay

Athletic Cup - Highest achiever (above expected) in all sports

Liam Whittle

Sportsperson of the Year - Awarded to student displaying the most sportsmanship

Liam Whittle

Marychurch Cup for Valuable contribution to Kapa Haka

Connell Mackay

The Adams Cup for The Arts - Highest achiever (above expected) in the arts (visual, music, drama &/or dance)

Briana Mackay

Excellence in Reading - Donated by Anna Wilson (pupil 1987-92) Awarded to the highest overall achiever

Connell Mackay

Macgillivray Cup for Excellence in Maths - Awarded to the highest overall achiever

Liam Whittle

Christine Bruce Cup for Improvement in Academic Achievement - Overall most improved student across all subjects

Ataahua Paikea-Matthews

Spirit Cup - Demonstrates highest values (social, emotional, academic, interactions, responsibility etc)

Liam Whittle

Board of Trustees Cup for Academic Excellence - Highest achiever (above expected) in all subjects

Liam Whittle



Diary

COMING EVENTS

December:

15th Last school day of the year (12.30pm finish)

February:

1st Teacher only day

2nd First day of 2022 school year

28th Whole school camp

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Awards Assembly Curriculum certificates

Most improved in...

Reading ~

Writing ~

Numeracy ~

Arts ~

Topic ~

Phys.Ed ~

I.T. ~

Spelling ~

Basic Facts ~

Junior Student

Kayleigh Judd

Kayleigh Judd

Kaipara Paikea-Matthews

Oliver Robinson

Kauri Paikea

Kauri Paikea

Torin Mackay

Kayleigh Judd

Torin Mackay

Senior Student

Ataahua Paikea-Matthews

Ataahua Paikea-Matthews

Ataahua Paikea-Matthews

Briana Mackay

Utu Cotton

Ginger Cotton

Melody Robinson

Liam Whittle

Keanu Ata

Achievement in...

Reading ~

Writing ~

Numeracy ~

Arts ~

Topic ~

Phys.Ed ~

I.T. ~

Spelling ~

Basic Facts ~

Junior Student

Kayleigh Judd

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Kayleigh Judd

Kayleigh Judd/Oliver Robinson

Kaipara Paikea-Matthews

Oliver Robinson

Kayleigh Judd

Kayleigh Judd

Senior Student

Melody Robinson

Briana Mackay

Connell Mackay

Melody Robinson

Keanu Ata

(there are gaps in the senior class list due to those learning areas of achievement being awarded trophies)

William Pike Challenge 2021

For successfully completing the Challenge: Liam Whittle and Connell Mackay

VLN Excellence and Participation

Stunning Achievements: Briana Mackay for diligence in her art journey in Visual Art and Connell Mackay for his commitment to learning and maintaining a high standard of work in Biology

Participation: Melody Robinson in Visual Art and Digital Technology

University of Canterbury Kiwi Competitions

English: Year 5 Participated - Briana Mackay Merit - Melody Robinson Year 7 Achieved - Connell Mackay

Maths: Year 7 Merit - Connell Mackay Year 8 Achieved - Liam Whittle

Science: Year 7 Merit - Connell Mackay Year 8 Achieved - Liam Whittle

Student Leader Certificates

All senior student leaders who have fulfilled their leader duties (peer mediation etc)

Liam Whittle; Utu Cotton; Ataahua Paikea-Matthews; Ginger Cotton; Connell Mackay and Melody Robinson

Outstanding Leadership

Most valued leader (ethical, compassionate, collaborative etc) & leads by example - Liam Whittle

Commitment to at home learning - this year has included Covid learning

Torin Mackay (home Learning) Kayleigh Judd (Online Covid attendance) Briana Mackay (both)

Bus Monitors

Liam Whittle (bus 1); Connell Mackay & Utu Cotton (bus 2)



Other certificates achieved during term 4

Rural School Speech Finalist: Oliver Robinson 3rd place for year 3-4

Whole School: Shake Out Certificate of Participation (during lockdown): Lachlan Argyle, Ruak Van Niekerk, Kayleigh Judd, Oliver Robinson, Briana Mackay, Melody Robinson, Kiara Hugo

Room Two (Juniors)

Progress Certificates:

Spelling - Kayleigh Judd, Oliver Robinson & Torin Mackay (5 lists).

Basic facts - Oliver Robinson & Ruak Van Niekerk (5 lists).

Skoolbo - Torin Mackay (1000 Answers), Kauri Paikea (3000 Answers), Kayleigh Judd (4000 Answers) & Oliver Robinson (9000 Answers)

Studyladder - Kaipara Paikea-Matthews & Torin Mackay (Bronze Certificate 100 points), Torin Mackay (Silver Certificate 250 Points) & Torin Mackay (Gold Certificate 500 Points)

Lexia - Ariki Miru (Level 1)

Class Certificates:

Ariki Miru - *For a fantastic memory of what reading strategies to use. Great achievement!*

Lachlan Argyle - *For improved self management when working independently. Awesome responsibility!*

Ruak Van Niekerk - *For a great start at Taporā School. Congratulations on settling in so well. Great to have you here!*

Torin Mackay - *For the most nights reading completed in 2021. Fantastic effort!*

Room One (Seniors)

North Auckland Sumdog Competition: 20th: Briana Mackay 3rd: Connell Mackay

University of Otago Maths Problem Challenge: Connell Mackay, Liam Whittle

Lexia Core 5 Level 21: Briana Mackay, Level 20 and 21: Liam Whittle

Kickstart Breakfast Superstars: Ginger Cotton, Liam Whittle

Congratulations to:

Melody Robinson for having her design as one of three selected by Marja Lubeck for her Christmas cards this year. 200 of her designs were printed out and delivered to people around NZ. She received a wonderful prize for her effort.

Melody, Kayleigh, Kiara and Briana who were the weekly top point accumulators in the Zespri Virtual Challenge. Each of them won a ball for their efforts and Briana went home with a second ball, the green Zespri ball, for top overall number of steps.



Last Day of School 2021

Our last day on the 15th next week will be a half day 9-12:30pm. This is because Wellsford Primary School will be having a half day and we will need to meet the Wellsford Bus for our students past Marsh Road.

Swimming Pool

Unfortunately due to uncertainty about when the filter replacement will happen along with regulations requiring someone here in Taporā who has the qualifications to maintain the pool and that person being away from the 1st January 2022 the pool will remain closed to the public for the holiday season.

Everyone here at the school will be incredibly sad to see Liam leave. He has been an outstanding student in all aspects but most of all he has been a wonderful role model, example and leader for the rest of the students. He is appreciated and loved by all.

Back in 2016/17 when my daughter took the students for touch rugby she commented to me about how amazing everyone was with this little student. How encouraging, kind and supportive they were in letting him join in and have a go. That student was Liam and he would have been either Year 3 or 4

playing with the big kids. That care and consideration shown to him by older students has likely contributed to the caring, considerate young man who leaves us this year.

We hope your next years at college are everything you wish for and that you have many opportunities to play and enjoy the sports you love.

A big thank you to our school staff, Chris & Jenny Heath and the school board for their support and mahi over what has been a very difficult year (again)

To all of you, our students and whanau have a safe (in more ways than usual) holiday season. Look after yourselves, enjoy the freedoms and come back next year healthy and refreshed.

Meri Kirihimete
Keryl Lee



TAPORA COMMUNITY FUNDAY 2022

As Auckland has now moved into the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic lights) system, we will have to implement the My Vaccine Pass requirements in order to proceed with the FUNDAY for up to 100 People! This is a Government requirement and as such, only people with a MY VACCINE PASS will be able to attend the FUNDAY! (children under the age of 12 years and 3 months do not need to provide a My Vaccine Pass to enter places with a vaccination requirement.)

Your My Vaccine Pass may be checked when you are at a venue that is following My Vaccine Pass requirements...ie at the FUNDAY! We will look at getting the scan app to make things easier if possible. Sorry all, but those are the rules we have to follow. So....go get your Pass.....it is easy and if you are double jabbed, you will need it anyway! Any queries, let me know. As I said, we can only proceed with this Government ruling.

Rounders Match, Tug-of-war, Lolly scramble,
Sausage Sizzle, Raffles.....Great prizes, TAPORA
CALENDARS, and TAPORA CAPS + TAPORA
Stubbie Holders for sale.
Plus lots more..... Prizes and lots of laughs!!

When: 02 January 2022

Where: Tapora Beach Domain area (in front of houses)

Time: 11.30pm until 2:30pm-ish

- All kids under the age of 15 will be eligible for a free lolly scramble. Sausage Sizzle will be \$2. Ice-Creams and Drinks for sale.
- Lots of Free Games and Races, Free Waterslide, Free Lolly Scramble.
- Drawing Competition - The Best Auckland Rescue Helicopter Picture.
- Prize for the Best Tapora Beach Hat. (Make/ decorate your hat from beach material).
- Raffles will be sold and drawn on the day. Cost will be \$2.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Great prizes to choose from!

All monies made from the Sausage sizzle and the Raffles will be used to offset costs and all additional funds will be donated to the.....

Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust.



- We need items for raffling. If you have something, no matter how small, it would be very much appreciated. (Produce, goods, toys, cakes, books...anything for a prize!). Thanks in advance! If you win, choose your prize. We will keep drawing until all goods are gone!

- In order to make this a great day for everyone, we need adults to be involved and assist if you can please! Bring **CASH** on the day.

Things to think about/Do in advance!

- Don't forget your sunscreen, water and bring your TAPORA BEACH SUNHAT. - Don't forget shoes.....there are prickles in that grass!
- Bring along your Westpac Rescue Helicopter drawing! There is prizes!
- Bring CASH for the raffles, the sausage sizzle, iceblocks, drinks and bottle holders! It's a good cause!
- Adults, bring a chair, a drink and EVERYONE Bring your sense of FUN!

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