

2018



## Diary

**Fri 16th March**  
Phone book deliveries start

**Wed 28th March**  
Yr 7 & 8 Technology

**Wed 28th March**  
BOT Meeting 6pm  
Room 3

**Thurs 29th March**  
Athletics (Postponed until Term 4)

**Thurs 29th March**  
Phone book deliveries end

**Fri 30th March**  
Good Friday holiday

**Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd April**  
Easter Holidays

**Wed 4th April**  
Y7&8 Technology

**Fri 6th April**  
BBQ lunch & Goal setting meetings  
(Whanau/students)

**Tues 10th—Wed 11th April**  
Tawharanui Overnight Camp Yr 5-8

**Thurs 12th April**  
Assembly 2:15pm  
Room 3

**Fri 13th April**  
Last day of Term 1—Fun Day

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# Tapora Times

## WEEK 6 - TERM 1

**Office hours: Monday - Thursday 12:30 - 3:30 and Friday 9 - 3:30pm**

Some of the reasons why bedtime stories are so valuable!

- They spur children's curiosity and imagination!
- Children become hooked on stories and this in turn makes it more likely they will develop a love of reading.
- Most bedtime stories involve problem solving and dilemmas. Children exposed to a wide range of stories develop critical thinking and emotional skills.
- And most importantly, children love them!

Sometimes it is very difficult in this busy life we all lead to find the time but what is more important than spending time with your children? However for the times that you just can't fit it in Skoolbo an online programme the students use at school have just the help you need.

A new program has been released where children can listen to an approximately 30 minute audio book each night. They are a mixture of both classic and modern tales. Some of the classics include The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Peter Pan and Black Beauty. It's free of charge and called Magical Bedtime Stories. They can listen to them with the lights out. Go to <https://skoolbo.co.nz/magical> to give your e-mail and they will send a story each day.

***"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales" - Albert Einstein***

Today a Sumdog competition (maths) started. We once won this and as a prize had a years free subscription. All students are entered and get 1,000 questions to answer before next Thursday evening. It is not speed but accuracy that matters. They need to get as many of the 1,000 questions correct as possible. If the weather is looking like making it an inside weekend and you have internet available then this will be a worthwhile activity to do.

Te Reo Maori classes have started online with the VLN (Virtual Learning Network) Primary School. This is for the whole school and will be happening thirty minutes, once a week for the first half of the year. The first task for the students is to write their pepeha. If your child brings this home for the weekend please help them to fill in as much as possible.

### 2018 School Camps

Well the big camps were done and dusted last week and what a wonderful time was had by all.

My special thanks go to Logan (and Donna for making it possible for him to attend). Without them stepping up the participation of Tapora students would not have been possible. A big thank you to Cheryl and Darryl for the loan of their car making transport for some a lot more comfortable and also sleeping in comfort because we didn't have to leave the airbeds behind!

Reminder about transport - Parents must contact the transporter before the day of the trip. It is not fair for staff needing to contact people after hours.

Nga Mihi

Keryl Lee,  
Principal

**Tawharanui Overnight:** Well it was postponed and a new date has been set for 10th and 11th April, the last week of the term. Perhaps the weather will have settled down by then and all cyclones, if any left, will wait for the school holidays to make themselves a nuisance. Due to the change of date I will be making the request again for transport and supervision help. We need to transport 8 students and have one parent stay over (hopefully get to see a kiwi in the wild) and 3 more parents for the afternoon water snorkeling activity (wetsuits are provided).

#### **Junior Camp:**

We had a great week with the theme of Team Building for our house groups. The week included technology challenges, a trip to Motat involving Victorian era group challenges, and finishing with two days of full on fun and competitive games, plus an overnight stay. Through Thursday and Friday the house groups earned points for winning games or lining up the fastest, and individuals earned points for their group by demonstrating our CARE values of Citizenship, Achievement, Responsibility or Effort. Many thanks to ALL my adult helpers, I hope you had fun and enjoy your certificates and treat. I know the children just loved having you here taking part in the fun, and I know we all loved the family feel this camp had with everyone here. Particular thanks to my 'A Team' Jill for superb supervision, Sarah for continually setting up & packing away the resources for games, and Kim for her great management of the kitchen and the delicious shared meals provided by our families. To my 'A Team' your help with these tasks meant the camp just ticked along like clockwork. To all the kids, thanks so much for getting into the camp spirit, I hope this camp leaves you with some lovely memories, like you have made for me.

From Mrs C 

#### **Junior Camp Prize-giving Results:**

Congratulations Kauri (Taylor, Chance, Carsin & Ginger) who were the winning house group with 2180 points. After Pohutukawa leading for most of the camp Kauri just overtook them by 30 points, surprising everyone including themselves!

Well done to the students who earned the following individual certificates - well deserved!

- Best leader - Liam
- Best supporting group member - Mason
- Effort & participation - Melody
- Confidence - Logan & Ginger
- Responsibility - Jacks
- Citizenship - Misty
- Bravery - Leon
- Best helper - Taylor & Jahziiah
- Noisy sleeper - Liam
- Best screamer - Leo



Check out the many photos from camp week on our facebook page.

#### **ROOM 2 CERTIFICATES:**

##### **Progress Certificates:**

Reading - Jacks (3 PM levels)

Spelling - Jahziiah & Melody (5 lists each)

Lexia - Ginger (Level 1)

##### **Class Certificates:**

Jacks - For a positive attitude towards your learning. Keep it up!

Ginger - For improved confidence to take part in our class discussions. Well done!

##### **Board of Trustees Minute Secretary**

We would like someone to attend Board meetings for the sole purpose of taking the minutes. Meetings average 2 hours and are held approximately once a month on a Wednesday evening at the school. Payment would be \$50 per meeting. If you are interested please e-mail CV to [principal@tapora.school.nz](mailto:principal@tapora.school.nz) or leave at the school office. Computer skills and knowledge of programmes used i.e google docs would be an advantage. Please note in your e-mail which position you would like as we do have other positions vacant at the same time.

#### **BOT Meeting**

Minutes are available to the community from the school office on request.

Next Board meeting is 28th March at 6:00 pm in Room 3 All Welcome.

Agenda: Policy reviews; BOT Delegations; Working Bee; Charter and Annual Plan approval; property plans for 2018.

**Swimming Sports Results - seniors**

Thank you to Michelle for the teacher supervision of this event and Jill for releasing Michelle so she could attend her son's last swimming event before college and allow me to get office work done.  
Congratulations to all the finalists, placegetters and those that gave it a go. You will be even stronger next year from the experience. We had nine students from year 5 to 8 participate and eight of those students managed to place at least once if not more in the finals.

- 1 Length Freestyle 9 Year Old Boys - 3rd Liam Whittle
  - 1 Length Freestyle 9 Year Old Girls - 5th Misty-Rose Tutauha
  - 1 Length Freestyle 10 Year Old Boys - 3rd Keegan Gurney
  - 1 Length Freestyle 11 Year Old Boys - 4th Takara Whittle  
- 5th Xavier Henderson
  - 1 Length Freestyle 11 Year Old Girls - 3rd Lolli Cotton
  - 1 Length Freestyle 12 Year Old Girls - 7th Cassidy Henderson
  - 1 Length Backstroke 10 Year Old Boys - 3rd Keegan Gurney
  - 1 Length Backstroke 11 Year Old Girls - 5th Lolli Cotton
  - 1 Length Breaststroke 9 Year Old Boys - 2nd Liam Whittle
  - 1 Length Breaststroke 10 Year Old Boys - 7th Keegan Gurney
  - 1 Length Breaststroke 11 Year Old Boys - 1st Tak Whittle  
- 5th Xavier Henderson  
- 7th Koby Wattam
  - 1 Length Breaststroke 11 Year Old Girls - 4th Lolli Cotton  
- 7th Misty-Rose Tutahau (well done competing against girls 2 years older)
  - 1 Length Butterfly 11 Year Old Girls - 2nd Lolli Cotton
- Overall Individual Results were based on overall points - so the more races the more points.  
11 Year Old Boys - Takara Whittle second equal



**Room 1 Happenings**

On camp last week I was team leader. It was fun because all of the kids did the Burma Trail and it was scary because it was at night time. In the morning my team made breakfast and we had cocoa pops, cornflakes and other things like that. Ginger, Carsin and I played with our teddy bears. For lunch I had a bun.  
By Misty-Rose

On camp on the first day we did the confidence course. It was really fun climbing up the ropes and climbing up the net. I personally thought that the food was nice. I made some friends at camp. There was Nivaah, Joanne and Tre. I also liked the boulders and doing a lot of walking however I would have really liked to go swimming in the swimming hole. It was great going to the park and seeing the baby pukekos and eating pizza.  
By Tak.

On Junior camp I was leader of Kauri. These people were in my group Carsin, Ginger, Chance and me. These are some of the games we played, Rob the nest, find the oldies we played twice and catch the water balloon. We stayed at school in the little hall. On Tuesday the whole school went to Motat. At Motat my group did the olden day jail house, model railway, stinky poo and we even had a tram ride. Kauri had the most house points so we won!!  
By Taylor

**Certificates:**

- The most class dojos: Liam Whittle  
Reading Level: For moving up a reading level - Koby Wattam; Xavier Henderson; CJ Albert-Hemana; Utu Cotton; Ethan Powley; Liam Whittle; Taylor Gurney and Misty Tutauha  
Lexia Core 5 Reading  
Level 8 - Kate Powley  
Level 15 - Keegan Gurney
- Spelling Certificates for passing Essential Words - special mention to Ethan who with perseverance managed to pass two lists before the term has ended.  
List 5 - Lolli  
List 6 - Ethan  
List 7 - Ethan and Liam  
List 8 - CJ

- Reminders:**
- Hats are a top priority this term. Children may bring their own as long as it has a brim all around it.
  - Please make sure students bring their own spoons in their lunchbox for yoghurts etc.
  - Remember to include a healthy brain break in your child's lunchbox. Fruit, vegetables, nuts, seeds or cheese are acceptable options.
  - Swimming gear everyday



## ~ Community Notices ~

### **Wanted Please!!!**

- Newspapers
- Ice cream containers and lids

Please send them to school with your child/ren or drop them into the school office

### **TAPORA COMMUNITY HALL**

Library—Every Tuesday starting 20th February. 10am-12pm.  
Term times only.

Playgroup—Every Thursday starting 8th Feb 10.30am—12pm.  
Term time only. The council has now repaired the junior playground so it is now safe to be used.

Please mention this to anyone you have contact with in the district.

### **WESTPAC HELICOPTER “ HIT & HOOK” FUNDRAISING EVENT**

16th, 17th and 18th March.

Teams of three. Fishing competition on Saturday, Ambrose golf 9am Sunday.

Entry fee \$100.00 per team. Items for prizes or raffles would be much appreciated.

If you wish to enter a team, donate prizes ,or help out, or for more information contact:

Bruce Davies 021 758 692 or [bruce@modtec.co.nz](mailto:bruce@modtec.co.nz)

### **TAPORA GOLF CLUB**

18 hole golf will begin Sunday 25th March at 10am and 9 hole golf will continue on Wednesday and Saturday evenings to the 10th March. Tee off around 5pm



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### **INTERESTED IN PLAYING WINTER HOCKEY**

Funsticks Years 0, 1 and 2  
Juniors Years 2, 3 and 4  
Seniors Years 5 and 6  
Years 7 and 8 to contact Delwyn

Registrations are now open  
For more information contact  
Delwyn 423 8767 or 0277835783

### **Exploring the Seasons of Grief – An Adults Programme**

Seasons is for those dealing with change and loss in their lives. These changes may include separation/divorce, death, other family changes, illness, work related change, or other significant life changes. The programme has been specifically developed to address the needs of adults to understand and manage change. Seasons is not counselling but a peer support/educational programme.

The evening group will start in Warkworth on March 22nd and run for 4 weeks. Sessions will be 2 hours long.

Registration is essential. Seasons is offered free to the community but donations to cover costs are always welcome.

For more information or to apply to be part of a Seasons Group please contact –

Seasons Co-ordinator : Heather Free Ph 021 0813 3586  
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