# TAHUNANUI SCHOOL NEWS

I can - I will
Ka tāea - ka tutuki

## School and Community Newsletter No 5 - 7 May 2019

Welcome back to a busy term two. We have lots happening this term so keep an eye on our newsletters to keep up to date with events. This term we are going to run a profile on the different teams within our school. In this newsletter, we'd like to introduce you to our fabulous support staff. Our teacher aides, finance officer, secretary and caretaker all have an important role in making school run smoothly and are instrumental in your child's learning. At Tahunanui School we are very fortunate to have an amazing team of dedicated support staff who take on a number of roles around the school and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful work that you do. Incidentally it is International Support Staff day next week. You might like to join us in showing your appreciation on Thursday.

- Barbara Bowen - Principal

Winter is on it's way again with the usual array of coughs, colds and bugs. We have seen a rise in the number of tummy bugs doing the rounds. Please reinforce at home the messages about hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (hum happy birthday to yourself) then thoroughly drying them. You need to wash your hands before eating or preparing food and after going to the toilet, blowing your nose or sneezing or touching unclean surfaces like rubbish bins or toilets.

### TERM 2 EVENTS

8 May - NCC cycleway consultation - Muritai Centre 3.15pm
14 May - Chess Tournament
14 May - Rippa Tournament
24 May - Nominations for Board of Trustees close
24 May - Movie Night
31 May - School Cross Country
6&7 June - Tree planting
12 June - Interschool Cross Country
21 June - Mid Winter Swim
24 June - Chamberlain team visit to Suter Gallery
25 June - Rippa Final
26 June - Matariki Breakfast
2 July - Chamberlain visit to Suter Gallery

Burrell Centre will be holding another sausage sizzle fundraiser on Friday, get your form and $2 in before Friday.

We have a number of children who bike to school. While it's great to see children being active and getting to school without using the car, we do need to make sure children are safe. NZ Police recommend that children under the age of 10 do not bike to school on their own, they should be accompanied by an adult. It is also important to make sure that you and your bike are ready for the road. We have included in this newsletter an information leaflet to help make sure that everyone is safe on the road. We have bike and scooter locks available in the office so you can safely lock up your bike each day.

**Thought for the day**

**'Be kind wherever possible. It is always possible."**
**- Dalai Lama**

# SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Make a difference
Ki te whakapiki

Nomination forms for 3 parent representative vacancies on our Board of Trustees will be posted to all eligible voters at the end of this week. **Please make sure we have a correct postal address for you.**

If you would like to find out more about how the Board of Trustees works and what is involved, please visit www.trustee-election.co.nz or email principal@tahunanui.school.nz.

We have a number of issues with lost property. Please make sure ALL of your children's clothing is named (especially in summer when they are swimming) when property is named we can get it back to the right person. If your child comes home with property that does not belong to them, please make sure it comes back to school.

## ATTENDANCE

Children are expected to arrive at school before 9am and attend at least 90% of the time. Unfortunately, our school wide attendance dropped in Term 1 and we've had to send out a number of reminder letters! Most children achieve 90% attendance easily, some even maintain 100% attendance for the year. Because attendance at school is a legal requirement it is monitored carefully and parents are notified if attendance falls below 90%. Please support us by ensuring your child is on time each day and attends regularly. If you have difficulty getting your child to school, please discuss this with your child's teacher and in the event of sickness please phone the office, email, text, facebook or message us via our app before 9am.

The swimming pool is now closed for winter. Please return your pool key as soon as possible. Bond refunds will be placed onto your school account.

A huge welcome to our new students and their families:

Stella Talbot - Room 14
Zacaia Lunai - Room 14
Summer Jones - Room 14
Porscha Riritahi - Room 15
Jacob Moody - Rui
Dakoda Moody - Room 6
Ayran Moody - Room 11
Deztn' Papuni-Woollaston - Room 4
Fayt Papuni-Woollaston - Rui

Congratulations to our SAIL award winners for the last two weeks.

### SHOW RESPECT

Ace G - Room 7
Mikayla M - Room 5
Daniel L - Room 15
Hank P - room 11
Garv G - Room 4
Eric W - Room 4
Harper O - Room 15
Ivy P - Room 15

### ASPIRE

Alex B - Room 15
Delta G - Room 15
Renee H - Room 12
Maggie McD - Room 15
Kaelarn T - Room 15
Wylder P-B - Room 15
Eva G - Room 15
Maia H - Room 15
Sabyn L - Room 15
Jayden M - Room 15
Hank P - Room 15

### INVOLVED

Maryjane B - Rotoiti
Deylah F - Room 11
Tommy H - Room 11
Angelina J - Room 11
Maddisyn B - Room 13
Bailey H - Room 11
Emily M - Room 11
Ariella S-D - Room 11

### LIFE LONG LEARNER

Grayson A - Room 5
Andrew S - Room 4
Lucas E - Room 11
Kaylee H - Room 11
Emma M - Room 13
Tilly R - Room 11
Eddie S - Room 11
Cruz T - Room 5
Leo C - Room 12
Tommy H - Room 11
Kaia H - Room 11
Flint R - Room 12
Mason R - Room 13
Nathan V - Room 11

### PURPLE SAILOR

Connor H - Rotoiti
Hayley J-E - Rui
Stevie-Rae McK - Rotoiti
Ruby-Jean M - Room 4
Jorja H - Orakei
Fletcher P - Orakei
Lily R - Room 4
Joseph L - Room 4

### TIER TWO SHOW RESPECT

Kyle H - Rui
Kowhai T-W - Rui
Elliott Y - Room 4
Sophia M – Room 12
Mataiyasi N - Rui
Cairo T - Orakei
Lucy D - Room 6

### TIER TWO ASPIRE

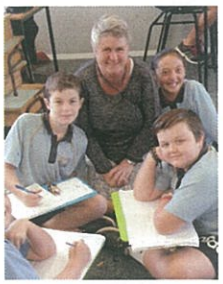
Lola O - Room 6 1
Liam R - Room 5

A big Thank You to Joe Keen from Dirt Works, Blair from Fulton Hogan and Raewyn's concrete man for building a path beside Room 13, this was quite a wet area in winter and needed a path to stop muddy feet!

Raewyn gave the counting snail a refresh over the holidays too!

Julie Shaw -

Julie runs our very busy breakfast club as well in class support in the Chamberlain syndicate. She is also one of our enthusiastic lunchtime hill walkers



Jacinda Halford -

Jacinda supports class programmes in the Burrell Centre, she also takes junior students for 'Early Words' and runs the Seasons for Growth programme, somehow she also finds time to be a lunchtime hill walker.

Jacinda Beyer-Rieger -

Jacinda is our super busy before school person, she also supports Burrell Centre and is our Sports Co-ordinator. When she's not at school, you will find Jacinda paddling waka, playing hockey or running!

Jill Houston -

Jill helps to support students with visual and hearing needs along with in class support in the Tosswill Syndicate. She also runs the Seasons for Growth programme. In the afternoon you'll find Jill working at Tahunanui Kindergarten.

Tania Trewavas -

Tania is our super-star librarian, if there's anything you need to know about books, Tania is the person to ask. Tania is a very proud Grandma to a beautiful granddaughter.

Sarra Warrick -

Sarra runs a reading programme in the junior school and supports the Chamberlain syndicate. Sarra is currently working on her teacher aide qualifications.

Ferne Walton -

The lovely Ferne is usually found in Tosswill Syndicate. She also runs our PMP programme, helps out in Breakfast Club and is the maker of the amazing boxes found in the new entrant space. She is also a quiz team member.

Robyn Dunn -

Robyn is our ESOL specialist, she works at Tahunanui School until morning tea then heads over to Nayland Primary where she is also a teacher aide.

Pauline Deighton -

Pauline supports class-room programmes in the Chamberlain syndicate. She is also a bit of a practical joker, managing to convince the children that the lawns needed to be trimmed with scissors on April 1st!

Carla Anderson -

Carla has recently finished her teacher aide training and you will find her helping out in Breakfast Club or in Chamberlain Syndicate. She is a busy Mum of 2 boys and enjoys a good quiz night.

Raewyn McKenzie -

Raewyn is our incredible caretaker. She is also responsible for all the amazing artwork you see on the grounds around school. Our ground are looking in great shape thanks to Raewyn.

Beth Conrad -

Beth is our finance officer, she pays all the bills and makes sure we all get paid - a very important person! When she's not at school, you will find Beth in her garden!

Helen Williams -

Then, there's me! You'll find me in the office doing my officey things, looking after the sick bay and occasionally making cushions to go with Ferne's boxes

# Biking to school safely

Biking to school can be a great way for kids to get exercise, develop confidence and learn to share the road safely with motorists and other people on bikes. Before encouraging your child to get on their bike, there are a few things to consider:

### Keep safe

Ensure your child has the right cycling skills to get to school safely on a bike. Always ride with your child if they're under 10 and then continue until you're sure they have the skills and confidence to ride in traffic.

Encourage your children to undertake cycle skills training so they are prepared to ride on the road. Talk to your local council about cycle skills training in your area.

The training includes the following skills:

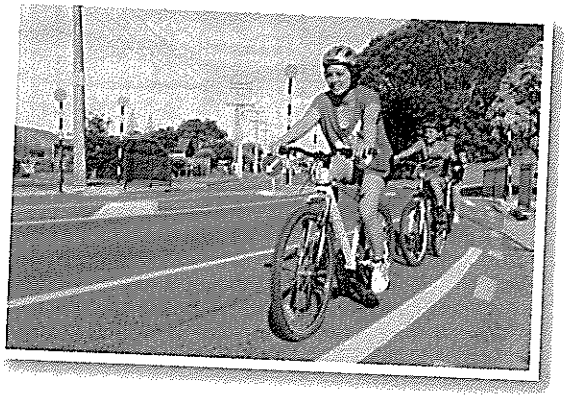
- Turning and signalling skills away from traffic, then on quiet streets to improve traffic awareness.
- Recognising potential hazards and how to choose good places to ride.
- Riding in a straight line, at least one metre from parked cars, and using cycle lanes wherever possible.
- Watching for potential hazards including car doors, potholes, rubbish, grates and pedestrians.

### The bike

Ensure your child's bike is the right size and fit. They must be able to:

- With hands on the handlebar, place the balls of both feet on the ground when sitting on the seat.
- Comfortably stand with two feet flat on the ground when straddling the centre bar.
- Easily grasp the hand brakes and apply enough pressure to stop the bike.

Bikes must have brakes and reflectors, and front and rear lights need to be on when it's dim or dark.



### The helmet

Cycle helmets must be worn and meet an approved standard. Before your child sets off on their bike, ensure the helmet is securely fastened, in good condition and not cracked or damaged. Make sure it's the right size, with little or no wobble when fitted. To learn more, check out the Bike Wise Bike & Helmet Check pocket pamphlet: **www.tinyurl.com/bikehelmetcheck**

Have your child wear bright or high visibility clothing or a high-vis backpack cover and have front and rear lights for night time or low light and rain.

If an adult is cycling with young children, keep an eye out. If there's one adult, riding at the back is best. If there is more than one adult, have one at the front and one at the back.

### Plan the route

Map out a safe route to school from home. Choose a way through side streets, with other kids on bikes, low traffic speeds and good visibility. Ride with your child and make sure they understand the route - have them lead to show you they know where they're going.

### Sharing the road

It's important to ride with courtesy and respect for motorists and other people on bikes.

Ensure your child knows to be visible at all times, clearly show their intentions and thank other road users when they can. For example, you can show them how to let motorists or other cyclists know you're happy they've waited for you by waving, smiling, or giving them a 'thumbs up'. This will make sharing the road easier for everyone.

Try not to hold up the flow of traffic. If necessary, pull over to allow vehicles to pass.

Teach your child the road rules. Check out the Official New Zealand Code for Cyclists for more: **www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode/cyclist-code/**

### Weather

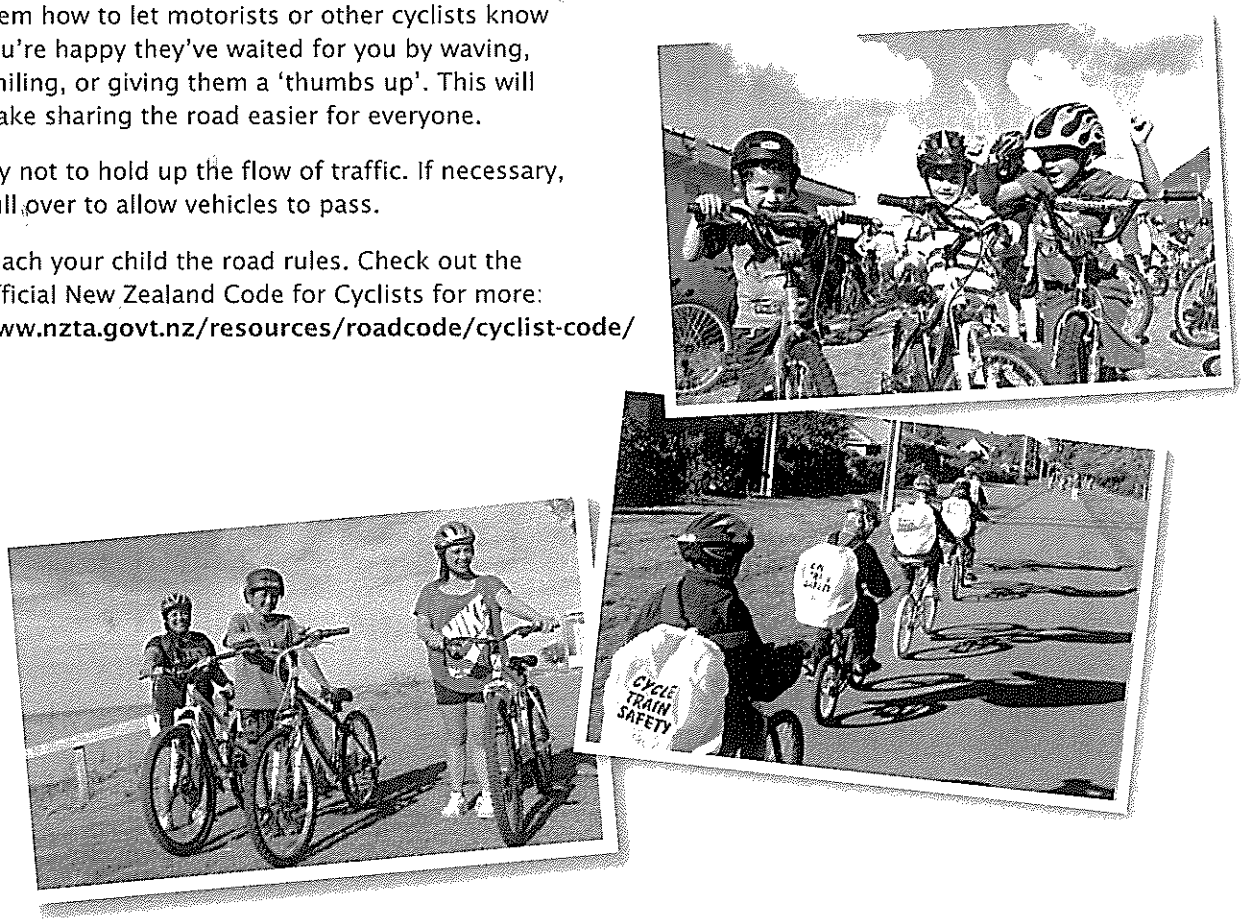
Help your child check the weather conditions before each bike ride. If they are cycling in wet or low light conditions, ensure they wear high visibility and reflective clothing.

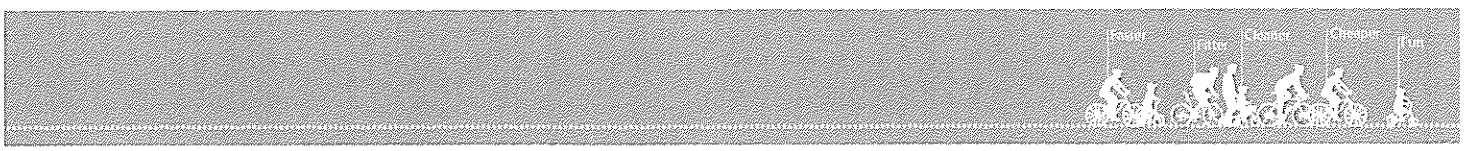
### Carrying gear?

Don't hang anything from the handlebars - it could throw them off balance or get stuck in the wheels and cause a crash.

### Keep healthy

Did you know 10% of all Kiwi children between two and 14 years-old are overweight and at greater risk of Type 2 diabetes, according to the Ministry of Health. Get your children into fun, healthy habits like cycling that last a lifetime.



Contact your school for a nomination form or learn more about trustee elections

trustee-election.co.nz
0800 353 284
electionsadvice@nzsta.org.nz

## What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

## Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

## What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evalu

## JOKE CORNER

What kind of nut has no shell?

A doughnut

What do you call an old snowman?

Water

## Paid Union Meetings

Teaching staff will be attending paid union meetings on Wednesday 8th and Friday 10th May. We are expecting to be able to cover these with no need to close the school. There may be minor disruption to classroom programmes on these days. Thank you for your understanding around this.

### Stretch Award

**Pearl H - Orakei**

**P**ositive, "I can – I will" attitude to learning.
**E**ncourages and supports others to succeed in their learning.
**A**spires to be a learner by trying her best and striving to achieve her goals.
**R**eliable, responsible and respectful.
**L**ifelong learner who manages herself, shows initiative and looks for solutions.

I am super proud of the way Pearl stretches herself. She is a deserving winner of the Stretch Award.

### Muffy Award

**Maia H - Room 15**

Maia has been chosen to hold Muffy. She displays our SAIL values of Show Respect, Aspire, Involved and becoming a Life long learner by: Being organised and ready to learn. Maia has beautiful manners and Aspires to be a good learner by listening and following instructions. She lets others listen and learn by staying focused on her own work. Maia is a kind and helpful girl , who can be relied upon to be an awesome buddy .Maia is an Involved learner by trying her best. She practices her learning at home and proudly shares the many words she can now write independently. Well deserved Maia. Kai Pai.

### Tuatara Award

**Ruby V - Room 5**

This Room 5 SAILor displays the "I can I will" attitude and the school values every day, in everything she does. Ruby V doesn't need to be asked to do things, she sees and does. Her work is always completed on time and of a high standard. Ruby constantly aspires to be the best she can be and is a great friend and year 4 role model.

## RECYCLE YOUR ORAL CARE WASTE

Dentists recommend changing your toothbrush every season, now that autumn is here, it's a great time to replace your toothbrush. Bring your old toothbrush, toothpaste tubes and any oral health care packaging into school and Room 5 will send it away to Terracycle to be recycled. Once collected, the oral waste is cleaned and melted into hard plastic that can be remolded to make new recycled products.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

As colder weather looms, a reminder that only our school sweatshirt or fleece jacket (available from Dot Neiman Leisurewear, Forests Rd, Stoke) can be worn. Any rain jacket or coat to and from school is okay, as are plain navy blue thermal top under polo shirts.

Sports fees and camps and can get quite expensive, especially if you have more than one child! If you would like to set up an automatic payment it makes it much easier to budget for these things. You might even end up with enough for a pool key at the end of the year! Please call in to see Helen in the office to arrange this.

We are a local beekeeping operation specialising in small batches of high quality honey. With two children at Tahunanui we were keen to offer a percentage of each purchase of honey back to the school for fundraising. All of our honey is collected from plants in the top of the south island. Jars of honey are available for sale in the office for $12.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to the following term 1 librarians that won awards.
Gold: Monique V - Top performance, attendance and duties
Silver: Saul C - Huge effort, congratulations
Bronze: Oceana J and Arvahli W
High librarian duties: Juniper S, Breeze S-M, Madison S
High attendance: Ruby V, Grayson R
Special award for thoughtfulness and kindness to others: Nathaniel A.

Thank you to Bee Oliver for the cushion with the map of the world for our library

Activities in the library

Crayon and Dye

Cutting and Stencils

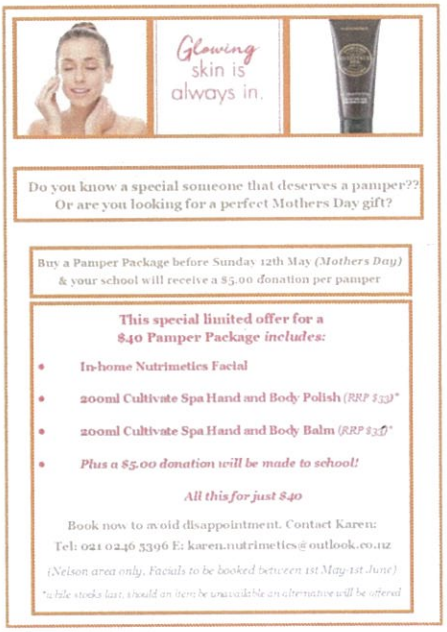
Stamping

Reading

Rainy Day

Swap-a-book will be held 28th and 29th May n the Muritai Centre. This is where students can bring a book from home with a permission slip and select from used books from our display.

## PUBLIC NOTICES



Are you enjoying Cross Country practice?
There is a Cross Country League each Saturday

For more information visit the website below

https://sites.google.com/view/nelsoncrosscountryleague