

Tahunanui School



"I can - I will"



TAHUNANUI SCHOOL NEWS

27 August 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

“She’ll be right” and “It’ll work out in the end” are the optimistic catchphrases many of us grew up with. This kiwi attitude developed out of tough times from the past and a need to be resilient and self reliant when help was a long way away. Today, however, we know that getting onto things early, seeking support when it is needed and taking action are much more effective. Modelling this behaviour and teaching our children to problem solve if they can and seek help if they can’t is our approach at Tahunanui. We adapt this for the age and stage of the child. This year we have a worldwide pandemic. Drought, floods, fires, earthquakes, a terrorist attack and a volcanic eruption have all occurred in NZ in our children’s lifetimes. The impact these have on our children and how they cope with challenges later in life are largely determined by our approach as adults. With the right supports, “Getting back on the bike” and “Carrying on as best we can” are much more doable. This newsletter has many examples of how successful we have been in coaching our children through challenging times. Children are happy, they are learning, they are enjoying life!

Well done to you all. On the other hand, if you or anyone in your family needs extra supports at any time to get through a rough patch, please do ask. We’re all in this together and are only too happy to help as best we can. Enjoy the rest of your week.

Barbara

STEP INTO SPRING

Nelson City Council and Enviroschools are running a really exciting Active Transport promotion called “Step into Spring!” for the first two weeks of September.

The aim is to get kids to use active transport to get to school, this not only has health benefits for students but reduces congestion and is better for the environment.

There is a supply of travel passports for students who are participating and they collect ‘spring points’ to earn rewards for walking, biking, scooting to journey to school every day!

Passports are available from the office or your class teacher.



COVID-19

While we are still in level 2, we continue to practice level 2 protocols. This includes strong hygiene practises, encouraging children and staff to regularly wash hands and use hand sanitiser, cough or sneeze into their elbow and we will be regularly cleaning high touch surfaces such as desks, devices and door handles.

All adults entering the school must either scan the Covid tracer QR code or sign in at the office, this ensures that contact tracing requirements are met. There are no exceptions to this, if you wish to enter school grounds, you **MUST** either scan a QR code or sign in at the office, we appreciate your cooperation with this. Links on how to download the Covid Tracer app are available here.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/protect-yourself-and-others/keep-track-of-where-youve-been/>

If your child is sick, they must stay home. Please advise us of their absence via the usual channels.



WELCOME

We are excited to welcome Kara Wiseman to Tahunanui School as our new administrator. As most of you know Helen is leaving us at the end of this term to be with her family in Auckland. Kara will be working alongside Helen from next week to learn the ropes. Make sure you pop in and say 'Hi' when you get a chance.



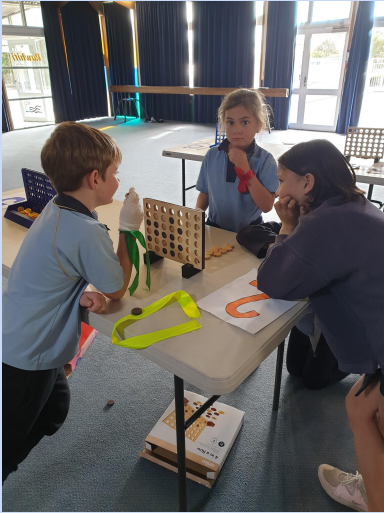
Kia Ora,

I am born and raised in Nelson. Before leaving Nelson 14 years ago for my OE, I worked in the office of a local Nelson transport company, last year I returned home from London where I had worked in corporate banking on the trading floor as an assistant.

In my spare time I love spending time with my husband and two young children, playing at the beach and am found at the hockey stadium most weekends.

I am very excited to be joining the Tahunanui whanau.

CHECKERS AND CONNECT FOUR



This term we have had several house competitions running, we have played hockey and basketball and are now playing checkers and connect 4.

After hockey and basketball Moana and Ra are tied for first place with 7 points each and Tatahi and Whenua tied for third place with 3 points each.

The teams are made up of children and staff from each house and each person can only play in one activity or sport.

Stay tuned for the final results!!

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school you need to let us know. The Ministry of Education require us to report to them on all absences including the reason for them. Please don't be offended if we ask you why your child is absent.

To advise us of an absence you can call the office on 03 548 6167 and leave a message on the answerphone
Text 021 029 64583 (please don't call this number to leave a message, this is for text messages only)
Email: secretary@tahunanui.school.nz

You can advise us of an absence via the @school app
Message us via our Facebook page

Please tell us your child's name and why they are absent. If we are not advised of the reason for an absence, we are required to mark them as truant.

We regularly follow up on absences when attendance drops below 90%, if you are having trouble getting your child to school, please talk to their teacher.

If a child misses just 10% of the school year, by year 10, they will have missed a year of school.

CHAMBERLAIN

Chamberlain block is now occupied. The next step in the process is to find new names for the two new classrooms.

Most of the names we use in the school relate to local streets, Rui, Orakei, Rotoiti, Tamaki, Moana, Waikare, Muritai, Chamberlain, Tosswill and Burrell.

We would love to hear your suggestions for new names, we need 4 new names that are relevant to Tahunanui and/or Nelson.

Email your suggestions to Helen secretary@tahunanui.school.nz

NOTICES

If your child is a year 6 student, now is the time to think about which intermediate school they will attend next year. Information packs for students wanting to attend Broadgreen Intermediate have been handed out, if your child is planning on attending another intermediate, please contact them for enrolment packs.

All completed Broadgreen enrolments must be handed in to Broadgreen's office, we will not be accepting enrolments on their behalf.

Broadgreen Intermediate are holding their parent information evening on Wednesday 9th September 6-8pm, this has been delayed from previously advertised dates due to Covid-19.



We will be holding a Daffodil Day fundraiser on Friday.

Come dressed in mufti and swap your gold coin for a Daffodil Day tattoo or a sticker.

If your children ride their bikes to school, please remind them that the road cones are there to help keep people safe and identify hazards. We have had cases of children deliberately knocking them over as they ride to school, this causes all sorts of frustration for roading contractors and local residents.



We know that playing in mud is HEAPS of fun! However.....our field is suffering a little from large amounts of rain and lots of kids playing on it. Children are not allowed to play on the field if the red flags are flying.



Most of you are aware that we use @school parent app to communicate with our parents and caregivers, teachers are currently uploading latest learning information about your tamariki. If you do not have a login, please contact Helen and she will send you your user id and password.

Please note, we no longer use Skool Loop as a communication tool.

DELAYS, CANCELLATIONS AND CALENDARS

Like you, we are frustrated by the delays, cancellations and postponements of events. We are trying our hardest to keep you informed of alterations to our calendar as they happen. As of today, the rest of the term looks something like this....

Friday 28th August - Daffodil Day, fundraising mufti day
Monday 7th September - Board of Trustees meeting
Monday 7th September - Room 7, Suter visit
Tuesday 8th September - Room 12, Suter visit
Tuesday 15th September - Rippa Rugby Finals
Tuesday 15th September - Year 3/4 Hockey Tournament
Tuesday 15th September - Rippa Rugby Finals
Wednesday 16th September - Room 11, Suter visit
Tuesday 22nd September - Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament
Friday 25th September - Last day of term 3.

Term 4 begins on Monday 12th October at 9am.



SAILORS

Congratulations to our latest **SAIL** awards winners

SHOW RESPECT

Hayley H - Room 14
Mitchell B - Room 13
Emily H - Room 13
Carter M - Room 13
Eden N - Room 13
Johnny R - Room 13
Levi R - Room 13
Ada W - Room 13
Clover W - Room 13
Baxter A - Room 16
Kyrah J-L - Room 14

ASPIRE

Harry C - Room 16
Annabell H - Room 16
Vaughn A - Room 13
Ahipene K - Room 13
KC S - Room 13
Damien W - Room 13

INVOLVED

Sophia B - Room 13
Lucie D - Room 13
Andrea J - Room 13
Haedrian O - Room 13
Diana P - Room 13
Layla R - Room 13
Sennah W - Room 13
Whirinaki B - Room 16

LIFE LONG LEARNER

Angus W - Room 16
Dylan W - Room 14

PURPLE SAILOR

Cohen P - Room 14



SHOW RESPECT - LEVEL TWO

Reeve P - Room 16
Max C - Room 15
Kahn D - Room 15
Maia H - Room 15
Daniel L - Room 15

ASPIRE - LEVEL TWO

Ivy P - Room 14
Tommy S - Room 14
Logan B - Room 16
Delta G - Room 16
Cooper C - Room 15
Summer J - Room 15

INVOLVED - LEVEL TWO - Kaia H - Room 16

TAHUNANUI COMMUNITY HUB



Community Parents Drop in Cafe



COMMUNITY PARENTS DROP-IN CAFE

Thursday mornings: 9.00am – 10.30am
Tahunanui Community Hub Hall
55 Muritai St, Tahunanui, Nelson
- Next to the Kindergarten

**All Welcome - Mums, Dads,
Caregivers, Grandparents**
Tea/Coffee and Biscuits Provided



**FREE Counselling Service has started with our NMIT 2nd Year Counselling Student.
By Appointment**

Are you: or somebody you know -

Stressed? Overwhelmed? Unhappy? Depressed? Anxious? Grieving? Stuck? Facing Challenges? Need
a Change? Suicidal? Self Harming? Emotional? Low Self-Esteem? Withdrawing? Health Issues?
Abused? Suffering Work Pressures?

We offer FREE -

Listening, Counselling, Relationship Support, Life Support, Whanau/Family Support, Mental Health
Support.

Appointment is necessary

Contact - PM our Facebook Page - Tahunanui Community Hub

Contact us from our website - <https://www.tahunanuicommunityhub.org.nz/contact>
or Phone 03 548 6036 (during office hours)

TAHUNANUI COMMUNITY HUB



MASK-ETEERS WANTED

To make reusable face masks to supply to those who need them our Boardroom has been set up indefinitely with tables, materials and sewing machines for our lovely bunch of volunteer Mask-eteers to sew their magic.

If you are an experienced sewer (must be experienced) and would like to pop in, join the team and help out, then we would love to meet you. The space is open during normal office hours and volunteers can drop in anytime. It will be a fun environment and a chance to connect with your neighbours.

Our aim is to provide reusable, affordable face masks to the greater community. The cost is by way of donation and will go towards most of the material costs.

If you have any spare elastic lying around, we will gratefully accept it! Just call into reception