



# NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 - WEEK 7

## Our School Pepeha

*Pepeha is a way of introducing yourself in Maaori. It tells people who you are by sharing your connections with the people and places that are local to our area.*

*Ko Tainui te waka  
My canoe is Tainui*

*Ko Mangawara te awa  
My river is Mangawara*

*Ko Hapuakohe te maunga  
My Mountain is Hapuakohe*

*Ko Waiti te marae  
My Marae is Waiti*

*Ko Ngati Paoa te iwi  
My tribe is Ngati Paoa*

*Ko Tahuna te kura  
My school is Tahuna School*



## Principal Comment

Kia ora Tahuna families

A fantastic week for Tahuna School as we hosted the Morrinsville Districts Cross-Country. A big thank you to everybody who made the event a huge success. Thank you to Mr K for your work and organisation to ensure all tamariki had a great course to run. Thank you to Miss Lewis for helping with the course set up! Also thank you to our wonderful FOS who produced a yummy bbq. It was amazing to see this event well attended and supported by all Morrinsville district schools tamariki and families. A big Tahuna Proud!

## Class Awards

- Endeavour** - Piper and Theo
  - Endurance** - Liviana and Mazie
  - Maungaturoto** - Stella and Arlo
  - Adventure** - Olive and Sophie
  - Discovery** - Ruby and Emilia
- Congratulations to you all for your amazing work!

## Rural ICARE Values

- Precious - (Ambition)** For getting the flying fox when someone wanted to go on it.
- Kaycee - (Challenge)** For given an option to opt out she chose to face the challenge and complete the full distance for cross-country.
- Paige S - (Integrity)** For completing the cross-country on her first day at Tahuna School - impressive!
- Arlo - (Respect)** For telling Mr. Otto the class is finished at Life Education.
- Paige - (Intergrity)** For completing the cross-country on her first day at Tahuna School - impressive!
- Kaycee - (Respect)** For playing with the little kids when they had no one to play with.
- Sass - (Encourage)** For encouraging others to join in.
- Paesyn - (Challenge)** For pushing herself to improve her long distance running, training in the weekends and running at a consistent pace.
- Mana - (Encourage)** For encouraging others in their games at lunchtime.

## Teacher Only Day

Our teachers spent the day working through the new tahurangi resource from the Ministry of Education that relates to the science of learning and the understanding behind the structured literacy approach of BSLA (Better Start Literacy approach) Next term our junior teachers will be involved in the BSLA PLD. All resources and PLD is funded by the MOE.

## School Cross-Country

The cross-country last week was a great success! It was fantastic to see this annual event being attended by so many parents and whanau. Thank you to all for supporting this event. A big congratulations to all our tamariki for your training leading up to cross-country and your efforts on the day. As we have been focusing on our value of 'Encourage' it was positive to see tamariki supporting others and cheering them on! We are all very proud!

## Cross-Country Placings

5yrs - Wade 1st, Ralph 2nd, Quinn - 3rd. Liviana 1st, Abbie 2nd, Dillion 3rd.

6yrs - Elijah 1st, Doug 2nd, Brodie 3rd. Hannah 1st, Maize 2nd, Anika 3rd.

7yrs - Toby 1st, Liam 2nd. Lottie 1st, Sass 2nd, Florence E 3rd.

8yrs - Marty 1st, Lewis 2nd, Lennox 3rd. Hollie 1st, Zoe 2nd, Aurora 3rd.

9yrs - Ridge 1st, Alex 2nd, Isiah 3rd. Emilia 1st, Sophie 2nd, Evie 3rd.

10/11yrs - Thomas 1st, Jethro 2nd, Zane 3rd. Olivia 1st, Eva 2nd, Leah M 3rd. Rebecca 1st, Dylan 2nd, Skye 3rd.  
Jack 1st.

## House Points from Cross-Country

Kauri - 74

Matai - 59

Totara - 54

Rimu - 35

Awesome work Kauri!



## Dates to Remember

### Term 2

- **24th June (Mon)**  
Hearing and Vision Test
- **24th June (Mon)**  
BOT Meeting
- **27th June (Thur)**  
Science Road Show
- **28th June (Fri)**  
Matariki Public Holiday
- **5th July (Fri)**  
Final Assembly at 1.45pm

### **Life Education**

We had amazing learning and thank you to Leiset and Harold. Our tamariki learnt lots and had fun! The focus for all classrooms was human biology. We look forward to having Life Education next year!

### **Keeping Ourselves Safe**

On Friday constable Brian Connors did the 3rd lesson of the KOS programme. We were super happy to have Brian supporting our school with this important safety programme.

### **Tahuna Board of Trustees**

Our next meeting is on Monday 24th June at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

### **Young Authors Day**

Olivia, Paesyn and I went to Berkley Middle School in Hamilton for the Young Authors Day on Saturday 25th May. I couldn't wait to see the book authors.

We were introduced to the authors; Des Hunt, Andrew McDonald, Lewis Morgan (also known as Zebong), Sarah Johnson and Amy Harrop. Then we were split into groups and in Olivia's haste to join her group and first workshop I saw her name tag flutter to the floor.

Time only allowed us to visit three workshops out of the five. Each author that I visited had a very different style and presentation. Zebong (Lewis Morgan) acted out his stories with great enthusiasm and actions. He taught us to put twists into our stories using experiences from our lives. Andrew McDonald taught us to put anything into our writing, it could be crazy, out of this world or magical. Des Hunt used chemistry and science to show us how to hook your reader in.

If you ever get the opportunity to go along next year, take it, because it teaches you how to make your writing interesting by adding conflict and twists.

**Written by Lydia McGrath (Year 6, Discovery Class)**

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