

# Tapu School - Newsletter

*A very big welcome to our fantastic new teacher, Mr. Greg Pilcher! We are delighted to have you at Tapu School and are looking forward to working with you!*

## This week's certificates

Congratulations...

...to Luka Stanic, for excellence in Reading

...to Angel Pfaff, for excellence in Reading

Positive Pupil winner was Doughie for being helpful

## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community

The teachers invest a considerable amount of time encouraging and supporting your children's learning. Our students are becoming more experienced and better prepared for life through the range of experiences we provide. Whatever is being covered at school is meaningful and relevant, and we would appreciate your help in reinforcing and supporting positive learning attitudes. Please, please support us in this endeavour and celebrate your child's milestones - no matter how big or small.

We have been working on manners and reminding the children to say 'please', 'thank you', and 'may I?' at school. We would appreciate ongoing work at home in this area. If children misbehave in the playground or classroom, they are given a warning. If the inappropriate behaviour continues, they go to a 'time out' area for a specified period of time. A consequence may follow on some occasions. If a child's behaviour is of serious concern, his or her parents will be informed.

## Book Character Day

What a fantastic day we had on Monday! Well done and thank you to all those who took the time to dress up as their favourite book characters! We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

## Cross Country

Congratulations to all Tapu students who participated and had a great time in last week's Cross Country! You performed very well. We were proud of you. Exceptional running from Kaya Harris – 1<sup>st</sup> in 7yr old boys, Shakaya Karaihana 1<sup>st</sup> in 6yr old girls and Tanira Tamanui 2<sup>nd</sup> in 11yr old boys.

## Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club has been very successful so far. Many of the children have come along to enjoy a lovely hot Milo before school! Due to demand we will now be starting breakfast club at 8:00am. All children who arrive at school by 8:30am are welcome to join us for Milo and toast.

## Healthy School

With the help of the Public Health Nurse, we are teaching the children about keeping their hands and nails clean, and brushing their hair. We look forward to seeing her again soon.

## Keeping Ourselves Safe

This is another health initiative run in conjunction with our Police Education Officer. Many of you will know our local officer, Constable Maryann Kerr, who is working with us on this programme. Constable Maryann will be in school today for most of the morning. A big thank you to Constable Maryann for your help over the last few weeks.

## Year 8 Students

Open Night at Thames High School is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm to 9pm. Meet in the hall at 7pm.

**Administration Building Update**

After a few glitches the plans are being submitted to the Council for building approval. Work was due to be started at the end of Week 3. However, we may find it starts soon!

**Room 1**

We have been working on writing problems in mathematics. Revising on subtraction. We have finished our individual project work on a famous person. Our topic is Myths and Legends and at the moment we have had some really good discussions about Greek Myths. We have talked about ideas for engagement and excellence in our work.

**Room 3**

We have been discussing Excellence and Engagement. We strive for excellence in all our work, and in our working attitudes. We decided that 'engagement' means being a switched on learner and trying your best!

**Spanish group**

The group has continued to work on conversational and written expression. The Spanish Corner is full of your work and is looking good! Parents, feel free to come in to have a look and ask your children questions.

**Community Profile**

**Mr Greg Pilcher**

Favourite food: Mexican

Favourite hobby: surfing

Favourite drink: strawberry thickshake

Favourite movie: Big Wednesday...a surfing movie!

Favourite holiday spot: Kuaotunu

Favourite actor: Harrison Ford

Favourite colour: Green (especially when it comes to Jet Planes!)

Person you would most like to meet: Mother Teresa

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**Prize Draw on Tuesday for Newsletters!! No 5, Term 3 2010**

**Please return to the office for a draw at assembly.**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signed \_\_\_\_\_**

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