

TAUMATA SCHOOL



Key Dates:

- 12 APRIL: END OF TERM 1
- 29 APRIL: TERM 2 STARTS
- 30 APRIL: WHĀNAU RŌPU MEETING
- 1 MAY: OFFICIAL OPENING OF TAUMATA SCHOOL
- 14 MAY: NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY - YEAR 6

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

Wow... what a feeling to be coming to the end of a busy, dynamic and fulfilling first term at Taumata School. We have so much to celebrate as we cast a look over the last 10 weeks as a brand new school. As a school community we have navigated building challenges and delays, a new way of organising learning, new routines and procedures, new relationships as we build a learning community and also the opening up of new spaces and available equipment. I want to thank every learner at Taumata School, our Taumata learning coaches and also you our wonderful community. Every challenge has been met as exactly that - a challenge to be solved and an opportunity to really draw on our learning principles of collaboration (the beauty of working together); authentic learning (real, everyday world challenges) and Grit (resilience and the ability to dig deep when things are challenging). One of the greatest things about starting a new foundation school is the ability to build a culture focused on collaborative problem-solving, a culture based on mutual respect and understanding and a culture where we are clear about our moral purpose - to go the extra mile for our kids - because they are worth it.

I want to wish you all an amazing term break, stay safe, enjoy the quality time with your children and we look forward to seeing you all back here on Monday 29 April.

Genavier Fuller



Last week our Pūwhenua team took part in a Noho, held at Taumata School. The learners were able to visit key areas of Tauranga, engage in fun problem-solving activities, spend the night in our school hall as a whole team and then follow up with shared kai and activities.

In talking to the children it is obvious that this opportunity provided time for building strong connections and friendships, leadership strengths and allowing students to problem-solve personal challenges.

I would like to extend a big thanks to our Pūwhenua learning coaches, Dan and Sjaan for organising this opportunity for our learners. Thank you to those parents who were able to assist over the two days with transport, and supervision. I would also like to make a special mention of Anita and Jon Morrison (Pak N Save The crossing) for their considerable generosity with food donations for the Noho. These experiences help our children to form strong connections and memories and your assistance is appreciated.

Communicating Learning

On Wednesday evening we hosted a parent session with a focus on communicating learning. We are thrilled to be able to provide real time reporting that will ensure that the communication of learning is an ongoing conversation as opposed to a 'one-off event'. This term we have focused on getting to know your children and diagnosing learning needs, and in your child's online portfolio you will find a general comment related to our learning principles. We encourage you to use the instructions emailed through Linc Ed to open your child's portfolio, and view the learning coaches comments

Growing Numbers

This term our numbers have swelled as we have welcomed new people to The Lakes and Pyes Pa community, as well as students transitioning from local and surrounding schools. This is an exciting time for us all. In order to accommodate the growing number of learners we are currently recruiting a new teacher to join Mauao 1 (Natalie and Pippa). To assist us with the timeframes of recruitment Whaea Kathy will start in Mauao 1 until the newly appointed teacher can join us. Fortunately Kathy is well versed in our culture and learning principles and will be a great addition to the team. To support the growing learners in Mauao 2 (Sean and Arlenna) both Mike and Jacq will be working in a job share capacity for Term 2. Thank you for your continued support.

Communicating Learning

What is it?

Communicating Learning is what would normally be called 'Reporting to Parents'. As a school we believe that reporting is NOT an EVENT that happens at key points during the year, but instead is an ongoing dialogue between children, learning coaches and parents/whanau.

At Taumata School we will communicate learning in the following ways:

- Real-Time communication
- Open learning days
- Learner-led conferences

What do we communicate?

Our learning coaches are continually assessing and diagnosing learning through their daily conversations, book work, formal testing, observations and so on... Your child's current achievement, next learning steps and learning progress will be shared with you in REAL Time, in an ongoing learning conversation through Linc-Ed. These comments, reflections and diagnostic assessments will build consecutively throughout the year, and will also build, year upon year to create an overall learning picture.

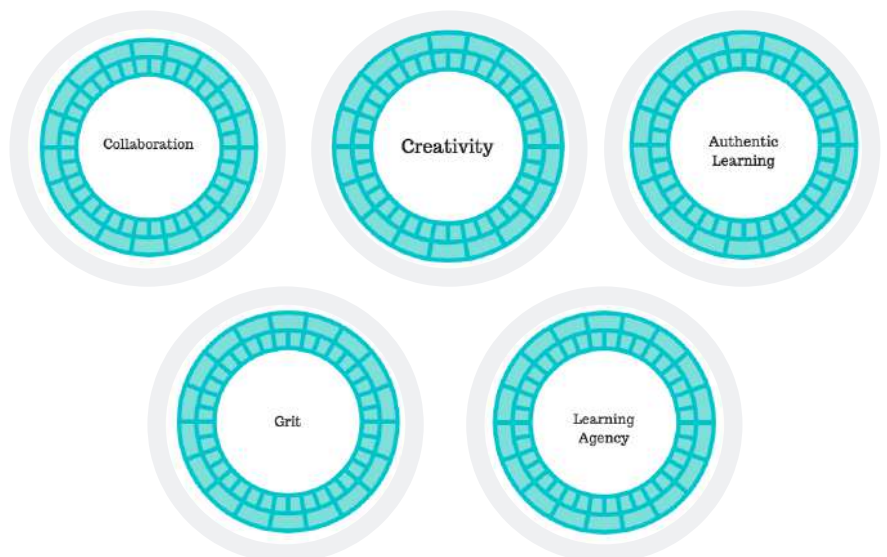
In addition to this ongoing REAL TIME communication we will provide an opportunity for learner-led conferencing where our learners can share their learning journey and next steps

Linc-Ed

Linc-Ed is an online tool for learning coaches to upload a range of information about each child, track progress over time and store/access valuable information relative to each learner. Linc-Ed allows learning coaches to communicate to parents and whanau in 'REAL-TIME' about specific examples of learning.

At Taumata School we will communicate learning in:

- core curriculum (Reading, Writing and Mathematics)
- Integrated Learning (learning across the curriculum)
- Learning Principles (learning that demonstrates our learning principles)



Rippa Rugby

This term, we had a number of children involved in Rippa Rugby. Whilst the game yesterday was called off due to weather we were excited to hear that our Year 3 and 4 team, and our Year 5 and 6 team were winners in their pool. Congratulations to all children who played Rippa Rugby this term, but a special congratulations to the children involved in those winning teams.

We wish to thank all those parents who assisted with coaching, and transporting children to and from the games. Without your commitment to support we are unable to provide these opportunities for our learners.



A quick look back at our term...



The Taumata School Establishment Board of Trustees
invite you to attend the

Official Opening
of
TAUMATA SCHOOL

DATE: WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2019 AT 9:30AM
ADDRESS: TAUMATA SCHOOL, 145 MORTLAKE
HEIGHTS DRIVE, PYES PA, TAURANGA