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Believe
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Tena koutou Parents and Whanau

Welcome to week 9 of term four.

LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

School will close on Friday 11 December at 12.00pm. **Please note that buses will run at the end of the school day at 12.00pm.**

FINAL ASSEMBLY AND PRIZE GIVING

Our school final assembly will be held on Thursday 10 December at 11.00am. Please note that our Final Assembly and Prize Giving will be held in the St Joseph's Hall because of our construction work still underway at our school. It would be great to have our parents celebrate with us. Please be seated by 10.55am

Parents are welcome to take their children home with them after final assembly but they would need to be collected from the school as they will still have their bags to take home. Please inform your child's teacher if you are taking them with you.

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports and information regarding the start of the 2021 year will be sent home with your child on the Final Assembly day, Thursday 10 December.

Year 7 / 8 Senior School Social

This special event will be held on Tuesday 8 December in the Senior Citizens Hall at 7pm. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2021?

If you have a child starting school for the first time during 2021 we ask that you contact the school immediately to let us know. We are finalising classes for 2021 and this will help us to plan ahead.

If you know of a friend or a family member who you know will be enrolling their child at our school, we ask that you pass this message on to them

THANK YOU FROM MRS ROBERTSON

Dear Mr. Johnson, parents, caregivers, staff & pupils.

Thank you for the heartfelt farewell you gave me last week. The card and Korowai are beautiful reminders of my time at Te Aroha Primary School and they will hold pride of place in my home. Thank you Mrs Brittenden and your helpers, Lyla and Charlotte, for a wonderful

presentation. And a special thank you to Bethan and Jack for your beautiful words on behalf of Room 9. The haka and singing will stay with me forever. It was a perfect farewell for a retiring teacher. I will miss you all and I wish you all every success in the coming years.

Bev Robertson

LIBRARY REMINDER!



Invoices were sent home last week for those students who had not returned their library books. Thank you to those who have since paid for their missing books and to those who managed to locate and return their books. Students who have not yet returned their books can pay their outstanding money at the office.

LEVEL 1 COVID 19 REQUIREMENTS AT TAPS

This is a reminder to our parents that at Level 1 parents/visitors are permitted onto the school grounds.

We ask that parents do not go into their child's classroom before and after school. We are still trying to limit the number of people accessing the workspaces of our students even at Alert Level 1.

COVID - 19 (Corona Virus) Reminder

- We ask that you do not send a sick child to school.
- If we discover that any child is sick and showing flu like symptoms you will be asked to pick him/her up immediately.
- If your child has flu like symptoms, he/she needs to be assessed by a doctor and then tested for Covid 19. Phone Healthline for advice. The number is 0800 358 5453

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new website has gone live. We will continue to add to it as time goes on. You can view it at :

www.tearohaprimarieschool.nz

*Merry Christmas
Meri Kirihimete*

Nгаа mihi nui

**Kevin Johnson
Principal /Tumuaki**



Classroom Round Ups

Rm 1 Mrs Johnson

I can't believe we have reached the last week of school for the year and what a year it has been! It is an exciting week for the children as we will be out and about on our outings. Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have offered to help. Well done Room 1, you have done some amazing learning since you started school and you can be very proud of the learners you are becoming. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a great summer holiday.

Rm 2 Miss Green

Where has the year gone? I cannot believe we are in our final week of school for 2020 and she is a jam packed week! We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the pools today. Big thanks to our parent helpers that came along. Tomorrow we are going to the Future Te Aroha Christmas show. Wednesday we are singing to the residents at Lawrence House. Thursday we have prize giving. Children will start bringing their art and books home too.

Rm 3 Mrs Bankier

The year has flown by and the last week of the term is here. This week is a busy week with our trip to the pools, Future Te Aroha and singing at the Rest home. Thank you to those who are helping out with our trips. We will be doing some Christmas crafts this week to give to the rest home residents and some to take home too.

Just a reminder if you have any books at home to please return them as soon as possible.

I would like to thank you all for your support in your child's learning this year. I have really enjoyed Room 3 and wish them all the best in 2021 and beyond. This year hasn't been the easiest one with Covid but the kids have been quite resilient and managed to get through it all smiling.

Have a safe and happy holiday. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Rm 5 Miss Entwisle



Rm 6 Miss Boyd

Wow I can't believe it's the last week of the school term. It has gone by incredibly fast. This week we are exploring Christmas celebrations from other countries. I would just like to take this time to say THANK YOU for a great year. I could not have asked for a better group of children, than this group in Room 6. We laughed, we sang, we explored, we created and grew!. Also I would like to take the time to thank all past pupils that I have taught and all the parents (past and present) that have supported me throughout my time at TAPS. Have a safe and Happy Christmas. Go now and enjoy your summer holidays. Goodbye and take care, from Cara Boyd (Ms Boyd).

Rm 7 Mrs Paul

As we come to the last week of term. I would like to thank you all for your support this year. Your children have been amazing and I am sad to be passing them on.

We will round off this week looking at the history of Christmas and sharing our Christmas around the World studies.

My hope for you all is that you have a very safe and happy Christmas.

Rm 8 Mrs Young

Please return all Library books and uniforms

Dance : Ballroom dancing continues for our Year 7 students in preparation for the Social.

YEAR 7-8 Social this Tuesday, invites went home last week, please email or contact me if you have any questions.

ART WORK - We will be taking our art work down this week, be sure to look out for some keepers!

Christmas Crafts - this week we will be exploring the history behind the Christmas card along with other fun arts and crafts.

Maintenance -Over the school holidays students will still have access to their EPIC reading, studyladder, prodigy, khan academy and code avengers accounts to keep up with their maintenance across literacy and numeracy.

Current Events Wrap up for 2020- Online interactive quiz with detailed answers. Please login via <https://socrative.com/> Click on Student Login and enter TAPSROOM82020.

Email kyoung@tearohaprimary.school.nz

Rm 9 Mrs Robertson / Mrs Gamble

The final week of term 4 has arrived and the school holidays are just around the corner. Mrs Robertson and I would like to acknowledge that this year has been a year quite unlike any other. We would like to thank all parents, whanau and family of Room 9 students for their support and patience throughout the year. Covid-19 created many challenges and we know that sacrifices were made by many of us. We thank you for keeping the learning going and ensuring our students were happy during these times.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and say farewell to our Year 8 students who we wish all the best as they start at college next year. Kia Tu, Kia Toa, Kia Mau. Accept the Challenge.

Reminders

- Senior Social is this Tuesday at the Te Aroha Senior Citizens Hall, starting at 7.00pm. We would love to see everyone there. Please bring a plate.
- Final school assembly is this Thursday at Saint Joseph's Hall, starting at 11.00am. Please ensure you are seated before this time. Students are allowed to go home with a parent or caregiver after this if desired.
- School reports and other important information will go home this Thursday.
- School closes at 12.00pm this Friday.
- Homework: weekly current quiz, and reading.

Have a great week everyone.

Rm 10 Mrs Brittenden

Kia ora whanau,

What a year! I am so proud to have worked with Rm 10 this year and they have worked hard, shown resilience and kindness and grown as learners and young people. It has been a pleasure to have worked with this special group of students and whilst it is always sad to see our Year 8's move on to the next part of their learning journey, we know they are ready and will carry with them the many things they have learnt and experienced to College.

This week, we will be busy packing up and finishing the last of our work, whilst enjoying being together.

SOCIAL - this is on Tuesday night at 7pm. Please remember that this is at the Te Aroha Senior Citizens Hall due to our building renovations. All students are expected to be there and we hope that all parents will be there as well to part of this special evening. Invites and a notice with important information went

home last week but please let me know if you have any questions.

SEESAW - Parents of Year 8 students are reminded to download their child's Seesaw journal. This is easy to do and will enable you to keep this record of your child's learning for the year.

Thank you to all parents and whanau for your support this year. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

Arohanui - Mrs B (dp@tearohaprimary.school.nz)

TERM FOUR DATES 2020

1. School Fun Day- Hub 1	7 Dec 2020
2. Yr 7/8 Social	8 Dec 2020
3. Prize Giving +Yr 8 Final Assembly 11.00am	10 Dec 2020
4. Reports Go Home with children	10 Dec 2020
5. School Closes for Holidays 12.00pm	11 Dec 2020

TERM ONE DATES 2021

1. T O D + Office open for uniform sales	Thurs 28 Jan 2021
2. T O Day +Office open for uniform sales	Fri 29 Jan 2021
3. Auckland Anniversary Holiday	Mon 1 Feb 2021
4. School opens for students	Tues 2 Feb 2021
5. Waitangi Day Holiday	Mon 8 Feb 2021
6. School Picnic	Wed 10 Feb 2021
7. Learning Discussions 3.15 -5.30pm	Mon 29 Mar 2021
1.30-6.30pm	Tues 30 Mar 2021



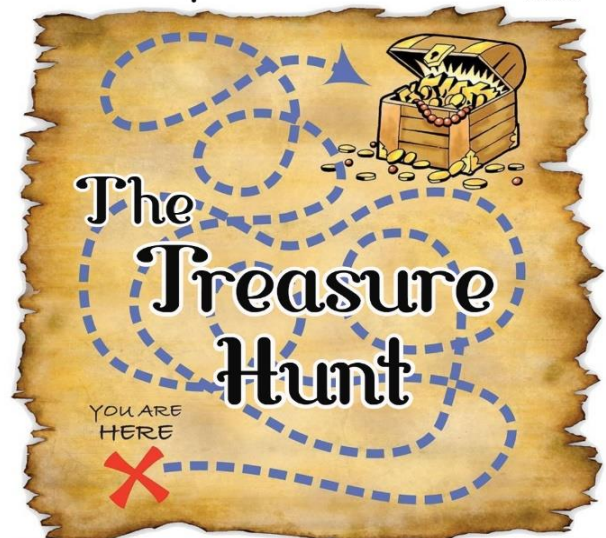
FREE EVENT
SANTA AT THE RAILWAY STATION
 Tuesday 22nd Dec.
 Starting 5.30 - 7.30

SANTA ARRIVING 6PM

BEST DECORATED BIKE AND SCOOTERS
 CHRISTMAS BAKING AND GIFTS FOR SALE
 MODEL RAILWAY OPERATING
 MINIATURE TRAINS DISPLAY ONLY
 SAUSAGE SIZZLE, COFFEE CART, LOLLY SCRAMBLE AND OTHER SURPRISES IN STORE

Mayor Ash will present prizes.

Once Upon a Christmas Dec 2020



Fri 11th, Mon 14th, Tues 15th & Wed 16th December

Morning shows - Times vary

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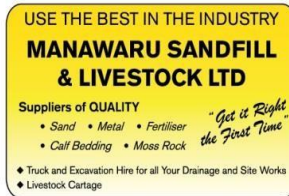
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