



# Te Rapa Primary School

An effective, quality full primary school (NE – Yr 8)

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**Newsletter**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**

**School Student Roll : 562**

*Currently Operating Under Alert Level 2 Protocols.....*

**WHAT'S HOT**

Sports Afternoons – For selected Year 7 & 8s  
2020 Phrase of the Year .... **BE KIND**  
Adult "Role Models" looking to step up to help our kids

**WHAT'S NOT**

COVID-19 : Continues to impact on our children here at school  
Some children making poor choices.  
Staying healthy – We must help ourselves, before we can help others

**COVID-19 Update**

The re-emergence of COVID in our country has made for a frustrating past few weeks. Reality bites hard, and our pride at being COVID free has taken a bit of a battering. Being a member of staff in a large city school is a challenging job even in good times, and we also know that being a mum and / or dad looking to support your family will also present lots of challenges too in these times of crisis. In earlier COVID times we were all feeling confident that we would see calmer waters ahead, and they did arrive, but unfortunately COVID has found its way back to us. At this point in late Term 3 we are ready for what could be a long struggle with COVID, and I know many Principals and their school staff are considering a variety of different strategies, so the situation doesn't get the better of them or their students. It is often our first instinct in times of crisis to want to continue to be the energetic, brave, take-charge leader, and I know my staff are also committed to serving their students in this way too. In meeting our professional obligations in this way we must appreciate that over the course of a long-term crisis it is simply impossible to be energetic and brave all of the time. Increasingly, it becomes hard to stop the mask slipping so that others might catch a glimpse of the real you. Behind the mask many of us are feeling increasingly exhausted, and we are being bombarded by the negativity of wall to wall COVID issues. The 2020 Phrase of the Year "**BE KIND**" is really important right now. I would encourage Te Rapa parents / carers to promote this at home whenever you can please. Children learn from the adults in their lives, so we all need to be supporting our young people so they see us modelling "BEING KIND" in everything we do. They then "copy cat" you when they are at home, and at school too.

**Quality Role Models..... at Home**

Remember that the mark of quality parenting isn't exercising some sort of machine-like heroism, rather it is your capacity to be authentic and real with your children. This means allowing them to see the "human" you. It is important that you reach out to them to seek and receive their support when you need it too. As adults we often overlook the importance of being honest and forthright with our children, and letting them know about the challenges ahead for you (parents / carers) and your family. Be selective with what you share, and simply acknowledge the strain and remind everybody that getting through this is about the ebb and flow of a good family team working in unison. Encourage "team work" at home and at school, so when a team member tires and falls back .... there are others who will step forward allowing that person to recharge. Remember we are all part of a team in everything we do (family, work, school etc), so you must participate in the ebb and flow too.

The collateral damage of COVID includes an unparalleled mental health and wellbeing challenge for all of us, and unfortunately it is not going to go away anytime soon. As parents / carers leading your family, and for us leading our school community, through this crisis will certainly last for many more months or perhaps even years. We must respond accordingly .... and

- we cannot continue to lead as though these are normal times ... for families, for work, or for schools etc).
- we must change the way we do things, so our contribution(s) to our family, work, school etc is sustainable.
- we must proactively slow down and plan to take the foot off the accelerator and give ourselves time to decompress and recharge.
- we must be sensitive to the needs of others, and make changes if things are not meeting the well-being needs of our people.
- we must anticipate the drain on our wall of resilience, and do the things needed to regularly top up the tank.

As a parent / carer please try to do little things to "look after yourself" and do things that are packed with lots of fun and humour which makes you (and others) smile because you cannot look after others if your well-being is compromised and you are not healthy. Let's be honest about the challenges we are all dealing with too, and look for ways to stay upbeat so we are all better placed to look after our children / families.

**Communication with School families re. COVID-19 Updates**

I will continue to do my very best to communicate as frequently as I can with our school's parent community. I would ask that you all continue to be well read .... even when it is information overload. I apologise now in advance for all the information we share coming from Wellington.

**Children / Families Less Fortunate**

We are seeing examples of children coming to our school feeling tired and feeling hungry, and because they are not feeling 100% they are more likely to be cold, frustrated, sad and also angry. They then make poor choices. The COVID-19 pandemic is having an effect on us all, and this includes our children. As I reported in the last newsletter some children are doing things that we might not normally expect of them. We acknowledge that it is a stressful time for many of our Te Rapa families, and we know that any pressures experienced at home will transfer into the school too. Please be positive, and please look for opportunities to support each other rather than communicate "negativity" to someone else. We need to be of help, and not a hindrance, so think about what you say and how you say it .... before you comment.

**Reminder to all Te Rapa Primary School Students**

DON'T FORGET it is **Fathers' Day** on Sunday. Well done to all of our dads and grandfathers out there. You are all appreciated.

## Te Rapa H.E.A.R.T

REMINDER - Our focus for Weeks 7 & 8 is “**Respect**”. Parents / carers are asked to explain ‘respect’ to your children and / or have them explain it to you. Set goals which include “**showing respect to others**”. Our students are being encouraged to show respect here at school in a variety of ways. Please help us at home by actively promoting all of our 5 x **Te Rapa HEART** values.

### A Student Leader’s Voice

#### *What is student leadership to me ?*

Student leadership is guiding and supporting others down the right path, and helping to build up my peers and to be the bigger person. Te Rapa actively fosters and grooms us all to become future leaders by encouraging us to be the best version of ourselves and offering a variety of leadership opportunities such as Student Council, House Leadership and many more. I believe Te Rapa instils school pride by always reminding us to strive for excellence, to be the best we can be and to believe in ourselves. I enjoy attending Te Rapa Primary School because everyone is really helpful and very supportive, and I also enjoy the variety of opportunities that my school has to offer.

By **Kayleigh** Yr 8 R.19 **Student Council**

*Student leadership to me is setting a good example for others to follow and helping them be the best they can, even if you need to be firm. Showing leadership is not always around others. Being a leader requires strength, and knowing when to have a little fun without crossing the line. Leadership is a privilege and requires lots of responsibility. Te Rapa is always helping young adults to become capable future leaders giving us independent tasks, and some challenging tasks too. Doing these rewarding roles / jobs helps us grow as a person. I think Te Rapa gives me school spirit by teaching me Te Rapa's values (HEART) and giving me an opportunity to be part of this. I love attending my school because of all the kind and respectful people that also attend. It makes it a fun place to learn and grow. Te Rapa is very inclusive and holds lots of events for many different types of people to showcase their talents.*

By **Tara** Yr 8 R.20 **Student Council**

Student leadership to me is being able to adapt to a variety of different situations and notice when people are sad or confused, and being able to help and support them. Leadership is also being able to be empathetic, kind and trustworthy. Student leaders are supported at Te Rapa Primary School to actively set a good example that others can and should follow, so they too can one day guide, advise and influence their peers in positive ways.

By **Arden** Yr 8 R.18 **Student Council**

*Student leadership is being a good role model to younger kids and encouraging them to be future leaders. Te Rapa fosters us to be future leaders by always having leadership opportunities for us such as Student Council, House Leaders and more. Te Rapa instils school pride by encouraging all 5 x values of H.E.A.R.T (honesty, excellence, aroha, respect and teamwork) actively. I enjoy attending Te Rapa because all my peers and teachers have always been so supportive to me.*

By **Jack** Yr 8 R.19 **Student Council**

### Police Officers – Random Visits to Te Rapa Primary School

Earlier this week we hosted 2 x Police Officers who had taken up my personal invitation to stroll through our school grounds and to engage with students. This is an opportunity to “shoot some hoops” with the children, play handball or simply walk and talk to students. I initiated these visits because I value “positive policing”. There is a lot to be gained by having uniformed Police Officers engaging in a positive way with children during morning tea or lunchtime, or in classrooms too. Our main focus is to allow students to talk with Police, and to ask respectful questions about their community role. Officers then educate our young people and explain how they do their job. Hosting **Constable Thomas** and **Constable Mario** this week was great, and they have both confirmed they will return again soon. They are welcome anytime, and it would be great to one day have **Police Education Officers** reinstated so they are regularly in and out of our schools once again.

#### Road Safety

It's also valuable when Police Officers patrol the roads in the afternoons to make sure drivers are not travelling too fast when we have children out and about at 3pm. They are also keen to talk to any identified drivers who are not making good decisions re. parking / road rules.

### World Car Free Day Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 *What can you and your family do to support this initiative ?*

The Council “Transportation” Team are promoting **World Car Free Day**. They want to get parents / carers involved. Previous experience shows that the schools that do get involved really notice the difference when they encourage parents to mix it up and go car free for the day, even if they have to bring their car they can park further away and their children can walk the last bit. This is called “park and stride”. Car Free Day also ties in well to an initiative that Sport Waikato are also going to run with schools in November that they are calling **MOVE**ember.

### STOLEN – Scooters and Bicycles

There have been reports of local Hamilton schools being targeted by thieves who are sneaking onto a school's site to steal scooters / bikes. Last Term a student from our school had their scooter stolen. I am pleased to report that Police did respond and did investigate. Through the school newsletter Te Rapa parents / carers are regularly reminded about teaching your child how to secure their scooter / bike to the racks that our school provides. Items will be safe if the item is locked up, and it is secured correctly. It was disappointing when Mr Turner recently informed me that there are still “unlocked” scooters in our racks. Parents / carers are reminded again that if your child is scootering or cycling to school then please provide them with a lock, teach them how to do the lock-up correctly too and ensure they remember to lock-up each day.

Lost Property Mums & Dads ... Please name your child's clothing, and also encourage your children to have a look regularly too.

Term 3 Ends : Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 : Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Thank you for your continued support of Te Rapa Primary Waikato Top School 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019  
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V W Franklin (Principal) and Staff

## New Zealand's Histories: Curriculum Update

You may be aware that the government has proposed changes to an aspect of the Social Science Curriculum.

In the Social Sciences Learning Area of The New Zealand Curriculum, students learn about how societies work and how people can participate as critical, active and informed citizens. Students explore the unique bicultural nature of New Zealand society that derives from the Te Tiriti o Waitangi. They learn about people, places, cultures, histories, and the economic world, within and beyond New Zealand.

Continuity and Change, one of four conceptual strands in this learning area, focuses on students learning about the past and present to help them imagine possible futures. The proposal is that this strand is updated to explicitly include New Zealand's histories.

Once the updates to the curriculum are known, existing supports will be reviewed and an implementation package with teaching and learning resources will be developed ready for the 2022 school year. The timeline for change within this Learning Strand was supposed to begin this year and continue throughout 2021.

There have been inevitable delays due to Covid-19. As a school, we await any further updates from the Government with regard to learning about the changes, or contributing to what teaching and learning will look like.

I will keep you updated as we receive more from the Ministry of Education.

Christine Troon  
Deputy Principal  
Curriculum Leader

## Information Technology (Devices and Computer) Update

**Every Year 5 - 8 student at Te Rapa Primary School has a School Google Account which is set up in Google Administrator.** The purpose of this is to allow students to use the Google Apps for Education (Email, Docs, Slides etc) to support their learning.

Please note that even though it is a school account, when used outside of school hours on a home internet connection ***the schools government supplied web content filtering does not apply.*** You may wish to contact your Internet Service Provider to see what web content filtering they may be able to provide.

Students are being reminded that there is a minimum age (13 years old) to have a ***personal Google account outside of School***.

Key messages/reminders around device and computer use at school will be shared in upcoming newsletters. These key messages/reminders are also being shared through our student notices.

Thanks  
IT Curriculum Team

# Oxford Pie Fundraiser

Thank you to all our Netball and Hockey families here at Te Rapa Primary School and our other families who got behind the Oxford Pie Fundraiser.

We were lucky enough to raise just over \$2200 for Hockey and Netball here at Te Rapa Primary School. We will now look to purchase uniforms and equipment that is needed here at Te Rapa Primary School.

A big thank you to Belinda Munster for organising this and to the wonderful group of parents who gave up their day on Thursday 6th August to help sort all of the orders. Your help is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the following families and children who were our Top Sellers and received base vouchers.

Top Family Sellers: Addisyn and Braydi

Second Top Family Sellers: Jessica and Aimie

Top Individual Seller: Jamie



## Year 7 and 8 Syndicate

Our Syndicate Speech Finals were held with a smaller live audience than usual and via Google Meet on Tuesday 18 August 2020.

Congratulations to all the students who qualified for the syndicate final. The judges were extremely impressed with the standard of the speeches this year and the variety of well researched and humorous topics.

Also a huge thank you to our speech judges for giving up their time to judge our speeches.

Congratulations to the following students:

### Year 7

1st Kiana  
2nd Hannah  
3rd Ryan

### Year 8

1st Disha  
2nd Makenzie  
3rd Grace

Disha, Kiana and Ryan have now all qualified to represent Te Rapa at the Waikato Full Primary School Regional Speech Finals on September the 10th at Vardon School.  
Good luck we know that you will all do Te Rapa proud.

# Year 3 & 4 Syndicate Poetry Recital

On Wednesday the 19th August the Year 3 & 4 Syndicate held their annual Poetry Recital... with a few adaptations. There were still plenty of laughs, a supportive audience and of course a few nervous performers.

## Results:

### Year 3 Boys:

1st—Jack R 8

2nd—Quentin R 8

3rd—Brodie R 7

### Year 4 Boys

1st— Liam R 11

2nd= Isaac R 8 & Tamati R 7

3rd —Max R 8

### Year 3 Girls:

1st—Ellie R 9

2nd —Amelia R 9

3rd— Mya R 7

### Year 4 Girls

1st— Hope —R11

2nd— Sienna —R 8

3rd— Melissa —R11

**A big thank you to our wonderful judges, Mrs Franklin and Mrs Baucke .**

# THANK YOU !

A massive thank you to Belinda and Eamonn Munster for purchasing Hoodies for four of our Netball teams here at Te Rapa Primary School.

Our top two Year 7/8 teams are proudly wearing their new hoodies, as are the Year 5 and Year 6 teams.

Lucky for us Netball has started again at Level 2 so all teams can make the most of having these this year.

Some pictures below of our teams in their new hoodies!





# Mathethon 2020



We have now had our Mathethon Challenge week and we are gathering sponsorship money or donations to our fundraiser!

Many students have already returned their sponsorship or donated money this week. Thank you:) The PTA are busy counting and collating this for us.

**Remember that there are syndicate, class and spot prizes to be won.**

**What is happening now?**

Students are using their sponsorship forms to collect money and return the money they have raised to school.

**What if I have lost my sponsorship form?**

Students can still return the money they have gathered from sponsors. Parents/ Caregivers please write amount earned on the envelope and sign this.

Our aim is to raise enough money to buy lots of new digital technologies to make learning exciting in many areas of the curriculum.

Please bring back your sponsorship by 11th September so that we can organise prizes and be able to tell our community how much we have raised together!



Thank you for supporting your children to learn their basic facts and to fundraise for their school.  
PTA and the Technology Curriculum Team

# SPORTS RESULTS

## Netball Results

Te Rapa Ravens vs St Peter's Red  
Te Rapa Magic vs St United 8B  
Te Rapa Magic vs Puketaha Pulse  
Te Rapa Raiders vs Saints United Y8 Gold  
Te Rapa Ravens vs St Peters Blue  
Te Rapa Raiders vs RHS 8 Stars

## Result

Loss 2-29  
Win 17-7  
Win 13-7  
Loss 3-9  
Draw 5 all  
Loss 2-15

## Player of the Day

Jada  
Jessie  
Disha  
Aleeya  
Addisyn  
Jana

## Fairplay

Isla  
Disha  
Emma  
Tara  
Vikili  
Olivia

## Hockey

Te Rapa Titans vs HS Tigers

Draw 2 all

Connan

Kayleigh

**EAT TO ENERGIZE**

**SMART SWAPS FOR HALF TIME**

Muesli bar, Half banana, Lollies, Small handful of dried fruit, Sports Drinks, Water

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**EAT TO ENERGIZE**

**AFTER SPORT: RECOVERY**

30-60mins after sport – refuel with a snack that includes GO foods to replace energy and GROW foods with protein to help your muscles recover.

CHEESE & CRACKERS, 1/2 PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH, SMOOTHIE

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## Community Notices

**Hamilton BMX Club** - We are excited to organise a strider challenge: phase 1 virtual event to share your pics of your balance bike riders & phase 2 21st March 2021 @ 11am at our track. Club Nights ready to start as soon as our alert level changes 2nd September. Open Days 13th & 20th September 11am to 2pm. Book a visit/track - our club would love to share our sport with you & come & visit your site. 2020 Membership Promo - huge savings to be able to join a new family sport! Phone 027 3407 120 or email [hamiltonbmx@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hamiltonbmx@xtra.co.nz) for further information.

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**It's School Holiday Time!! 28 September to 9 October 2020** - Bring the kids along to have a fun filled time with our awesome staff. We have loads of fantastic activities planned. Hamilton Girls' High, Southwell & Te Totara Schools in Hamilton & St Peter's Catholic School in Cambridge. We are OSCAR/WINZ Approved. Programme and bookings [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) Email: [waikato@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:waikato@kellysports.co.nz) Phone Kim or Mark 07 839 9017

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