

## Firewood Donated by Centre Point Engineering

A Tapawera based firm, Centre Point Engineering (CPE), recently took an opportunity to supply some local families in need with some free firewood. Company Director, Andrew McPhillips, said 'with the cost of living going up, especially the price of fuel, many local families are struggling to buy wood for the winter, some are finding it hard just to put food on the table'. Andrew decided to instigate a post on the local community Facebook page, offering locals the chance to nominate either themselves or someone they know to receive some free wood. The response was quite overwhelming.

Della Webby, CPE Office Manager, said 'it is sad that there are so many people in need and unfortunately we were not in a position to help everyone'. However, after she talked with a local farmer, David Moulder, he decided he would also like to help and matched the CPE offer of free wood. Together, the team have supplied eight local families with \$300 worth of gum firewood each. Della would also like to acknowledge locals Kevin Stratford and Joyce Cossgrove, who supplied the wood, with Kevin delivering it for no charge.

If anyone would like to order some dry gum firewood from Kevin, he can be reached on 022 429 8970.

Photos of some of the recipients receiving their free firewood:



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## Motueka Catchment Collective March update and Gravel Zoom

Because of Covid, our next general informative gathering will be done as a Zoom. It's on Monday 11th April at 7pm and is on the topic of gravel. It follows from the recent research done by TDC on gravel, particularly in the upper catchment area, and concerns raised by members at the meeting that we had on flooding. If you are on the Collective's database and get our monthly updates, you will receive the link to join the meeting. If you want to receive the regular updates, please email [motcatchment@gmail.com](mailto:motcatchment@gmail.com) to receive it. We only send out around two emails a month so you don't get bombarded. We will also post details for the meeting on the new [tapaweracommunity.nz](http://tapaweracommunity.nz) website that has been established by Tapawera Connect. We are looking to have a webpage there that covers what is happening in the upper part of the catchment, i.e. above Woodstock, and linking to the wider Collective activities.

Kate Radloff is running a small propagation group near Tapawera with a few local farmers who are keen to grow their own locally-sourced native plants. If you are interested because you have native bush or riparian areas on your land and would like to do the same, feel free to get in touch with her on [richkate73@gmail.com](mailto:richkate73@gmail.com). We also want to kick off the thematic forestry group fairly soon on a more organised basis. If anyone has a strong desire to be part of that group, please email [motcatchment@gmail.com](mailto:motcatchment@gmail.com). Since much of our catchment is in forestry, whether conservation land or exotic plantation, and with sediment flows out to the estuary of high concern not to mention slash & debris in floods, then having a specific group for the Collective focused on forestry is important. It's also not too long before those interested to plant trees this winter need to be turning their minds to the preparations for that.

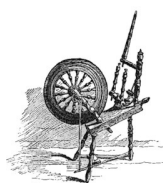
Work is ongoing behind the scenes with the Collective's action plan and developing a survey that can provide good baseline information for funding and support for initiatives. Members of the Collective and Tapawera Connect have also been working together to seek support for tackling the Old Man's Beard (OMB) and weed issue around Shedwood Bush which is a problem that needs to be tackled sooner rather than later. It would be a great shame if the remnant podocarp forest were to become invaded by OMB. There are few areas around our locality that people can so easily

visit forest like Shedwood Bush with all the mature matai, other trees and birdsong. The Collective is also hopeful of gaining some tree seedlings for planting this winter by members besides more local efforts to eco-source & propagate our own. But as experience has shown, invasive weeds are a big problem for new & riparian plantings and a key concern already identified. OMB is an issue that the Collective wants to address in a far-sighted and collaborative manner that will take time and effort to develop, and it will need significant resources.

In the meantime, we all keep pushing on with efforts to make positive changes in what are challenging times, both for us as people and for our wider environment!



Photo of native seedlings potted up by Propagation group members



## Tapawera Creative Fibre

Autumn is truly upon us, colder mornings and evenings, hot as thru the day, 2 changes of clothes. Well it is what it is. Creative Fibre is marching ahead doing what we do, knitting, spinning, stitch work etc. In the last week the group has made felted journal covers, many thanks to Janet for her expertise in this area. Coming up we have a lunch at Flat Rock Kohatu, a visit to Milly Mac, and hopefully a visit from Mike Keeves to check out our spinning wheels.

Within our Covid environment we are very conscious of keeping our members safe, while we welcome new members we are aware that we need to stay safe, so if you would like to come along and join us, please stay home if you are unwell, or if you are in the very vulnerable category please be aware of the Government Guidelines. Otherwise, no matter if you knit, spin, sew, do metalwork, woodwork or whatever come and have a yak, a cuppa and some congenial catch up. We are at the Memorial Hall 10am to whenever on Wednesday.

Cheers Dallas

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### 1/ 5th Anniversary of Tapawera Local Internet

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As with any undertaking there were some initial teething problems, but we managed to overcome them one way or another.

### 2/ Endless Upgrades to here.

The principal activity between 2017 and 2021 was to upgrade the tower electrical systems, and replace the initial bearers (tower to tower links) radios with a much more powerful set of radios from a different manufacturer.

And an endless round of adding customers, which typically means installing another tower radio, a customer radio set, and a customer router, and set the wifi up.

A radio tower picture



This picture is indicative of how the towers are constructed. This actual tower is at the top of the NED, between Blenheim and Awatere Valley.

### Customers

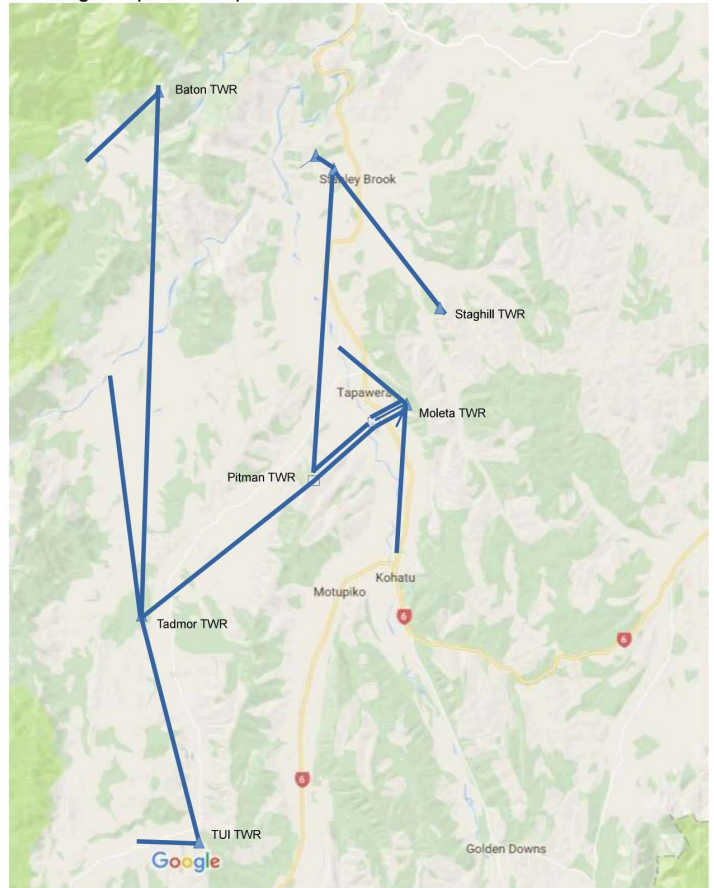
The Tapawera network is open to anyone who wishes to join. The installation cost is \$195, the customer router costs \$79, and the service fee is \$60 for an unlimited data service and the speed is typically 15-20Mbps.

Send email to [sales@pwls.co.nz](mailto:sales@pwls.co.nz) or a txt to 022 623 8430 if you are interested in joining.

### Christmas 2021.

Crown Infrastructure Holdings, with significant coercion from a new customer, kindly made a financial contribution to a new tower located at TUI, and this provided the impetus to also upgrade the electrics and aerials on the Tadmor tower. In turn customer access was upgraded within the Matariki valley and the Baton Valley.

### Coverage Map of the Tapawera Network



### March 2022

A large network upgrade is due to be installed on March 23rd 2022. For the first time ever, the network will have some spare capacity to accommodate more customers, and upgrade the speed of all the existing customers

The technical details are that the two 100Mbps circuits at the school become 2 x 1000Mbps, and the network (currently split into two networks) will be split into 5 networks, each of which has twice as much bandwidth as each of the two previous networks.

It should be noted that when the network was originally built, the intention was to support Chromebook use at the school, email, web page access. In 2021/2022 this usage has mutated to include watching video, tv programs etc etc. To suggest that this change of use has added to the network load is a mild understatement.

### Acknowledgments

Power Wireless acknowledges the help and kindness of the Moleta Family, Alan Pitman, Stonefly Lodge, the Mead Family, the Rowe family, the Green Family, Baton Run Horse Treks and various other people without whom this network would not have been possible by permitting towers on their property. I thank them all.

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## Senior Snippets - Karen Carleton Tapawera Connect

Hello everyone, I hope this finds you all well and coping with our challenging times. Hopefully by the time you read this we would have had Mary-Anne Hardcastle come and speak to us at Tea and Talk on Advanced Care Plans.

This month's Tea and Talk, on April 26th at the Memorial Hall is with a guest speaker Drew Gordan. Drew is a Health and Disability Advocate for the Tasman region. Drew will give a presentation on the services he can provide, he's especially keen on ensuring vulnerable groups including Seniors know their rights when receiving health and disability services. Along with supporting consumers of these services with complaints to providers, Drew also provides education on the 10 rights in real world terms and what his field is all about.

Hope to see you all there.

For further information you can contact me on 5224492 evenings or email me on [forsythgully@gmail.com](mailto:forsythgully@gmail.com)

Kind regards Karen Carleton - Senior Well Being Connector

## Senior Community Profile

This month's Senior Community Profile is another long standing local of Stanley Brook and whom many will know, Introducing Mr Vivian Barker.



## How did you come to be living in the Tapawera/districts community?

I was born here and never honestly found a better place to live. Both my parents were born in Stanleybrook. In fact the Barker Farm has been in the family for over 100yrs.

## Whilst living in Stanleybrook, what has your life looked like?

For income, mainly farming, I also drove for Kirbies for a couple of years as well. Family and all that involves, is a big part of your life events. My late wife Susan and I raised four

children, two of whom still live in Stanleybrook. The farming part of my life wasn't always easy. Within farming over my years there has been a lot of hard work for poor returns. There were a lot of struggles at times, but we got there and survived.

## What do you enjoy most about our Tapawera district?

Being involved in the community, when you're farming you're very involved in what's going on, with economics, weather, politics, and this is over the whole country, right down to the community level. I've enjoyed my farming career making many very good friends. You share your ups and downs, and you learn to make work into social activities as well.

## What challenges have you faced living in the Tapawera district?

Stanleybrook and its droughts. It was always known that if there was a very dry spell, it was bound to be driest in Stanleybrook or Dovedale. Also poor returns in farming have sometimes been a big struggle on many levels.

## What would you like to achieve with the rest of your life?

"I won't be buying any long-playing records!"

## If there was one piece of advice you would give to your younger self, what would that be?

Get on and enjoy life, because it doesn't last that long!

## Lastly, do you have a favourite recipe, quote or person you admire you could share with us?

Quotes

"Endeavour to persevere"

"Growing old is not for the faint hearted"

Person "Donald Trump, because the world badly needs him!"





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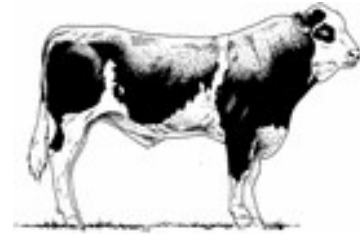
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## Golden Bush Garden Club

Well hello everyone. We've been having some beautiful weather throughout most of February and March. I hope those of you who have been hunkered down trying to avoid, or coping with, COVID have been able to enjoy your gardens and environs.

Even those of you who have kept the world turning, going out to work each day, I hope you've had 'down time' to unwind and enjoy this stunning start to Autumn.

I know the weather has been lovely, as I've been like a 'winged duck' this last month, stuck indoors mainly, propped up and unable to get about as I learn to manage a moonboot and crutches. Whatever you do, be careful what you wish for! I'd been wanting a 'break' from my usual work routine that doesn't allow for 2 or 3 day weekends even. I had visions of wandering gardens and beaches refreshing my soul in the great outdoors for a couple of weeks. While my employer hasn't been approving leave for several months this 'break' overrode their decisions....and my imaginings! It has been a blessing in many other ways, though hubby might not think so, despite him stepping up pretty well in the role of 'go-fer' and 'dinner-man'. Hopefully he will have a new appreciation for just what I normally do around the house and that things like the clothes don't actually wash, dry, fold and put themselves away; nor does the kitchen have a 'self-clean' function, much to my own disappointment?!

Anyhoo, while there has been much interest in when Garden Club will resume, the Committee is still concerned that too many of us are vulnerable, health-wise, to the Omicron virus that is spreading and growing in the community currently. In that light, the decision has been made to remain in recess for another month or so until things settle down. We appreciate that many of you are missing the social interaction as well as the chance to get out and about. I TOTALLY get that! When the time comes we will have to really celebrate and make up for lost time. Stay tuned.

Cheers,  
Janine Leeden



## Library news

You know it's not easy thinking of something new to write about our lovely library every month when all I really want to say is 'Come and see for yourself'.

We have such a good selection of books for adults, fiction non-fiction, autobiographies, local history, magazines including the latest Consumer if you want to check out an appliance before purchasing.

Our new Richmond collection is on the shelves now and our young adult's books make good reading for adults as well as teenagers. We have quite a range of books regarding the problems young people can face in their teen years, these can be very informative for parents too.

You can go to our website [nz.accessit.online/TPW00](https://nz.accessit.online/TPW00) (last two digits are zeros) to see our whole library collections and even check your own or your children's issues if you ask us for the membership numbers,

The library will be closed for 2 weeks following Easter opening on the 2nd May, we haven't found it worthwhile trying to open during these short holidays but anyone wanting access to the library is welcome to call me on 0272625289 and we can arrange a time to open.

If you are new to the district do come and say hello, you will find us behind the tennis courts at the school.

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Website as above.

Laree for the library team



## Update from Tapawera Connect:

**Community Website:** [tapaweracommunity.nz](https://tapaweracommunity.nz)

Have you checked out the new community website? There is lots of information there including a digital version of the Informer, Covid Support information, the TDCC community grant application form, and listings of many groups and services. We used the Informer as the basis for most of the listings, so chances are if you advertise or are listed here, you are on the website too. Please help us keep this website up to date and awesome by sending through any changes using the 'Get Involved' form at the bottom of the home page, or the 'Get listed' form at the top of the business listings page.

**Community Led Development Programme Application:**

After running this by TDCC, and Eva from the Department of Internal Affairs, we've sent off our community application. We'll keep you posted on progress.

Thank you to all of our wonderful community members for making this place an awesome and inspiring place to be!

**Mountain Bike Track building coordinator needed**

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### **Acting Principal's Comment**

*Ngā mihi nui E whānau*

#### **Covid 19**

*What we are doing:*

- School will remain open
- We have appropriate public health measures and cleaning procedures in place

**Swimming Sports** Thank you to all of the students who took part in these last week. The students did their very best, and it was so lovely to see other students give them encouragement and support.

Our school has been fortunate to have **experts in the school** to work with our students.

*Maihi: Kapa Haka*

*Sam Dempster: Basketball*

*Dustan Emms-Healy: Cricket*

*Cooper Grant: Baseball*

*Jamiee McDonald St Johns (First Aid Skills)*

*Leslie & Lily: Kōhine Māia Co-design (Year 7-13 girls)*

**Parent-Teacher Interviews** These will be face to face in teachers' classrooms, 9th March

**Curriculum** Our focus for the next few weeks will be on assessment and judgements on where our students are in Reading, writing, and math. We must get this baseline data to measure it again at the end of the year to see if there is an improvement.

*Ka Kite ano*

*Angela Sloane*

#### **Other School News**

Keywords for 2022 FIRE

Friendship, Integrity, Respect, Effort

Term 1 Friendship

**Creatives in Schools** Marion Townsend will be released from her class (Thursdays) to work with all year 0-8 students and our local artist (carver), Tim Wraight, on a school project! Exciting!!

The Progressive Achievement Tests (**PATs**) were recently done to assess students' mathematics, listening comprehension, Punctuation and grammar, reading comprehension, and reading vocabulary. PATs are a series of standardised tests explicitly developed in New Zealand schools.

**Good Lines of Communication** It is paramount that our students talk to their teachers (or an adult they trust) about events they are worried or concerned about happening at school. We can't help your children if we don't

know about issues. A few children are phoning home before asking for help at school. Please keep us in the loop.

**Hybrid learning** is where some students attend class in person, while others join class virtually from home. We know that covid will be in our school at some stage and we would like to be prepared for this.

Year 7 Immunisation and Year 8 HPV **Vaccine programme**

is happening soon.

Swimming Sports Champion! **Bronco Kennett-MacDonald** broke the 50 m Backstroke record with 59.10sec. David Hillerby held this in 1994 with 60.32secs.

**School Uniform** is terrific when there is a name on gear as it just boomerangs back to the child.

Check out our **new Facebook** page. It has the school FIRE logo and the snowy hills as a backdrop. Check it out and 'like' our page.

Parents, caregivers and Community people can download the **Skool Loop app** on your Android or Apple device and tick the boxes that are relevant to you. An excellent place to get the school newsletter hot of the press!!

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### **Acting Principal's Comment:**

*Kia Ora*

*It was fantastic to see so many of our Senior students (Year 6-13) taking part and dressing up at our **Athletics Day**. It was a great atmosphere out there, and the weather certainly helped. I especially enjoyed seeing so much participation from students and the support they were giving each other.*

*Thank you to all parents/students who came to our recent **teacher interviews**. We had a great turnout, and keeping up the positive dialogue between home and school is so vital for our tamariki to succeed in all aspects of their education.*

*On the **Covid-19 news** – we have a few households isolating.*

*Our **bus monitors** received training last week with the Police Education Officer, and then all bus students were spoken to regarding behaviour and safety. Thanks to **Wadsworth Motors** for providing a bus for us.*

*The Year 10 students will be starting their **Careers Unit** (for ten weeks). The Ministry of Education pays the cost of this as it is a trial.*

*Ngā Mihi*

*Angela Sloane*

#### **Other School News**

Over the following, a few newsletters members will include an update of Board of Trustee news. Please remember that Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month in the school staffroom commencing at 5.45 pm. You are all more than welcome to come along and observe a meeting in progress.

**The Kids Can Charitable Trust** works to help New Zealand kids living in poverty through various programmes. They provide food, socks, shoes and raincoats. We applied for these items for some of our families last year.

If you have any available, we are after some **old golf balls**- as they just seem to disappear when you are learning to play golf. Contact the school office.



**Room 6 Rubbish audit with Mrs Strawbridge**

For five days last week, we collected all our classroom waste. Our audit taught us that Landfill is our biggest problem. Our actions are that we have a Worm Farm almost up and running once our research is completed. This week, we focus on only having the classroom lights on when it is dark.

**GOALS FROM OUR RUBBISH AUDIT**

**FOOD SCRAPS:**

- 1. Use a Worm Farm for our food scraps

**LANDFILL:**

- 1. To have fewer landfills by asking our adults not to pack landfill packaging in lunch boxes

**PAPER:**

- 1. Reuse paper that is only partly used
- 2. Make GOOSE pads

Rooms 6 and 7 work with Kate Radloff and Sharon Rogers to establish a **Weta Garden** at school. Last year we planted our first small trees. We have produced new seedlings in the previous two weeks and watered and mulched the previous year's plantings.

The Year 9s Textiles are working on a **personal storage item** made from post-consumer materials. They are making use of scrap fabric and diverting it from the Landfill!

Year 8 Food Tech has been doing some excellent Mahi this term, **making healthy fast food**. They made wedges, salsa and popcorn chicken!

**Chess Club** in the library is going from strength to strength, and we believe we are seeing improvements in our more regular members.

**Room Six are selling Sunflower Seeds**. Our seeds are organic and edible. 12 bases in a package \$2.00 each or 2 for \$3.00

Under restrictions, we managed to hold our full **Athletics House** match on a warm and sunny Wednesday. A small group of students had taken part in the 3000m, triple jump and 1500m, which was dominated by Tadmor, with a bit of help from James Snackers in the colours of Motupiko.

There were several fine performances on the day, mainly from James Snackers and Zoe Dixon in the middle distance runs and Bronco Kennet-Macdonald in the sprints. There was an exemplary attitude shown by many students in their effort and support, and encouragement.

Sarah Jones broke two records of Tadmor in the U16 age group. She broke her record in the **Javelin** with a throw of 25.92m and in the **Discus** with 22.61m beating Melissa Shaw 21.42m in 2006.

The 4 x 100m Relays were well supported and were competitive. Tadmor won the girls' event whilst Motupiko won the boys' race.

In terms of the House Competition, this was dominated by Tadmor, who won both the Participation and Performance points with ease—finishing ahead of the Yellow house, who had been so dominant in the swimming event.



**Sarah Jones:** *I went into athletics just having my mindset on these two goals as I'd been practising for them, and that's all I wanted to achieve. So breaking them both was awesome.*

*Breaking the discus record was pretty cool, but I was not happy with my throw as during my practice, I was throwing another 5m on that. But still a good achievement.*

*For Javelin, it was excellent, as I had broken my record by a suitable 4m and was happy about that. I was delighted with my throw as I was not doing that good during practice.*

**Krystal Hickey Yr.13 Senior House Leader for Motupiko:**

*On 9th March, we had secondary Athletics during modules 1-6. The morning started with lovely sunny weather, perfect for an athletics day, but the weather began to be hotter. Athletics was a fantastic day as a House leader. I saw everyone try, and everyone made the day full of fun and gave every activity a go even when they were unsure. I enjoyed the 100 metre 16+ girls as I took part in a run at the end of the day and the relays as everyone was trying their best, and well done to the boys winning the relay for Motupiko! Extra help from all the great encouragement.*



BOT L to R Tania Coleman, Rosa Cameron (student representative) Denise Shellock (staff representative), Carolyn Ellis (Chairperson), Rewa Glasgow, Jess Paewai, Absent: Mark Radloff



**Swimming Sports: Stephen Haunch PE Teacher Event**

**organiser:** Tapawera Area School held the annual House Swimming competition on an untraditional overcast day. The event covers 25m and 50m events in the standard strokes plus an open Butterfly, Medley and Relay. Under mounting Covid restrictions and impact, the event incorporated age group competition in a supportive and friendly manner. There were several stand-out performances from Kiana Collins, U12 Girls and Bronco Kennett-MacDonald U12 Boys, the latter finishing close to several school records before finally breaking the 50m backstroke in a time of 59.10secs, breaking a record for the 10-11 Boys which had been held by David Hillerby since 1994.



**Kennett-MacDonald**

*There was excellent participation from Kasey Mitchell in the U12 girls and House leaders Sam Hatton and Matthew Koerve in the 16 plus age group. The event concluded with domination from the Motupiko House ahead of Tadmor and Baton in the boy's and girl's relay. This result reflected the overall House competition, comfortably won by Motupiko in participation and performance.*

**Angela Sloane Acting Principal** *I would like to congratulate Bronco for breaking a school record that was set 28 years ago by David Hillerby in 1994, in a time of 59:10sec in the 50 Metre Backstroke at our Secondary School swimming competition, what an outstanding achievement and I would also like to thank all of the staff over the years for keeping these records. I never knew that I had broken a record until after Bronco Kennett-MacDonald's event. I knew that I had won, but I wasn't sure of the time. It felt "good" achieving this.*

**From Previous Record Holder David Hillerby** *Congratulations Bronco. This makes me feel old. I always*

*enjoyed swimming sports but always thought Simon, my brother, was the fastest swimmer in the family, so it is good to know that my time has lasted this long. Hopefully, Bronco, you will get an email in 30 years telling you your record has just been broken, and it will bring back good memories of school sports for you too.*

**Sam Hatton Yr. 12 Senior House Leader for Tadmor:** *It was amazing to see many Tadmor kids swimming this year. I was fortunate enough to participate in every race available to me. This was an essential part of being a house leader because one of my goals was to be a role model by participating even when it's not my favourite activity. I was very proud as a house leader to see Tadmor students volunteering themselves when help was needed. Well done to those in the relays; they were very close!*

**Highlights of the Jam Fellas trip to Golden Bay:**

- \*Matt: I enjoyed going on the trip to Golden Bay. My highlight was surfing down the dunes at Anatori.
  - \*Cody: spending time with and getting to know everyone better.
  - \*Tylar: trying new things like climbing dunes
  - \*Francois: Looking around
  - \*Levi: the Farewell Spit trip because I hadn't been there before or on the bus. I liked seeing the lighthouse and going out on the dunes
  - \*Motu: The whole trip
  - \*Kath: The kayaking, the Salmon fishing and Farewell Spit.
  - \*Jude: Spending time with a group of cool dudes, watching them having lots of new experiences and going to new places.
- We had a ball on camp and have started saving for next year.  
Thank you, Camp Mother Kath and Gofer Motu, for helping us have such a fantastic camp. But enormous **thanks go to Judy Benjamin** for organising it.

A Camp Fundraiser, for sale Jams, Chutneys, Sauces, Relishes and Jellies at the school office. Reasonable prices too.

As told by  
Susan Fenemor, Teacher

**Girls Friday**  
If you are new to the area or would just like to have some social contact with locals, come and join us at the Tapawera Hotel on the last Friday of the month, 11am. It is purely social.

**Book Discussion Group**

Meet: 4th Thursday in month, 10am  
 Contact: Paula Davis ph. 5224341

**Federated Farmers**

Contact: Brent Hodgkinson  
 Ph. 5224381

**Golden Bush Garden Club**

Meet: 2nd Thursday of month  
 Contact: President, Kathy Whyte  
 5224550, or Shirley Percy 5224924

**Golf**

Meet: every Sunday, Ladies 9 hole  
 every Tuesday  
 Contact: Gary Oldham ph. 0278080578

**Historical Society**

Contact: Barbara Carleton ph. 5224317

**Informer**

PO Box 15 Tapawera  
 Email [tapawerainformergmail.com](mailto:tapawerainformergmail.com)

**Justice of The Peace**

Peter Phillips ph. 5224313  
 John Ellis ph. 5224239  
 Brent Hodgkinson ph. 5224381  
 Francine Currie ph. 5224245  
 Susan Fenemor ph. 0275224009 (text  
 during school hours)

**MENZSHED**

Contact: John Wilmshurst ph. 5224616

**Netball**

Contact: Susan Fenemor ph.  
 0275224009 (text during school hours)

**Ramblers**

Meet: each month  
 Contact: Shirley Percy ph. 5224924

**Shedwood Hall bookings**

Contact: Tania Higgins ph. 5224587

**St Andrews Church Stanley Brook**

Services every Sunday. Cup of tea  
 afterwards.  
 Contact: Lee Winter ph. 5224160

**St John Ambulance, Tapawera**

St John: ambulance – dial 111,  
 Contact: 0800 785 646 ext. 3227

**Tapawera Community Centre**

Bookings: Carolyn Ellis ph. 027 823  
 7247, email [tapaweraTDCC@gmail.com](mailto:tapaweraTDCC@gmail.com)

**Tapawera Creative Fibre**

Meet: every Wednesdays, Memorial  
 Hall, Tapawera  
 Contact: Dallas Robinson ph. 5224984

**Tapawera Dentokan Jujutsu Club**

Contact: Tony Hammersley ph. 5224609

**Tapawera Food Bank**

Contact: Suzzi Lankshear ph.  
 0277491063

**Tapawera Music/Country Music Club**

Meet: Alternate Sundays, Tapawera  
 Hotel 7:30pm  
 Contact: Elaine Douglas ph. 5418612

**Tapawera Op Shop**

Contact: Suzzi Lankshear ph.  
 0277491063

**Tapawera Playcentre**

Meet: Mon & Thur, 10am -12:30pm  
 Memorial Hall ph. 5224456

**Tapawera Rugby Football Club**

Bookings: ph. Judy Benjamin 5224445

**Tapawera Connect**

Contact: Phoebe Quinlivan ph. 021 211  
 6730 or 522 4929, email:  
[tapaweraconnect@gmail.com](mailto:tapaweraconnect@gmail.com)

**Tapawera Sport & Recreation Society**

Contact: Judy Benjamin ph. 5224445

**Tapawera Volunteer Fire Brigade**

Contact: Dean Millar Chief ph.  
 0279651399; Ted Oakly Deputy Chief  
 ph. 0210704033

**Tapawera & Districts Community Church**

Service: St. Peter's Tapawera. 2nd &  
 4th Sundays at 3pm  
 Contact: Church Office 03 541 8883  
 Vicar: Rev. Don Moses ph. 541 8883

**TAS / Community Library**

Mon, Wed & Thurs 9:30am-3:15pm,  
 Tues & Fri 10am-2:30pm. Contact:  
 Lareen Bonnington ph. 5224149  
 Library ph. 5224337/ext. 213

**Tapawera & District Community Council**

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of month,  
 7:30pm Tapawera Community Centre

**TESSI**

Contact: Bruce Whyte ph. 5224550

**Toy Library**

Open Monday & Saturday 10:30am-  
 11:30am Contact: Jan ph. 5224102

**Visual Arts Society Tapawera**

Contact: Dallas Robinson ph. 5224984

**What's on  
April**

- 11 Motueka Catchment Collective  
Zoom meeting, 7pm
- 19 TDCC monthly meeting,  
Community Centre, 7pm
- 20 Articles for Informer close 5pm
- 26 Tea and Talk, Memorial Hall  
10:00am - 11:30am. Guest  
speaker Drew Gordan, Health  
and Disability Advocate
- 29 Girls Friday, 11am, Tapawera  
Hotel

**GP & Nurse at  
Tapawera Clinic**

(during school term time):

**GP clinics** – Mondays  
9am – 12 midday

**Nurse clinic** – alternate  
Tuesday mornings - phone  
541 8911 for dates

\* *Do you have an event you  
would like listed in What's On?*

\* *Or a community group or  
organisation you would like  
included in the directory?*

If so, please email  
[tapawerainformergmail.com](mailto:tapawerainformergmail.com)