

MENZSHED

The Men's Shed was the venue for an informative Workshop organised by Tapawera Connect, one of several community Sunday Autumn Workshops.

Victor started off by talking about pallet labelling - various symbols, country of origin etc. Before deconstructing, he encourages a check for paint, oil, mould or insect contamination all of which could affect how you start the job of the intended finished product.

Then came deconstruction. Victor demonstrated a circular saw, jemmy and an angle grinder. Nails are a challenge - some will be grooved and glued making the job serious work. And cutting nails creates the risk of further tool damage if sanding or planing is part of the creation.

And talking of creations - many ideas can be found on Pinterest.

The workshop finished with a quick build of a table. Lots of opportunity for questions, ideas.

Thank you Tapawera Connect for organising the event and catering.



Victor on the job - with assistance



The finished table



Welcome from Peter (MENZSHED) Juliana (Tapawera Connect) and Victor.

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On the Monday (6th June) of Queens Birthday weekend we will not only be holding a 'queens birthday hat' competition, but also be serving High Teas for two at \$25 per person. (Bookings Essential).

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Tapawera On the Beat – May

Kia ora Tapawera,

It's been a fair while since I have written an article for the Informer, but I thought it was high time we started contributing again. I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the last of the fantastic autumn weather. I managed to get out to the lake for one last water ski – safe to say a wet suit was needed.

I took part in this year's Wakefield Anzac Day service. It was a privilege to lay a wreath on behalf of Police. It was encouraging to see so many people turn up to remember our fallen heroes. I attended with my wife Leah and children Max and Freya, along with Matt's family (Matt was away). It is great to be able to talk to them about Anzac Day and teach the next generation to appreciate what our freedom cost.

I always enjoy taking the time to ponder the sacrifice made by so many in order for us to have our freedom. I am reminded of the verse from John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for his friend's." From a personal point of view, I have two relatives on the Wakefield memorial, who both laid down their lives for our freedom.

Some hours after I finished up at Anzac Day, members of the Tapawera community would have heard and seen a lot of Police in the village. Without getting into too many details, myself and Senior Constable Peter Carmody were confronted by a person who threatened us with a large slasher. We cordoned the area off and the Armed Offenders Squad (AOS) and Police Negotiation Team (PNT) attended. After several hours this resulted in a successful negotiation with the offender who eventually surrendered themselves to Police. You often hear about the negative side of Police confronting offenders, but it was satisfying to be able to take charge of an incident that was resolved peacefully and safely. After a 16 hour day I can safely say I enjoyed a good night's sleep. A big thank you to the Tapawera Fire Brigade for allowing us to use their office during the event.

I have been working over this last weekend and am disappointed to say I have caught a 16, 17 and 19 year old, on separate occasions, driving with excess breath alcohol. I caught one of them driving through Wakefield at 108km/h in the 50km/h speed zone. I was absolutely gobsmacked to see such a speed and if someone had walked across the road it would most certainly have ended tragically. This trip earned the driver an instant 28 day loss of licence, \$200 fine/50 demerits and a date in court. Hopefully they might think twice about doing it again.

If you have a young person/adult in your house that is going out for the night, please make sure you have a conversation with them about how they are getting home. I am sure we can all agree that it is better to be woken up to pick them up than having a ride in the back seat of a Police car,

ambulance, or worst-case scenario a hearse.

In finishing we are often asked how people can report crime or get hold of us at Wakefield. We don't have a direct number, but you can call 105 and asked to be transferred to the on duty Wakefield officer. You can also email us at jamie.white2@police.govt.nz and matthew.berquist@police.govt.nz. Also remember if something is time sensitive and happening now call 111. If you are wanting to report something that has already happened you can report to 105.

Well that's it from me. Take care, look after each other and until next time be safe.

Constable Jamie White
Wakefield Police



Library News

A question for the adults out there. Do you try to fit changing your library books into a day's errands in town? Have you had a look at your local library yet? We are so lucky here in Tapawera, we have such a good community library. We have over two thousand books in our adult fiction section and people are so good at buying new books and then donating them to us and newflash, we don't charge to issue newer books.

Just this month a lovely lady donated over 20 really good up to date titles including authors such as JoJo Moyes, Liane Moriarty, Lucinda Riley, Philippa Gregory and Catherine Robertson. We have a great many thrillers, autobiographies and local history too. Our young adult fiction makes brilliant reading too. You really do need to come in and see for yourself. We realise that only being open school hours makes it hard for many people but you only need to call me on 0272625289 and we can arrange a time to open.

You can look at our catalogue on our webpage, just type in nz.accessit.online/TPW00, the last two digits are zeros.

Our Book Fair would have been on before this goes to print. This is always well attended.

We have storybook character dress up day on June 3rd, we're hoping to see some exciting costumes on this day.

If you are new to the community you will find the library behind the tennis courts at the school. Our hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30-3.15 and Tuesday and Friday 10-2.30.

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Strawman, Steelman.

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Have you been finding it harder to have conversations with some friends, family, and members of our community? Have you noticed disagreements making it harder to get along with people that you care about? Perhaps you have experienced the time-honored tradition of the Christmas fall out, where the family get together is ruined by a heated argument about politics or the hot topic of the day.

Some of the disagreement might be due to the common form of argumentation called straw-manning. This is where the views of an opposing position are misrepresented in usually one of two ways. The first way is when the actual views of someone or a group are deliberately replaced with something that is easier to dismiss. For example, Husband: "I don't think we need a cat." Wife: "You must like mouse poo in the pantry."

The second way is when little effort is made to understand the other person's point of view and is instead substituted with a caricature version of their view. For example, Wife: "I'd rather have a cat than a dog", Husband: "Why do you hate dogs?". Straw-manning is common among politicians, although it is seen almost anywhere where disagreement splits people into opposing camps.

An alternative form of argumentation is steel-manning, which is a relatively new term for an old practice from philosophy. In simple terms it means making the effort to represent a position that you disagree with accurately. Ideally, we would be able to express our understanding of their position back to them in a way they agree with. I have found that this does not happen naturally, it takes practice and patience. It makes sense that we try to understand what we disagree with, otherwise how do we know we disagree with it? Unfortunately, this is not the way we tend to think. We tend to put ideas and people we disagree with in a box labelled wrong or stupid, which can affect how we engage with them.

The next time you are having a difficult conversation try using the Steelman technique:

1. Pay careful attention to what is really being said. Really listen.
2. Ask for clarification of the bits you don't understand.
3. See if you can say it back to them in a way they agree with.
4. Point to similarities in your views and explain why you see it differently.
5. Pat yourself on the back for having a difficult conversation without ruining your relationship.

In general, this approach will help you maintain and improve relationships with people in your life you disagree with. It also has the benefit of clarifying and refining your own ideas. This technique also increases the chances of your conversation partner listening to your point of view.

Now compare this to straw-manning:

1. Ignore what is really being said.
2. Substitute what was said with an idea that is related but silly or previously dismissed.
3. Defeat the silly idea.
4. Claim victory over what was really said.
5. Rub their nose in it by doing a little victory dance.

It's easy to fall into straw-manning as, it takes little thought or effort and gives the short-lived satisfaction of appearing to win an argument. Steel-manning is not a magic bullet and is less effective with fanatics. It is a technique that helps to unlock honest dialogue while improving relationships with people you disagree with.

Suggested further reading:

Bad Arguments and How to Avoid Them, Farnam Street Media Inc <https://fs.blog/bad-arguments/>



What a celebration to be back together enjoying the outdoors this Autumn at Penny Lane Plants in Wakefield. It is a beautiful setting and we enjoyed ourselves so much that we have booked to return there for our October meeting so we can explore their stunning potager garden and nursery when at their blooming best. It won't hurt that we'll be in the mood to be purchasing some of their quality plants to add to our own gardens at that time of year! We were also spoiled with a lovely morning tea provided by a few of our members.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 9th June, at the **new regular time of 11am at Willowbank Heritage Village**, 79 Wakefield-Kohatu Highway, Wakefield.

There will be plenty of parking at the entrance and we will hold the meeting in the church (which has a limited number of spaces – approx.30, so some may not fit inside for the meeting). Our host, Christine, will welcome us and introduce us to the location. After the meeting we will have the opportunity to step back in time and explore numerous shops and other heritage displays of a bygone era.

You will need to bring your mask for the meeting space, a cup, your lunch, money for the raffle and auction, as well as any contributions for the auction. (Plenty of seating available there so no need to bring a chair).

See you there,

Janine

Secretary

Tapawera

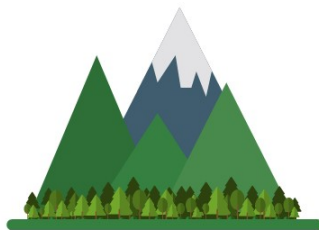
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We are very excited and fortunate to have three new coordinators on the team working for our community!

Introducing our new Youth Coordinator: Paul Johnson

Paul is a local community Youth Worker from Motueka.

He is excited to be running the Youth Programme with Tapawera Connect and offering meaningful and fun activities for the young people to engage in on Friday nights.

For the past two years Paul has delivered the Mates and Dates Healthy Relationship programme at Tapawera Area School and has really enjoyed it. Paul is looking forward to developing relationships and assisting mental health and wellness outcomes for our young people through social connections with each other and the surrounding community.

Paul has over 15 years experience working with young people and has managed several projects with youth over this time.

These include Equaliser – Upstander Bullying Prevention Project, Co-ordination of Earth Guardians Local Environmental Youth groups and the organisation of many youth events such as concerts and creative arts workshops.

Paul is passionate about the environment, creative arts and helping young people develop; allowing them to find their voice, have their say and enabling them to make positive changes for themselves and their communities.

We are really excited to have Paul on board and working in our community!

Introducing our new Whanau Coordinator Cherie Tirikatane-Le Cheminant Ngāi Tahu

From connecting and coordinating Māori-led enterprises through to enabling communities to deal with the social, economic and environmental challenges they face, Cherie's work is centred around helping people become more self-determining.

She is a passionate advocate for hapū, whānau and marae-based development and leads and advises on a multitude of projects that aim to advance economic growth and environmental sustainability, not just for Māori and Pasifika but for everyone in Aotearoa.

Cherie encourages a collective approach to drive projects from ideas to reality. With her strong skills in governance, stakeholder negotiations and mentoring, she enjoys

working alongside others to broker new relationships and deliver value where it matters most.

She is the CEO of SEED NZ and the founder of Whānau Power, a project aimed to solve Energy Hardship. She is the founder of He Pito Mata Ltd. and has been involved in Māori Media Sector Shift, an initiative to support the revitalisation of te reo Māori and greater awareness and understanding of Māori stories and workforce development within the Māori Media Sector.

Previously, she was COO for Ekos, an international non-profit enterprise focused on sustainable reforestation and carbon farming, CEO of BIZview, and GM of Pentech Communications Ltd.

The community development programmes that Cherie has founded, leads or is otherwise involved in are all designed to help communities improve their quality of life. She is most passionate about helping people realise their potential, and to collectively create tangible solutions and results.

Her kaupapa is widely supported, as she continues her efforts to ensure that everyone in Aotearoa has access to the resources they need so they can grow and help future generations.

Cherie is also on the Board of the Purpose Fitness HQ Trust in Tapawera and we are looking forward to some beautiful and complementary collaborations.





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**Tapawera Connect Seniors Update June 2022
Introducing Janine Leeden, Senior Wellbeing
Co-ordinator.**

I'm delighted to have taken over the above role. I have now reached the age that many consider 'Senior', 'mature' or I'd like to think 'wiser', (or 'Old Chook' if you ask my husband), so I have a vested interest in establishing more services and opportunities for the 'more mature' members of our community.



I have been the full-time carer for both my parents, separately, in their later years. This I considered a privilege and felt blessed to do, ensuring they were happy and at ease in their final years, knowing their needs were being taken care of. I have also been working with senior (& not-so-senior) members of the region as an in-home Support Worker for the past four years for a couple of different agencies. This has given me an insight into some of the difficulties and needs of this demographic. I have also considered this a privilege to be able to get to know these precious people on a more personal level than most; be trusted with their care and to try to add some humour to their days.

I'm keen to grow the existing Tea and Talk, which happens on the last Tuesday of every month, with guest speakers and activities that are pertinent and of interest to our Seniors, as well as establish other regular activities. **I would love to build up a great crew of volunteers to ensure there is always a friendly face to welcome our guests. In collaboration with Age Concern, who have offered their expertise and knowledge base, we can be a well equipped team. Please get in touch with me if you are interested (0277525975).**

At our June Tea and Talk, on 28th June at 10am we will have Sharon Webber, a Hearing Therapist from Life Unlimited Trust, as our guest to speak to us about how Life Unlimited Charitable Trust can provide assistance to those living with hearing loss. (This is a different speaker from the lady we had speak to us from Deaf Aotearoa last year).

A taste of what she will be speaking about:

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- Teach speech reading and provide auditory training
- Offer advice and practical help to people with tinnitus
- Provide information about funding options
- Refer you to other health services if needed.

We can help your family, whanau and friends to better support your hearing issues. They are welcome to attend appointments with you.

School Holiday Programme Champion Needed!!!

Do you have the skills and capacity to manage and run school holiday programmes out here in Tapawera?

There are a number of families asking for this. If you think you might be the person to organise and run a school holiday programme, we can help with the logistics of finding a suitable space, connecting you up with existing holiday programme providers who can mentor you through the setup process and the red tape, recruiting helpers, and advertising your services.

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Tapawera toy library

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We are still seeking volunteers to come and give us a hand with day to day running of the place. Please contact Michelle on 0276310145.



Rural Ramblers

The walking group had a few months break after December and commenced again in April with a small group doing the Twin Rivers walk near Brightwater. This is a nice

flat walk alongside the river, joining up with the cycle trail on the return loop. Afterwards lunch was enjoyed at the Headquarters Café in Brightwater.

In May we walked one of the Wakefield cycle trail loops- up Edward Street past the Church and then turning left onto the trail. This part of the walk passes through lovely farmland before returning to the main road. Needless to say, we enjoyed lunch at the Wakefield Bakery after commandeering an outside table and chairs as the 2 cafes there are not open on Mondays when we do our walk. We were so lucky to have lovely fine Autumn weather on both these walks - lets hope it is the same next month.

Shirley.



Neighbourhood Support in Tapawera

Te Kōpuni Kāinga o Te Tau Ihu – Top of the South Neighbourhood Support is delighted to welcome Gavin Scoble as our Tapawera Area Coordinator.

Top of the South Neighbourhood Support loves where you live. Tapawera district is stunning and the locals are awesome. We hope to work with individuals, whānau and groups in the area to improve local participation, accessibility and wellbeing. We're also keen on catching up over a BBQ or two. Gavin thinks that we'll be able to slot into the Tapawera community filling gaps, helping everyone to be more connected as we work together towards our vision of being a caring and resilient community.

It's a part-time role, and he's looking forward to meeting more locals and working together with others active in the community.

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Tapawera Netball Club May News

Interesting times with Covid; this has affected society as a whole. Consequently, I feel this also has influenced our low team numbers for this year; plus some year groups, there is a low cohort of girls.

So this year, we only have two teams playing. Even these teams have the bare minimum number of 7 players each. Both are secondary school teams but welcome any others from the community who would play. There has been a change of netball coaches, with Belinda Grice stepping aside; thank you, Belinda, for your dedication to the two secondary teams over the last few years. We welcome Emma Bannister back to the fold and appreciate her setting aside time to coach. Having another White Umpire's experience is highly valuable in a coaching role.

Our second coach Jeannie Gillespie is new to the role and has a vested interest in the team with her daughter playing.

There are some juniors playing netball this season. Through the initiative of our secretary Lisa McGaveston she has found the girls places with Wakefield School in the relevant age groups. Thank you, Lisa. Aylah MacDonald and Emily-Rose Coleman play in the Wakefield Year 1 & 2 Team. Aurora Waby is playing in the Year 3-4 Wakefield Robins team, while our older girls Atlanta Linstead and Grace McGaveston are playing in the Year 5 & 6 Wakefield Tuis.

Wakefield Tui's Team

As mentioned to the girls last weekend, we will be running a 'player of the week' award rather than the player of the match. The idea behind this is to recognise players who work hard both at practice and at games. Congratulations to Atlanta for being the player of the week last Saturday due to her excellent training and a game where she made seven intercepts in 1 quarter and vital work throughout the rest of the game.

Wakefield Coach

This season there has been a change of the names of some people who are sponsoring us, but not the business, with new owners of **Hop Bar Tapawera Hotel**.

Shara Khan and Brendan Gleeson took on the naming rights of our senior secondary school's team for the next three years. It is good to have the continuity of support for the same team.



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Tapawera Blue

Hi, my name is Jeannie Gillespie and I've taken on the role of coaching the Tapawera Blue team. My team consists of Katey Gillespie, Sam Hatton, Skyla Reeve, Levi Davies, Krystal Hickey, Kate Mytton and Maddy Pronk. The team manager is Ali McKee. We played in collegiate nine and started the season with a 22-18 win against Murchison Gold. I was the team manager with the lovely Belinda Grice coaching for the last two years, so I'm not a total newbie to the game.

I am looking forward to seeing the team grow together and learning alongside them on our journey. I'll be keeping you up-to-date as the season goes on.

Jeannie Gillespie-Coach

Hop Bar Tapawera Hotel

We are starting the season in Collegiate 6 but envisage the team being able to come up a grade or two by the end of the season. The first game of the year was great to be on the court, creating some great combinations. We won the game against NCG10 Navy 41 - 4. No individual player of the day but a whole team effort. Thank you to our sponsors, the Tapawera Hop Bar Hotel. There is no current manager but great supporters on the sidelines to help out. Practice on Tuesdays at 3:45. We are a little low on numbers, so please contact me if anyone is interested in joining this team.

Emma Bannister-Coach

We have a Tapawera Netball Club Facebook, so "like" and "follow us." This social media platform will give up to date information on how the teams are progressing.

President/Life Member: Susan Fenemor
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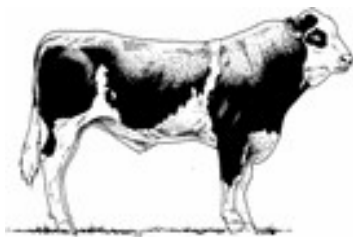
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Peaceful Towns Competition

Tasman District is a member of the international Mayors of Peace network. Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Japan is organising an annual art competition for children aged between 6 and 15.

To select the work for the international competition we are running a **local competition in Tasman**. A panel of judges will select the five best artworks in each of two age categories and the Mayor Tim King will announce them at the opening of a special art exhibition at the Motueka Library in September. Selected works will be sent to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Japan. The artwork that wins the Mayors for Peace President's Award International will be used to promote awareness of the importance of peace education on various occasions.

For the competition we accept drawings or paintings created by children who live in Tasman District, deadline for the local competition is 22 August 2022. For the application form and criteria search 'Peaceful Towns' on the Tasman District council website.

Last year's competition winners:



Trees and Forestry in the Catchment

Tree Plantings in the catchment this winter:

The Motueka Catchment Collective has been fortunate to receive 8000 locally sourced native trees from Trees that Count. Five thousand of them are to be planted as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Eleven sites have been chosen from a range of sub-catchments (upper to lower) with many different stories (planting up paddocks, restoring wetland areas, expanding on existing native patches, and rebuilding public or private spaces hit by cyclone Gita and last year's flooding). All will be holding a community planting day open to the public. We would love for you to get involved!

Further details and dates are to follow but it's looking like Martin and Jill Bonny's event at 297 Tapawera-Baton Road near Tapawera will be the first to take place on Thursday 9th June at 12:30pm. The project aims to plant up an area so that it can offer better resilience to the rest of the farm during extreme weather events. Martin has many years of experience in planting and maintaining trees so his will be a good one to attend if you'd like to pick up any tips. Some Tapawera Area School students will also be helping and may even hold a sausage sizzle! Keep an eye out on social media and noticeboards as we'll provide more details closer to the time.

Three thousand of the trees are remaining and haven't been allocated yet. If you would like to be considered, please fill in the survey monkey questionnaire in the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8B2RVVV>

as soon as possible please. The site can be part of a private or community project and whilst it would be great for you to hold a public planting event, it is not one of the criteria. It would be good if those who offered to be a lead for their sub-catchments shared this opportunity with others in their area whom they think might be interested.

If you have any questions, contact Kate on richkate73@gmail.com who together with Annette of NZ Landcare Trust are the main organisers of this planting initiative on behalf of the Collective.

Forestry group meeting in Shedwood Hall, Tapawera 19th May:

A big thanks to all those of you who turned out on a Thursday afternoon to the inaugural meeting of the forestry group within the Catchment Collective, and to Peter Lawless who facilitated the meeting and Roger May for his presentation and wonderful maps that he produced. With forestry by area being the biggest productive land use sector in the catchment, we felt it was important to have a



Trees and Forestry in the Catchment cont.

group that is specifically focused on this and the issues and potential improvements that can be made within the sector for better catchment health and our collective longterm wellbeing. We had more than thirty attending with representation from five forestry companies and a diverse range of people with interests in forestry; whether in engaging in it or being impacted by it; with science, government, farming and teaching backgrounds and from throughout the catchment and beyond. It was one of the real bonuses to have such diversity of opinion and strong expertise in the room. In mixed groups we considered the issues from a community/environment perspective, issues from a forestry sector perspective, opportunities to do better, and ideas for next steps. We are working through collating all the inputs and also a good number of people across the board put their hands up to be part of a working group to take this forward which will happen soon. One key first step is identifying actions and resources related to forestry that can go into the preparatory initial phase of the 3yr funding proposal that a core group of the Collective is putting together to submit to MPI by the end of June.

At the lower catchment meeting held earlier in May attended by around 40 people, improvement in good management practices in forestry was identified as the third most important issue for the Collective to address behind planting & revegetation and dealing with weeds & pests, both of which are also linked to forestry. So forestry is right up there. One key issue that was discussed in the forestry meeting, and like many is complex, was the issue of sedimentation and sediment loss into the waterways and bay. Of particular concern was the practice of clear felling and sediment loss in the period when trees have been logged and during storm/flood events.

In the ideas for next steps, several discussion groups emphasised the need to collectively tackle Old Man's Beard (OMB), the importance of markets for products especially alternative species and gaining knowledge about alternative species to radiata. Overall, there was a strong emphasis on the need for better communications, of acknowledgement of the changes and good practices being done by the sector but also of the need for better relationships and responsibility for environmental costs to be taken onboard. This meeting has been a very good start to what has the potential to improve knowledge sharing and practices in forestry from the smaller woodlots to the bigger plantation areas in the catchment and also to make the forestry sector a stronger member of the catchment community. Since their land is mostly up on the hill slopes, the sector tends to be viewed somewhat separately.



For those of you who might be further interested in sediment and geology, this article <https://www.ruraldelivery.net.nz/posts/OneFortyOne-Forest-Management> provides information on the sediment control activities study being undertaken by OneFortyOne in Donald Creek in collaboration with others. The research is based on moutere gravels land which is not as erodible as others in the catchment, and it is a site where extensive research was undertaken by the Forest Service around 30 years ago.

Besides the plantings that will commence, we plan to have an online presentation on 27th June of experience from working with rivers overseas that have relevance to our Motueka catchment here. More details later and also on the process of developing the funding application to MPI. The two action plan meetings in Tapawera & Motueka in the last six months and meetings such as the forestry one and a recent farmers Tasman Biostrategy online consultation are all providing good information and helping identify priorities of concern and action. Once we have a draft application done, we will be contacting people for comment and further refinement.

Jo Leyland
Co-Convenor



Tapawera Playcentre

Monday and Thursday 10am - 1pm

Tapawera Playcentre welcomes families with children from birth to 6 years.

Learning and developing through play and exploration together is the fun of Playcentre. Outside there is fun to be had playing in the leaves dropped by the enormous oak tree in the backyard. Hours are spent constructing in the sandpit. 'Push me higher' is often heard from the swings. Inside imagination and creativity come alive through Playdough, arts and crafts, music and stories. Please feel welcome to come and join us.



TAS News for May

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Principals Comment

Kia Ora

Welcome back to Term 2. It was so lovely to have the whole school at morning meeting for a karakia, waita and notices on the first day of term. It is the first time this year that we have had the whole school together. What makes an Area School so special is seeing our younger students running up to sit and be welcomed by senior students at this time. Our Seniors really do look out for our younger ones.

A very warm welcome to Billy, Patrick and Charlie Ryan, Skylar Baigent-Story, Jayden Lyons, Dante Mitchell and their families who have just moved in to the district and joined our school.

Please keep an eye on the 'key date' section as we already have a number of exciting events planned for this term. These will also be advertised on School Loop and our Facebook pages.

Thank you to Mrs Fenemor and Year 9 for the Anzac display set up in the swimming pool gardens for all to see. Sam Hatton was outstanding representing us at the Nelson Dawn Parade and at the Richmond Anzac service.

We have John Parsons here on Thursday. He will be working with students on Cyber Safety during the day. This is such an important topic especially for our tamariki's safety about what they put up online.

We have a few students heading to Murchison Area School on 15th & 16th May for trials to be selected to attend the Area Schools National Tournament in the July holidays.

Covid is still around. Luckily our Autumn has been very mild but no doubt it will get colder at some point. We are trying to keep the air circulating in classrooms so make sure students wear something warm, skivvies and thermals can be worn under polo shirts.

School lunches are being provided by Libelle. Thank you to the two staff members who work here at school, you do a great job.

Belinda Grice is taking on a full time position so we are very sad to see her leave but wish her all the best. We are currently in the process of filling these three positions. Just a reminder that we have a Teacher Only Day on Friday 20th May, no school for students. Please remember we are available via email or phone call if you have any queries.

Ngā Mihi

Angela Sloane Tumuaki/Principal

Other News

12th May Internet Health and Wellbeing Presentation with **John Parsons**, New Zealand's leading authority on Safeguarding children online. John Parsons Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to reduce the risk.

Friday 20th May is **Teacher Only Day** Primary teachers will be working on their IT skills, while the secondary team will be networking with colleagues at Motueka High School. A busy professional development day.

World Fish Migration Day on May 21st. At school, we were learning about our local fish species. The students learned about the kinds of barriers fish can encounter as they migrate.

Rippa Rugby Skills Year 0-8 classes had excellent sessions with Montana.

The Kids Can Charitable Trust is a charitable trust. Founded in 2005 in Greenhithe, Auckland, New Zealand by Julie Chapman, it works to help New Zealand kids living in poverty through a variety of programmes. They provide food, socks, shoes and raincoats. We have applied for these items for some of our families last year.

Belinda Grice – Sports Co-ordinator



It is with a heavy heart that we farewell Belinda this week. She has taken up other employment in our area (Yay! So we can keep in touch) We would like to wish her well for her next adventure. Belinda has been amazing at organising school and inter-school events/sports, getting speakers into our school and many other great opportunities that she has provided our students. You are amazing and will be missed.



TAS News for May cont.

A reminder that you can contact teachers at any time for an appointment re your child's learning, just talk to Barbara at the office to organise an appointment.

Make sure you have 'liked' our **Facebook** page and put our **skool loop** app on your phones. This is the best way to keep in touch with activities happening in our school and our weekly **Libelle** menu.

Art Exhibition of Pou Designs The primary syndicate have been working with the creative Tim Wraight last term and till the end of this term, designing and creating pou for our school grounds.

When **Rooms 6 & 7 Eel Camp** we sat down and talked about where we could go. When we were done I ran to the bridge and saw the eels. I got a fright because I thought it was a snake but I realised it was an eel. I fed the eels and went below the bridge. The eels were there and Ollie was there too. Ollie fell in the river. The eels came to him. He ran out fast but it was his fastest. Harry touched 2 eels. One was a little eel and the other eel was a big one. We had hotdogs but I loved the taste of the hotdog. I only had 1 and Jimmy had 2 hotdogs. I had a great time there. When we went home we had a group picture then we biked up a big hill and biked home.

ANZAC Day will always be a very sad day for me but one I will never forget. This year I was fortunate enough to be able to march in the Nelson Dawn service and the Richmond parade that happened at midday. Both services were beautiful and it was such a privilege to attend. Despite the dreaded early start I will be doing it for many years to come as this day holds significance to so many who deserve to be seen and heard.

by Sam Hatton

We have had **Book Fair Week at the end of May**. The following Friday 3rd of June will be Storybook Dress Up Characters day with prizes for the best costumes, more about that later but it's a good idea to give yourself plenty of time to think of a costume. Simple is fine, the idea is to make it relatable to a character in a story. Come in and check out our books for ideas. Laree

Textiles: This term the **Year 8s** are diving into a project based on whakapapa or ancestry. They will be tasked with learning about where their ancestors are from and taking inspiration from that culture to create a unique print. They will paint their own fabric and from there sew a kete. They will be developing design and sewing skills along the way. This term the **Year 9s** are developing their design and sewing skills by designing and making a personal storage item for a specific context. Throughout the term they will also investigate a larger social issue of carbon emissions and material waste. **Senior** This term the senior class are

tasked with planning for, designing and making leisure wear. They have to choose a specific context they are designing for and create an outcome that is fit for purpose.

Food Technology: The **Year 8s** are learning about what it means to eat a balanced diet whilst transforming typical fast-food meals into healthy food packed with nutrition. They are building skills and confidence in the kitchen both in teams and independently. The **Year 9s** class is investigating a larger social issue of food poverty and the supermarket duopoly. They are going to design a menu that is based on a set budget which is delicious, and nutritious. The year 9 class is investigating a larger social issue of food poverty and the supermarket duopoly. They are going to design a menu that is based on a set budget which is delicious, and nutritious.

Hospitality: This term the Hospitality class is learning about frying and grilling techniques, and cooking some recipes to demonstrate their skills. In the latter half of the term they will begin a unit teaching them how to effectively bake scones, cake and sponge, the differences between the methods and the quality indicators.

This year we are celebrating Pink Shirt Day. This day is about standing up against bullying and standing together. Our awesome house leaders are putting together some fun activities. It will be a multi day so come dressed in as much pink as you can.

A huge congratulations to Annie Semmens for completing her Te Reo course at NMIT.

New Zealand Sign Language Week Room Six has been learning the signs needed to greet each other, count and play some games.

Tapawera Area School has earned \$1593.25 for resources through the **Fuel for Schools** programme. Thank you to the following businesses and members of the community who have contributed to this by nominating Tapawera Area School: Sheryl Culling, Raine Farms Ltd, Webb Developments and Builders Ltd, Wangapeka Holdings Ltd, Werblehill Crafts, DA & NL Newport, Wairua Hop Gardens Partnership Ltd, Aunt Jean's Ltd. For more information about the Fuel for School programme, call 0800 4THE KIDS (0800 484 3543) or visit the website, www.southfuels.co.nz

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Susan Fenemor
Staff



Two New Staff

Belinda Grice has stepped down from her role as Sports Coordinator, and Gateway/Trades and Te Kura Coordinator. We, the school thank her for her invaluable time spent at TAS and stamping her mark on these positions. We wish her well at her new job.

Renae MacDonald is the new Sports Coordinator.



Gemma Walsh is the new Gateway/Trades and Te Kura Coordinator



4 Students TOSI Representatives



L to R Front Row Ryan Jones, Rosa Cameron, Flynn Morgan. In tree Sarah Jones

These 4 students have been selected to go to Nationals. This year the TOSI (Top of the South Island) Area Schools Tournament didn't happen due to Covid. It was decided recently that the National Area School's Tournament would be held in Whangarei in the July school holidays and people were needed to be selected for the 4 Regions. So these 4 students went to a 2 day event for the TOSI selectors to choose a team held recently at Murchison. They all made it into teams for TOSI.

Flynn: Rugby Volleyball, Ki-O-Rahi

Ryan: Rugby, Volleyball

Rosa: Volleyball (Backup sub for Netball)

Sarah Jones: Football, Ki-O-Rahi

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 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

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 tapaweraTDCCgmail.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:
tapaweraconnectgmail.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
June**

- 9 Garden Club, Willowbank
Heritage Village, 79 Wakefield-
Kohatu Highway, Wakefield,
11am
- 9 Tree planting, 297 Tapawera-
Baton Road, 12:30pm
- 16 Survivors and Thrivers Cancer
Society Support Group,
Tapawera Fire Station
- 19 Community Planning
Workshop, Shedwood Hall, 1-
4pm
- 20 Articles for Informer close 5pm
- 21 TDCC monthly meeting,
Community Centre, 7pm
- 28 Tea and Talk, with guest
speaker Sharon Webber, a
Hearing Therapist from Life
Unlimited Trust . Memorial Hall
10:00am

**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

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would like listed in What's On?*

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

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