



Happy "20"th Birthday VAST!

VAST (Visual Arts Society Tapawera) is excited to be hosting their 20th exhibition in January 2023.

Back in 2004 the Tasman District Council seeded funds to the Tapawera District Community Council (TDCC) for a local art project. TDCC representative Dinkie Phillips scouted the community for interest in holding an art exhibition. Local Artists Kirstie Hogg, Geraldine Carleton, Lisa White, Kaye Register and Gary Gibbens responded. The group organised the very well received exhibition, held in the Tapawera Community Centre. As a result, they went on to form VAST, with the vision of hosting annual exhibitions focused on artists and artisans from around the Tapawera area.

Due to the size of the exhibition, Shedwood hall was secured as the permanent site, thanks to support from the hall committee. The on-going success of the show, reflected in both sales and local support, has been instrumental in keeping the group functioning. In addition, welcome grants from TDC for art stands and signage, and from Tasman Energy for added lighting in the hall, have been a great advantage.

Dedicated artists and supporters (including some founding members) have worked hard to provide the annual platform for artists from Tapawera and surrounding valleys to display their skills and talents. The group encourages artists from across the age bands, encompassing a wide range of mediums; painting to photography, felting to sculptural, and much more.

But all of this would not have been possible without you, the local residents of Tapawera and valleys. Whether it be through providing the talent or helping out, providing raffle prizes, or bringing friends and family along to the exhibitions, VAST thanks you for your support and looks forward to the next 20 years.

20th Exhibition Opening Friday 27th January 2023 @ Shedwood Hall. See you there!

VAST 20th birthday Art Exhibition 2023

The Guest Artist for VAST's 20-year exhibition is Kaye Register.

As a founding member of VAST and an exhibitor using many art mediums, Kaye feels honoured to be able to showcase her work at this exhibition.

Kaye has previously displayed other works, including paintings in oils and acrylics, sculpting in oamaru stone, and more. For the last ten years felting has become a major interest, with Kaye producing wearable garments like shawls and scarves, in addition to decorative pieces such as wall hangings and vessels. Kaye has recently purchased a roller in the hope of producing even larger pieces, with the roller taking over the more physical tasks involved in felting.

Kaye recently took out three awards in the Creative Fibre Nelson/Marlborough/Buller On-line Exhibition with her felted vessel, winning the Felting Award, the Marlborough Award and the best Overall Award of the Exhibition. This is just the latest in a career of successful work.

In 2014 Kaye was honoured with Life Membership of VAST for her service to the group, in recognition of her earlier roles as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, alongside her consistent support of the group by exhibiting in every one of VAST's exhibitions. Despite moving to Marlborough seven years ago, Kaye has continued to support the exhibition each year.

As Guest Artist, Kaye will combine her love of the environment, painting and felting through the theme 'Colours of Our Land.'

See her work at VAST's 20th birthday Art exhibition, Shedwood hall, January 2023



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Visual Arts Society of Tapawera

V. A . S . T. ART EXHIBITION 2023

Shedwood Hall. Main Road Tapawera. Opening night Fri 27th Jan 7pm

Open daily 10am – 4:30pm. Late night Saturday

V.A.S.T Exhibition to showcase Artists of Tapawera in all Media

Conditions of Entry – Open to all media, (metal, wood, fibre, painting etc)

- ❖ School students free entry
- ❖ Entry limited to Residents in the 'Informer' area Ex Tapawera residents and Invited Artist(s).
- ❖ New & emerging Artists welcome, a membership fee of \$15 per year allows exhibiting
- ❖ Responsibility for the Artworks Insurance and protective wrapping lies with the Artist
- ❖ Artists need to be available for the roster while the exhibition is open (approx. one day)
- ❖ All items ready to display, and to be delivered to the Hall on Thursday 26th Jan between 10am and 2pm. Works to be collected after 4:30pm Mon 6th Feb
- ❖ Number of works may be limited due to area available.
- ❖ Additional artwork will not be allowed into the exhibition after opening unless prior arrangement has been made. Sold and uplifted artworks may be replaced.
- ❖ Commission rate on items sold is 10%
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Senior's Snippet with Janine Leeden

Here it is the end of the year already and sadly things wind up until the end of January, as far as Tea and Talk goes. I would like to wish you all a blessed, safe and happy Christmas.

We had our final gathering on November 29th, and at the time of writing this we were still planning for a special day of celebration as well as learning with our guest speaker, Heather Thomas, a Volunteer for Citizen's Advice Bureau. Heather was speaking to us on the services available through CAB as well as particularly addressing information required for us to put together an Enduring Power of Attorney. This was identified as a need following on from a workshop held earlier in the year where we were given Advanced Care Plans to complete. As EPAs are quite costly to have drawn up by lawyers, the information Heather was providing would help us consider our options before we get to the lawyer, hopefully saving possibly hundreds of dollars.

Our next Tea and Talk will be 31st January (day after Nelson Anniversary long weekend) for a lovely time of socialising after the mania of the silly season. This will be back at the Memorial Hall.

I will be helping Gavin facilitate the **Wellby Talking Cafes** on the second Tuesday of each month - **13th December, 10th January and Valentine's Day, 14th February**. These are held at the Burning Edge Cafe and **open to anyone in the Community** wanting to meet people and just have a chat with some friendly people over a free cuppa. Please feel free to come along and join us!

My regular Sit & Be Fit class will only take a break on 23rd & 30th December. With all the extra Christmas treats we definitely need to keep moving!

There are lots of great things planned going into the New Year, but let's just catch our breaths for now. Some services that I have been working on, that you can book your own appointments for, are:

Sharon Webber, Hearing Therapist, through Life

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For an appointment please phone 0800 008 011 and she will be happy to help.

I have recently found the details of a lovely 'young' man (he's younger than me that is) who was recommended by the Podiatrist that is currently visiting Wakefield on a monthly basis, but who is trying to wind back her workload. Greig is prepared to either set up a regular clinic, possibly at the Health Clinic in Rata Ave, if there is enough interest, with a well discounted price, or otherwise he will arrange to do home visits.

My rates are \$80 per home visit or \$120 per couple. This discount also applies to your neighbours, other family members etc. The more people I can see in one go the better my rates will be. If you're interested in a visit, you can call me on 022 419 0205 to discuss, or drop me an email at info@mobilepod.nz

Here is a bit of a profile he has provided so you know more about Greig:

Hi everyone. I graduated from AUT in 2008 with a degree in Podiatry. On graduating I took up a job offer in Singapore, where I resided until 2021. During my time in Singapore, I spent time in a variety of public and private clinics, treating patients from 4 to 104 (apparently he was older, but the family don't have an official birth certificate). In my last role, I was based in a community clinic, where the bulk of my patients were over 65 and dealing with all the associated problems that arrive with being older.

I grew up in Hanmer Springs, and as a kid would often spend my summers in Nelson. My Grandmother's sister Joan (Rodgers) lived in Tapawera, so we used to visit from time to time. Can't remember much of their place, except it was a white farmhouse a little bit out of the main town. And the scones.



Kia ora Tapawera and our Tamariki, With Christmas around the corner what a great way to save money for Christmas and hire toys instead then bring them back without any clutter at home, we have a great variety.

Good things are happening so Keep an eye out ... special hire for grandparents, plus the Toy of the week :). Have you got any photos of your Tamariki playing with the hired toys that you would love to share and are ok with being public on our Facebook page or in the Informer? As we would love to see some so you can send a message to our Facebook page or come see us on Thursday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am or contact Jan 0273915424

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Biased or Lazy?

Zafir Ivanov 2022

There are plenty of plausible explanations as to why many people tend to believe suspect information and dismiss seemingly reliable information. Two leading explanations are motivated reasoning, and classical reasoning.

Motivated reasoning says that our biases prevent us from being able to fairly examine new information. While I'm watching a test match in my All-Black jersey, I am engaging in motivated reasoning every time the referee awards a penalty. I am biased enough to think that decisions in favour of the All Blacks are right and those against the All Blacks are suspect.

The classical reasoning explanation is a failure to engage in sufficient analytical thinking. Careful thinking requires effort and is tiring. Under this model we might accept and share suspect information simply because it takes too much mental effort to examine it first. This reminds me of the saying about making sure the brain is engaged before putting mouth in gear.

Which of these two explanations is better at accounting for why many people believe blatantly false information? This was the question that Gordan Pennycook and David Rand set out to answer in a 2019 study. They used a seven question Cognitive Reflection Test (CRT) as an indicator of tendency to think analytically. The CRT has a series of questions that have intuitive but incorrect answers.

A question from the CRT that you may have encountered: *A bat and ball cost \$1.10 in total. The bat costs \$1.00 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?*

If you are like most people an answer immediately enters your mind, which, upon reflection turns out to be obviously wrong. The purpose of the CRT is to measure a participant's tendency to stop and think carefully instead of going with their often-incorrect intuitions.

A combined 3,446 participants from two studies, were required to read fake and real news headlines that were skewed politically left, politically neutral or politically right. The participants indicated how accurate they believed the headlines were. If motivated reasoning was the better explanation, then we would expect the ability to detect fake news to be reduced if the story matched their political beliefs. This is not what was found.

Overall, participants who scored higher on the CRT were less trusting of fake news headlines, regardless of whether it appealed to their political ideology or not. Participants who scored lower on the CRT were more susceptible to fake news headlines.

What does this mean? I was quite familiar with the two explanations under investigation in this study. If asked, I would have said that motivated reasoning was probably the better explanation. I found the results surprising and

hopeful. Part of the solution to not being taken in by false information may be as simple as something I have written about before; pausing and asking ourselves "that's interesting, I wonder if it's true?" In case you are wondering, the ball costs 5 cents.

Reference:

Pennycook, G. & Rand, D. G. (2019). Lazy, not biased: Susceptibility to partisan fake news is better explained by lack of reasoning than by motivated reasoning. Preprint available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3165567

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Library news

How quickly this term has gone! Only a week or so and then the school holidays start. They will go from 9th December until the 31st of January. We can't yet promise that the library will open regularly during the holidays because to be honest, people haven't taken advantage of this in the past but if you want to use the library just call 0272625289 and we can arrange a time to open. I only live a few minutes away and it's no problem to head to the library once in a while.

We have just taken delivery of three big boxes of fantastic donated books for our adult fiction and non-fiction sections. These include thrillers, chick lit romance and adventure. Do come and see for yourself before the holidays start. We also have some great Christmas story books from the Lucky Book Club that your pre-schoolers would enjoy.

You can check out our whole catalogue on our website. Just type in nz.accessit.online/TPW00 (last two digits are zeros). You can also check out your own or your children's issued books just by asking for your membership numbers. You can also see any dates that we might be open on there.

The student librarians and myself have nearly finished the stocktake for the year and there's nothing like looking at each of our 11,000 books individually to make me realise what an amazing library we have here in Tapawera.

We'd love to see you in here and if you're new to the district, you'll find us behind the tennis courts at the school.

Our hours are Monday Wednesday and Thursday 9.30-3.15 Tuesday and Friday 10-2.30.

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On behalf of the library staff, I wish everyone a great Christmas and a happy New Year

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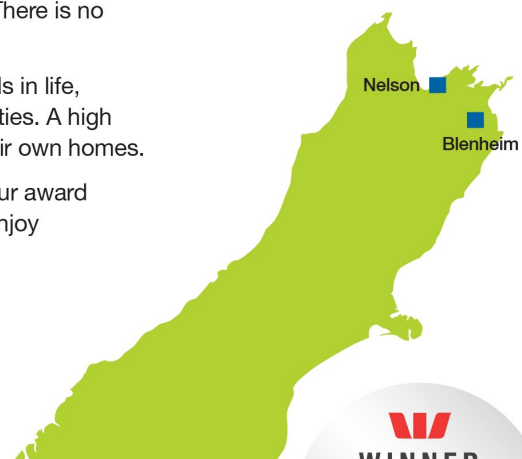
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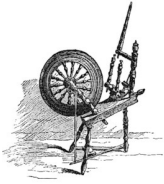
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Our AGM on the 2nd of November brought no changes to the current office holders.

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Committee All members of TPW Creative Fibre
Creative Fibre NZ Rep Janet Moffit

Newsletter Janet Moffit

My thanks to all for their work and support over the last year.

Members of our group recently had a roadie to Motueka. We visited The Rock Fella at Clocktower Corner, what a great place to visit, so much to see (and buy). From there we went on to Potters Patch and visited Catherine, another great place to spend money, then on to Elevation for lunch, lovely food and great company. After lunch most of us Op Shopped and visited other stores in Motueka.

Coming up in November we have the presentation of our Group Challenge item. Should be an interesting day.

Then we lead into our Christmas closedown with a shared lunch at Vicky's, who will be recovering from a knee operation, we wish her all the best for her op and speedy recovery.

Our Group was recently visited by a young lady needing help with making squab covers for her camper. Various members were able to help out; a loan of a sewing machine, scissors, pins, some expert advice re cutting and she was off to a great start.

If you have a problematic project perhaps our group members can help, we have people who sew, people who knit and spin, do macrame, crochet, tatting, as well as wool carding and dyeing. Quilting and patchwork are also part of our Group's area of crafting.

No matter if you spin, sew, knit, do metalwork, woodwork or whatever, come and have a yak, a cuppa and some congenial catchup. We are at the Memorial Hall 10am to 3pm on Wednesdays.

Stay Safe Folks
Dallas



Golden Bush Garden Club



December 2022

By Secretary, Janine Leeden

Hi everyone, well, we're nearly at the end of another interesting year. At least we've had some months without having to hide behind masks. Long may it last!

Our November meeting at Julie Freeman's was a wonderful 'nearly Summer's Day'. We had a lovely meeting and great time was had by most watching me trying to read Minutes while being swarmed by wee beasties that obviously like my Aussie blood, sweat and tears...especially the latter as they kept flying in behind my glasses and making me 'winkin', blinkin' and nod'. Nobody else seemed to be bothered much at all. I don't think Julie even had one bothering her, while I had huge clouds descending on me! Maybe I am the 'bugger'?!

Julie's garden was very well presented and manicured and we all enjoyed a wander around in the sunshine. There was also plenty to barter for in the auction and prices were being pushed up by demand for the great array of amazing plants on offer. That's always a bit of fun and benefits members throughout the year.

Our last meeting for the year, and our Christmas Special, will be at the home of one of our Committee members, Lorraine Signal, at 10 Vista Drive, Bishopdale. I will try to give more detailed directions via email. We will start at 11am, and after the meeting Lorraine will cater for us for the reasonable sum of \$10 per head, paid on the day. (Please let me know if that may be a problem for you).

We will have hampers as our raffle prizes, so if you have any, please bring along any baskets that we could pack with goodies. If you can also bring along at least one (non-perishable grocery) item to donate to the hampers, you will get a raffle ticket in return – per item donated. We usually end up with a good number of hampers, so lots of people get to take something home.

We will also have our usual auction, so any extra plants you've potted up or propagated, bring them along. Also pop a chair in the car, just in case, though Lorraine feels she will have enough. So come along, carpool if you can, expecting a great day out with some fun, fellowship, great food and you may even go home a winner and grinner!

There will be no January meeting, as is normal. If you need to call for any other details, 0277525975.



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Many thanks to everyone that makes the Informer possible:

- Our contributors and advertisers
- The school for photocopying it and getting it ready for delivery
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There will be no January Informer so the deadline for the next edition is 20th January 2023.



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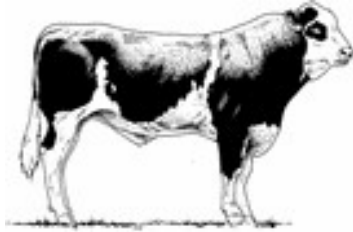
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The sign has now been attached to the Gate for all to see and admire, and the project is now complete apart from some minor work to finish it. Sheddies have spent some considerable time on the project, and are grateful for the support and assistance from many individuals and businesses to complete the project.



Completed sign in place.

Menzshed Tapawera still have a number of pest traps available for purchase by organisations or individuals in need of some quality traps for large rodent or mustelid control.

These traps are NOT possum traps, they are for rodents, stoats, weasels etc, and have proved themselves in use. Dogs, cats, wekas and hedgehogs are unable to gain entry to these units.

If you require any further information or are interested in purchasing the units, please contact John ph. 5224616 (evenings) or come along to the Shed on Saturday mornings 10am to 12 noon. Unit price is \$90.00 incl. GST.



Wow! Hasn't this year flown by! Everything seems to go into a mad rush in the months leading up to Christmas, and I hope you find time amongst the chaos to stop and enjoy the sunshine.

It's been a busy November for us. Four of our team have just returned from the national community led development partners hui in Wellington, with 26 communities from all over New Zealand. It was awesome to share this experience with so many amazing communities with such a range of projects and goals. We had lots of interesting conversations and made some great connections! The possibilities are endless! One project that really stood out to us, was a community tool shed that had over 500 items for residents to borrow from. Everything from a screwdriver, to a cake mixer, to a wood chipper. What a great community asset, how cool!?! This two day event really allowed us to step back and see how awesome our community really is! We have come back excited and energised about what is possible for us all to achieve together.

Community Plan:

We have engaged with a plan writing consultant, to pull together all of the data we have to date from you, our community, through all the consultations, surveys and planning meetings we have had. This will help us as a community to then prioritise our goals, and build on our shared vision for Tapawera. The community plan will be a living document, so there will always be room to add and adapt according to community needs and aspirations.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to share your views, dreams, and goals for Tapawera, if you have any questions about community led development, or would like to be involved in any way. Contact Phoebe: 0212116730, tapaweraconnect@gmail.com

On behalf of the Tapawera Connect team, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and thank you for your support this year. Stay safe out there, and don't forget the sunscreen!

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Principal Comment

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to our final term for the 2022 school year at Tapawera Area School. It is a very short term with our seniors finishing in just over a week and school winding up for the rest of us on the 9th of December. There is plenty happening in the next eight weeks with primary classes having camps and big days out and Year 7-10 teams on an exchange to Murchison Area School. We have already had our Grass Kart day and today we held our blessing for our new beautiful Pou Whenua.

We have sent home a very important **whānau survey**. This survey will help shape the direction of our school and give you the chance to have your say.

Last week we announced the appointment of **Tapawera Area Schools new Principal, Sarah Coard**. This is a huge step forward for the school and I will watch with interest how the school develops in the years to come because I can see so much potential in this great little school. A huge thank you must go to our Limited Statutory Manager Andrew Murray, Carolyn, Rewa and Rosa from the Board of Trustees and Stephen Haunch for the hard work and dedication they put into the principal appointment process. They gave up a great deal of their own time and can be justifiably proud of the positive outcome they achieved.

Sadly, we will **farewell a number of great teachers** at the end of this year. In the secondary department **Erin Hume** is heading back to whānau in Wellington, having secured a position at Wellington College and **Andrew Regan** has gained a position at Wakatipu College in Queenstown. I congratulate them both on achieving positions at such highly regarded schools. They will be greatly missed for the energy and enthusiasm they have brought to our school. In the primary area **Janeen Strawbridge** leaves after over 10 years in the school. Janeen has secured the Deputy Principals role at Auckland Point School, in Nelson. This is a wonderful promotion for Janeen and well deserved after her years of hard work and dedication to the tamariki of TAS. Also leaving our primary area is **Marion Townsend**. Marion has just returned from a term's leave where she visited her whānau in the UK. Following her trip Marion has decided it is time to spend more time with family and less time working so has decided to retire from teaching. We hope to see Marion here from time to time doing day to day relieving. Like Erin and Andrew, we will miss Marion and Janeen and we thank them for the dedication and energy they have brought to TAS.

As part of the last teacher's collective settlement school were provided with a number of Accord Days or as we call them **Teacher Only days**. These days were put in place to allow teachers to come together, sometimes across

schools, to develop professionally. The opportunity to work on key mahi in the school during the school day without interruption is so valuable. Our secondary teachers are working on the radical changes to NCEA and for our primary staff we have been working on Google Apps for Education, the new curriculum Refresh and shaping our understanding of effective pedagogy. This term we have two Accord Days; they are Friday, 25th November and Monday 28th November. This might be a time to plan a long weekend or set a few extra chores to be done at home. On these days the school will be closed for instruction. We are sorry for any inconvenience these days may cause. Have a great weekend

Ngā mihi

Don McLean Acting Principal

Other School News

On Thursday 27th October at 9.30am our school took part in the national **Shakeout Day**. We ensured students took cover and then evacuated the building.

What an amazing experience we had with our ceremonial **blessing of the pou** by representatives of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō. It was great to meet Matua Aaron and listen as he blessed our pou. Tim Wraight our carver spoke about how much he has enjoyed working with our tamariki and what an absolute treasure these pou are around our school. A big thank you to the **Friends of the School** team for organising such yummy kai to share after the blessing.



The Creative Pous Blessing with Tim Wraight-carver on the Right, Left is Aaron Hemi, the speaker representing Ngāti Apa Ki Te Rā Tō, the iwi that owns our school land.

Photographer Susan Fenemor

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When I originally applied for the **Creatives in Schools** grant for Tapawera, I had to describe what it was we wanted to do. This is what I wrote.

We aim to

- ▣ Create beautiful artworks with longevity and impact
- ▣ Enrich our environment and celebrate our bicultural identity
- ▣ Embed/represent our connection to enviro and our place
- ▣ Offer rich learning opportunities and develop enthusiasm for self-expression and the arts
- ▣ Develop skills, aesthetic sense, self-belief and self-esteem
- ▣ Develop our connection to iwi manawhenua, our place, our history, turangawaewae

Well, that pretty well says it all – and I believe we have fulfilled those aims with bells on, above and beyond expectation. If I were to add anything it would be to say this: thank you Tim for your enthusiasm, your patience, and your commitment – to this place Tapawera, to the creative process, and to our students. Our students have benefited enormously from their work with you; the joy and sense of achievement in creating something that's real and purposeful and speaks to people, is a genuinely invaluable and beautiful experience.

Tena koutou tena koutou tena koutou katoa
Marion Townsend

'The NMIT grass karts was a wicked event that was super well organized, a truly remarkable experience for everyone, and I think everyone had a blast regardless of placings. Credits to everyone who came and made the whole event possible for us to compete. It was such an eventful day with incredible amounts of excitement. Big thanks to everyone who competed and brought their karts from various places. Personally, the all-in races were what made the day for me. The fights that were put up in those races added a fair bit of adrenalin to the day.' Cheyenne Phyn

Our two **Aquabot teams** from Rooms 6 & 7 have been preparing for their competition this term. On Monday we rebuilt some motors, did some modifications to the Bots, then did some more training work on the buoyancy in the pool.

Rooms Six and Seven would like to thank everyone that supported **Cafe Stanley** this year. Today we added up the profits. This money will go towards our camp to Pakawau.

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10 November 2022

Principal's Comment

Kia Ora e te whānau

*The **whānau survey** has one week to run (we have extended it by a week), however, the survey has painted a great picture of where we are at as a school and the*

opportunities and challenges ahead. At the same time as we are doing this survey we have also run a student survey asking similar questions. The interesting thing is that there are significant similarities between the student responses and their families.

*We can see **that people have appreciated the size of Tapawera Area School** and in particular the small class sizes. Along with this many parents and students identified that teachers had built strong relationships with students. Most people valued the amount of sporting activities we offered and this was particularly evident amongst the students.*

*There were **three general themes** that came through from the survey:*

Culture and Identity - The first theme that came through was that parents wanted to ensure their students felt a sense of belonging at Tapawera Area School. This was particularly important for our Māori students but also for students who start at school during the year. This was reflected by students who saw this as important.

Assessment and Reporting - Parents indicated that they would like to get more regular feedback on students' achievement both formally in written report forms and informally through different types of communication.

Behaviour Management - Both students and their whanau identified behaviour management across the school as a "work-on" in our school. The perception is that we are bit soft on behaviour and that students don't get consequences when they misbehave. This shows us that we need to do some work on communicating our process in this area and continue with our work on the Ministry of Education's **PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) programme**. This programme opens the door for more transparency around behaviour management and focuses on a school culture approach.

*I haven't had the chance to mention our **wonderful Pou whenua blessing** two weeks ago. It was a wonderful occasion and we were thrilled to have the Board from Ngati Apa ki te Ra-To join as our iwi partners both as mana whenua and the land owners. The Pou look great with their bright colours and their stunning designs. The designs connect with the land features of our area, including the rivers, the mountains, the forests and the bird life. As we look for our children to develop a sense of connection with our area and school the Pou sit proudly in our school demonstrating that connection. Huge **thanks to Marion Townsend** for her hard work on this project and all our primary students who designed and built these Pou with our very talented artist, Tim Wraight. If you are visiting the school I invite you to take a walk around and check them out. Finally, I would like to wish all the best to our senior students who are currently sitting their NCEA exams. This can be a stressful time for our young people but with good preparation and study they should feel confident to put their best foot forward.*

Ngā mihi

Don McLean Acting Principal

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Other School News

Tamati Bright has completed his **SVA hours** at a Silver level –250 voluntary hours

Well done to our Trade students who had their prize giving last week. A special mention to **Tanika Oakly** who received the Top in the Class Award for Hairdressing and **Sam Hatton** Top in the Class Award for both Social and Community Service and Uniformed Services. We are so proud!

Jan Barker and her group of very enthusiastic riders all set for their bike ride today! Woo hoo ...finally, as this trip has been postponed twice this year, a sunny day.

A huge turnout for **gumboot Friday**. Thank you for your support. We raised just over \$100 which we have donated.

Room 6 & 7 took the classes outdoor for each curriculum area for most of the day on **Outdoor Classroom Day** which is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day.

The **2022 Tapawera and Murchison Area Schools Ball** was held recently. Thanks to the Ball Committee Rosa Cameron, Skyla Reeve, Krystal Hickey, Bayley Bint, Caitlin Newport, Tanika Oakly, Kara Page and Mrs Hume.



L to R Standing photo (from the School ball with a Casino Theme)

Tanika Oakly Bayley Bint
Sitting Amelia Hook
Photographer Kelly Doreen

How did we get the word FIRE? Which are the Values of TAS

In 2014 we began the Tapawera Area School journey along the PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) road. There was a lot of discussion with students, parents and staff. One of the major steps forward was when Bradley Meade, a year 8

student, suggested the word fire. This was a link to the translation of Tapawera- 'edge of the burning bush' or 'rim of fire'. The school now had a word.

With FIRE in mind and a list of values that were considered important the next step was linking FIRE with values. The values of Friendship, Integrity, Respect and Effort were accepted as what is important for Tapawera.

The symbol that was chosen was the colours of fire and the chain links. The chain, a symbol of being linked and all of us students, teachers and whanau walk together on this journey of PB4L. The chain is a length of the Wahine anchor chain that is found in the front garden. Linked to the idea of fire are the dragons and Taniwha that are house symbols and the dinosaur carving by Paul Robinson at the front of the school.

Jam Fellas went on their week long camp trip to Golden Bay: Camp Mum was Kath Christiansen, students: Matt Koerve, Tyler Christiansen and Cody Coleman with TA Judy Benjamin.

8 December 7pm Prize Giving (community welcome)
9 December 11 am Final Assembly

As told by
Susan Fenemor (Teacher)

Motupiko Hall Educational Trust

Invite applications for grants of assistance for educational purposes from people living within the Tapawera Area School catchment area.

Grants are available to assist towards:

- Course Fees
- Cost of living or
- Travel

In the following categories:

- Tertiary education
- Apprenticeships
- Special learning opportunities
- Re-training
- Community education projects

Applications close 31 December 2022

Application forms are available from the school office.

If you require any information please contact:

Susan Ellis 0220 722838

COME TO A TALKING CAFÉ

Connect with your community



Talking Cafés are an opportunity to meet people, make new connections and learn more about your community. Pop in for a quick cuppa, or stay for some longer conversations with friendly people. All welcome, no bookings required.

Next Tapawera Talking Café:
10am - 11.30am Tuesday 13th December
Burning Edge Café
Coffee and tea provided

For more details:
wellby.org.nz
or phone (03) 546 7681



Wellby Talking Cafés start in Tapawera

Wellby Talking Cafés started in Tapawera last month with a good turnout on a sunny day at the Burning Edge Cafe.

Ten people plus the hosts joined together for a chat over a cup of coffee or tea provided by Wellby.

Neighbourhood Support is pleased to be part of bringing these social events to Tapawera.

They are a fantastic opportunity to meet people, make new connections and learn more about your community.

Pop in for a quick cuppa or stay for some longer conversations with friendly people.

Wellby Talking Cafés welcome everyone and anyone. There is no need to register, just turn up on the day.

The next Tapawera Talking Café will be held 10 -11.30am Tuesday, 13 December at the Burning Edge Cafe.

Tapawera on Two Wheels

The first ride of this new community recreational cycling group took place last month with a ride to Kohatu and back with a stop for a drink at the Flat Rock Cafe.



The focus of Tapawera on Two Wheels is on encouraging people, especially families, to get out on two wheels and have fun.

The next ride will be on Sunday, 18 December starting at 9.30am from the open space beside the Four Square.

The December ride will be to Kohatu and back. Later it is hoped to also run other rides over different routes and longer distances. For any questions or more details please contact: Gavin 027 757 6665 or gavin@neighbourhoodsupport.nz

Step into Spring Sunday Stroll

A small group went for stroll up the cycle trail and back for a coffee or tea at the Burning Edge last month. We had a good time with plenty of conversation.



Neighbourhood Support arranged the walk as part of the month-long Step into Spring event but I've been asked when the next one will be.

So there may well be another in the New Year, perhaps as the Sunday Strollers.

Street Groups for Tapawera

Do you want to belong to a safer, more connected, more resilient neighbourhood? Great, because Neighbourhood Support wants to set up street groups in the village. We'll soon be looking for people to be street contacts for those groups.

Due to other commitments this particular initiative hasn't progressed as quickly as I would have liked, but it is a goal I'm continuing to work towards.

So if you're keen to see street groups become part of the make-up of Tapawera, please contact me. It would be great to have people on board from the beginning helping set them up.

Later we also aim to contact members of the rural community about how we set up a network of community connectors. Watch this space!

Ngā mihi

Gavin Scoble, Area Connector | Tapawera & Districts
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Skin Cancer

Summer is coming and while I don't want to spoil the fun, I would like to remind people about skin cancer. It is the most common cancer in New Zealand and unfortunately, we have amongst the highest rates in the world. It is largely preventable- over 90% of all skin cancer cases are attributed to excess sun exposure. It is important to detect skin cancer early, especially melanoma. Early detection gives the best chances of successfully treating skin cancer.

Types of skin cancer:

Melanoma - the most serious form of skin cancer, causing over two thirds of skin cancer deaths.

Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) - easily treated if found early but can be fatal if left untreated.

Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) - the most common and generally the least dangerous skin cancer. BCC can be serious and require surgery if left untreated.

Causes of skin cancer:

The most common cause of skin cancer is too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. People of all ages and skin colours can be diagnosed with skin cancer but those at a higher risk are people who have:

- Fair skin or red or fair hair
- Fair skin that burns easily no matter what hair colour
- Had one or more severe sunburns- especially in childhood or adolescence
- Used sunbeds, particularly at a young age
- A family history of melanoma (parent, brother, sister, or child)
- Large irregularly shaped or uneven moles
- A large number of moles

Prevention of skin cancer:

If people protect their skin and avoid sunburn throughout their lives the risk of skin cancer is reduced. It is important to be SunSmart in the months between September and April, especially between the hours of 10am-4pm when the UV radiation levels are very high. In winter it is also important to be SunSmart at high altitudes and around snow and water.

Steps to being SunSmart:

Slip - into the shade where possible.

Slip - on some protective clothing, i.e., Shirt with collar and long sleeves and trousers or long-legged shorts.

Slop - on sunscreen that has an SPF of at least 30 and apply 20 minutes prior to sun exposure.

Slap - on a hat that protects your face, head, neck, and ears.

Wrap - on some close-fitting sunglasses.



Symptoms and diagnosis of skin cancer:

Finding skin cancer as early as possible is the key to successful treatment. You should speak to your health professional if you have a mole, freckle, or spot that:

- Is new or changing
- Does not heal
- Looks different from others around it
- Has changed in size, thickness, shape, colour or has started to bleed

Treatment of skin cancer:

This depends on the lesion, location, and patient factors. It can include application of special creams, cryotherapy (freezing), shave excisions (without sutures) and full excisions (with sutures). We are well equipped and can treat most skin cancers at the Wakefield practice. We discuss treatment options and costs with all patients and refer both publicly and privately when necessary.

Skin Checks:

We encourage regular "skin checks" as an effective way of detecting lesions early and improving outcomes. Both Dr Wayne Hurlow and Dr Mark Fry have done extra training in skin cancer medicine and have been accredited doctors of the Skin Cancer College of Australasia since 2017. They offer skin checks for patients registered with the Wakefield Health Centre and these are booked as a dedicated appointment. The cost for a skin check is \$70 for non-community service card holders and \$35 for community service card holders. Please remember not to wear makeup to your appointment, as this could potentially hide something we need to check.



Enjoy summer but be SunSmart and if you are worried about a spot then come and have it checked out.

Dr Mark Fry

Wakefield Health Centre

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, Irene Griffith
 0212525098, 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

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Peter Phillips ph. 5224313
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 Susan Fenemor ph. 0275224009 (text
 during school hours)

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Neighbourhood Support

Contact: Gavin Scoble
 ph. 5224585 or 027 7576665
 Email gavin@neighbourhoodsupport.nz

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

Tapawera Creative Fibre

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

Tapawera 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: Lisa Carleton ph.0274461017

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

Tapawera Sport & Recreation Society

Contact: Judy Benjamin ph. 5224445

Tapawera Volunteer Fire Brigade

Contact: Dean Millar Chief ph.
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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

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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:
December**

- 8 Cancer Society Survivors and Thrivers Support Group, Tapawera Fire Station
- 8 Garden Club, 10 Vista Drive, Bishopdale, 11am
- 8 TAS Prizegiving, 7pm
- 13 Wellby Talking Café, Burning Edge Café, 10-11:30am
- 18 Tapawera on Two Wheels, 9:30am beside the Four Square
- 18 Carols in the Brook, Stanley Brook Community Church, 6:30pm

January

- 2 St Arnaud Rural Women Annual Book Sale, Trash 'n Treasure Plus Devonshire Tea, Lake Rotoiti Community Hall, 9am-2pm
- 10 Wellby Talking Café, Burning Edge Café, 10-11:30am
- 20 Articles for Informer close 5pm
- 27 VAST Art Exhibition opening night, Shedwood Hall, 7pm
- 31 Tea and Talk, Memorial Hall

**GP & Nurse at
Tapawera Clinic**

(during school term time):

GP clinics – Mondays
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Nurse clinic – alternate
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* *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?*

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