

**Notice of a Community Centre / Community Hub Public Meeting 10th Sept. 5-8pm at the Tapawera Community Centre**

TDC's Long Term Plan has now been finalised and it includes support of a number of community amenities particularly the development of the Motueka Pool, Wakefield/Brightwater Community Facilities, Tapawera's Community Hub and an extension of the Murchison Recreation Centre.

TDC have appointed a project manager for the Tapawera Community Hub and over the next few weeks more detailed plans on how to develop the new Hub and what this means for the existing Community Centre will be developed with the Hub's Steering Committee.

The proposed plans will be presented to the public for feedback and suggestions on Sept. 10th at the Community Centre. More detail will be provided in the next issue of the Informer on how this will be done.

For now, please put a note in you diary to come along to the Community Centre between 5 and 8 pm to hear what the plans are and have your input to them.

**Civil Defence Training**

Would you like to help in the event of a civil defence emergency?

Kathy King from Nelson Tasman Emergency Management will be running Civil Defence Centre training and Needs Assessment training on August 20th between 9am-3pm at the Tapawera Community Centre.

This course is for those that are keen to learn the skills and understanding to be able to volunteer in a Civil Defence Centre and support the community when there is an emergency event. If you are interested, please let Kathy know: [kathy.king@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:kathy.king@ncc.govt.nz)

**Community Plan Projects Update****What's underway now!**

- Supporting School and Community Gardens
- Food Resilience and networking team
- Telecommunications investigations
- Supporting Tapawera large School pool improvements
- Supporting River Bird project
- Tapawera Community hub
- Supporting Community Transport service
- Supporting Community Preparedness Plan/Civil Defence
- Supporting a recreational area down at Tapawera river
- Supporting DOC & TBG, in work at Shedwood Bush

**Could you be the next Community Lead?**


We are looking for leaders for the following initiative:

- The planting of Fruit trees in the community

We have some amazing opportunities already to tap into, and support from TDC to make this happen! Grab some like minded people and lets crack into it!

Contact Nicola Allan CLD Coordinator if you want to learn more.  
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## Tapawera Creative Fibre

We have certainly had a winter of highs and lows. The highs not that high but the lows have been pretty low by our standards. I have heard many long-term residents of Tapawera and surrounding valleys say that the frosts and cold were very reminiscent of frosts back in the day. I think we may have been a bit spoilt by the winters of recent years. A good time to be in our crafting/sewing rooms and staying warm.

Creative Fibre members have been busy crafting and learning new skills. The group has learnt to make a quilting block called Log Cabin, although this is a very traditional block first made by the Amish in America to recycle and upcycle (not words they would have said way back then though) worn clothing, blankets, sheets etc into blocks to make quilts. Now that modern fabrics and sewing methods have changed the idea of what is acceptable, our members made both traditional and modern blocks, our most modern block was constructed using Batiq strips by Janet and looks stunning. Great work by everyone, most of whom were outside their comfort zone.



Gary Hucker of In Stitches Sewing Machines and Overlockers (Sergers) Service, Repairs and Sales Motueka came to Tapawera initially to service our school's sewing machines. I asked him if he would be interested in a day at Tapawera to service any of our machines, Gary was most agreeable and we ended up with 10 sewing machines in my sewing room. Excellent service on our machines and Gary also had a look at my Treadle machine for me. I recommend him highly. If you need a service on your machine give me a call on 027 277 9655 and I can put you in touch with him.

Coming up this week we have our visit to Wakefield Knitting Group and to set up a reciprocal time for them to visit us.

Whether you knit, spin, sew, quilt, cross stitch, embroider, crochet, or any other craft you are welcome to join us on Wednesdays 10am till about 3pm at the Memorial Hall, or Tuesday nights 7:30 till 9pm at 10 Totara St.

Cheers, Dallas

## TDCC AGM

Tapawera and Districts Community Council (TDCC) holds its Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday August 27th. The meeting will take place in Tapawera Community Centre and will be followed by the August monthly meeting.

All are welcome.

## Senior's Snippets with Janine Leeden, 0277525975

There's still lots of ills and chills around. Please reach out to me if you or someone you know would find a couple of frozen meals to be helpful.

The next **Wellby Talking Cafe** is on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024, where we will meet in the Community Centre from 10-11.30am**. We'll have the fire on to keep us warm. Come along for a coffee & chat and to meet some other locals and even have a browse in the Op Shop. **(This offer is NOT just for Seniors!)**

*Helen McCubbin from Tasman District Library will again be there to offer their **Digi Drop-in session, at the Community Centre from 11am-1pm**. Are you aware of the different free apps that you can access through your TDC Library membership? Helen can sign you up to become a member of TDC libraries – you just need some ID – and can then guide you through setting up access to audiobooks, eBooks, and many other free apps that are paid for through your library membership. **(Again this offer is NOT just for Seniors!)***

**Sit and Be Fit** is on each Friday at St Peter's Anglican Church, which runs from 10-11am. We start with some gentle exercise, some laughter, and a cuppa, all for \$3. Sit and Be Fit is part of the Falls Prevention programme endorsed by Nelson Bays Primary Health for ACC.

Our monthly **Tea and Talk**, for over 65s, will be on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 10-11.30am** back at the Memorial Hall.

This last month we have experienced some sudden and unexpected losses in our community, with either falls leading to hospitalisation; accidents; loved ones passing and even the house fire of a local family that give so much to others. This is when we see the power of COMMUNITY. A thought to leave you with:

*Today, LOVE OTHERS for who they are.  
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**Rangatahi Youth** would like to say goodbye and thankyou to Karla Te Tau who has been an amazing youth coordinator for the past 1 and a half years. Karla has worked very hard in her role, and helped to provide the youth with some very rewarding and memorable experiences. We are sad to see her go, and would like to wish her all the best for her future endeavours.



We are on the look out for a second coordinator, if you or someone you know is interested get in touch with Phoebe: [tapaweraconnect@gmail.com](mailto:tapaweraconnect@gmail.com).

If there is anyone or any family that is in need of some delicious ready to heat meals, The Big Bake Up has exactly these available! Please contact Janine at [j9senior@tapconnect@gmail.com](mailto:j9senior@tapconnect@gmail.com) to nominate someone or if you are in need yourself.

Kind Regards, Temika Amstad



Our wonderful Op Shop volunteers now have a permanent puzzle set up. Please come in and help them finish it!



## Community Garden Working Bee This Month - Please Join Us!

Mitre 10's 'Helping Hands' team will be at the school's community garden later this month to give us practical, hands-on help to transform the garden site into a productive garden again. The community garden site is great but needs lots of work to bring it up to speed again.

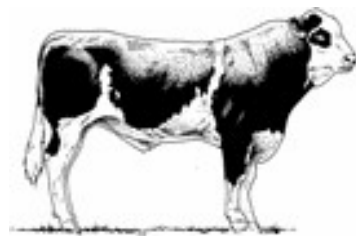
And of course, lots of work is easier with LOTS of volunteers, so we hope many local residents will join the working bee. That's you, PLEASE.

Thursday 22 August or Thursday 29 August (Date to be confirmed.) Once the date is confirmed, we will advertise on Facebook. If you wish to receive an email with details closer to the time, please write to [sreinert@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:sreinert@tapawera.school.nz) or [meyles@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:meyles@tapawera.school.nz).

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## Tapawera Netball Club July News

There isn't a lot to report in the world of Tapawera Netball. All three teams continue to do well with round 2 almost completed! A reminder about our prize giving coming up it will be held on Sunday September 1st. The venue and time is still to be confirmed.



### Tapawera Blue Rock Hops

Thank you to our sponsors Blue Rock Hops Ltd for the support of both Glen & Sara and Brian & Sarah Clayton.

**Belinda's (Coach) Comments:** First game of the weekend saw us come away with a win 28-27 against Nayland B. A bit closer than it needed to be - another day of netball tomorrow and hopefully not a nail biter! **POD to Sam Fenwick - great work at centre defensively and on attack today.**

Today saw us play Stoke. What a battle - this was a hard fought game by both teams and very close. Tapawera Blue Rock Hops pulled through with a deserved win 22-20. **POD went to Renee for her brilliant work in the defensive circle.**

Very proud of Tapawera Blue Rock Hops team today! With 3 players not feeling 100% and no reserves it was time for the team to pull together and fight hard. And we won 39-18! Such a great team effort today with our middies going from strength to strength, our defences on fire yet again! And our shooting circle absolutely on form - best stats yet with both shooters on 100% in the last quarter. **POD to Emma Bannister - work rate top notch and putting some beautiful shots in.**



### Tapawera Fry Contracting

Thank you to our sponsors Fry Contracting, Kevin and Andrew Fry

**Laura's (Coach) comments:** Fry Contracting played a new team in our grade today. A welcomed change! Prices Where. A game much more evenly matched, though we held the game for the first 3 quarters, we couldn't quite hold onto it in the last. Final score 11-12 to Prices. **POD: Gemma Balmer for her consistency and persistence in defence. Many rebounds, intercepts and tips kept the oppositions score low.**

Tapawera Fry Contracting played an epic game today! Excelling in pass options, particularly in the mid court. Great feeding into the circle from all middies. Our defence was working well, great team effort from Gemma and Kate. Really hard to pick a POD... everyone gave it their all and had an outstanding performance. Very happy coach! Final score: Tapawera 32-11 Marist Gold

### Tapawera Fry contracting vs Richmond McCashins for the 4th time!

Wednesday we practiced a few new attacking strategies. We know what we're up against. We know how they move. Or so we thought. 1st quarter was great! Our strategies were looking nice, players strong and feeling good. Even with a flat tyre

leaving two people making it 5mins before the game! Phew!

🥰 We took the opposing team by surprise which I think surprised us too. Richmond changed defensive tactics in the 2nd quarter which saw them intercepting a lot of our attempts to pass into the shooting circle. Allowing Richmond to catch up too quickly for my liking. Aroha in C was getting feisty against the notorious defensive tactics of Richmond's C. Gemma and Kiahna were working hard in the defensive circle, however the experience of the shooters kept them at bay. They took the lead at half time 15-12. 3rd quarter was just the same as the 2nd with the bonus of Lissie shooting a fantastic goal. Keeping our C fresh faced was Shimiela with some great driving throughout the court. 4th quarter Kiahna in GK was struggling with the rise of a new injury. Off she came to preserve herself for Nationals tournament next week. Kate happily slotted back into GK. Lissie GS was working hard against a confident GK the whole game. Another player who's consistently improving every game. Lane gave her 3/4s a good effort with a few crucial intercepts and a hunger for the ball that drives her skills as a WD and WA. **POD today goes to Kate Mytton for her intercepts in GK, great tips and defensive work in WD. Still improving every game!** This is (hopefully 😊) our last game against Richmond as they're looking set to move up into Senior 5. They really are the better team but that doesn't stop us from trying our best and training every week to improve. There are always different challenges to overcome every week. I am still consistently proud of how our team is coming along so far!

We love seeing our supporters on the side each week. Thank you 🙏 for going on this journey with us! Also to our weekly helpers for doing our official scoring!



### Tapawera Hotel

Thank you to our sponsors Tapawera Hotel, Brendan Gleeson and Shara Khan for the ongoing support of this team!

**Toni's (Coach) Comments:** Tap Hotel played Nayland 10 on slightly damp courts but that didn't faze our girls. A cracking effort from everybody, giving it 110%. Which resulted in all of them getting POD. Super work girls!!! 19-7 win

Tap Hotel Team were up against Murchison Gold again today. With their shooters holding strong our defence team had their work cut out to make contact with the ball. Murchison were almost goal for goal and chasing our slight advantage into the third quarter. Our girls dug deep with true drive and grit to take an impressive lead and came away with a nice win. **POD was awarded to Paige Derbyshire for her great attacking skills. 20-14 win**

We have a Tapawera Netball Club Facebook page where we will update you on how our teams do throughout the season. We also have a new email address so feel free to reach out to us at [tapaweranetballclub1988@gmail.com](mailto:tapaweranetballclub1988@gmail.com) at any time.

Lissie Anglesey  
Club Secretary  
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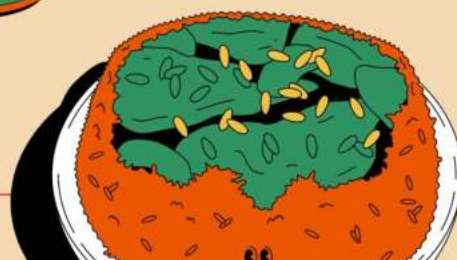
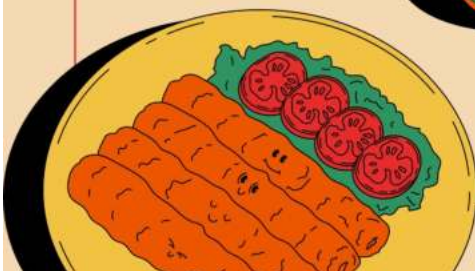
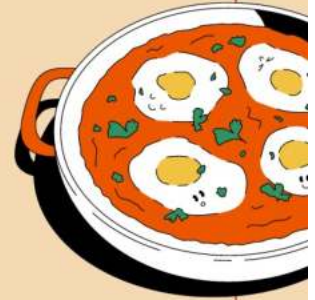
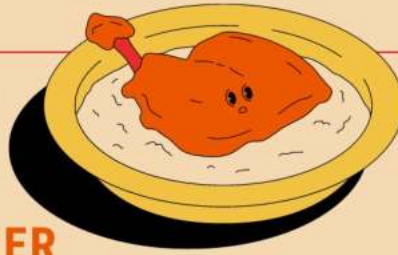
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## Gardening Inspiration

Happy August everyone! Spring's not too far ahead - lambs are around already - and now's a good time to think of the food year ahead, and the huge benefits and enjoyment a vege garden can bring.

Think 'food for my family' - cheaper, favourites, kid-friendly, healthier, outdoors, exercise - and many other benefits that growing your own vegetables brings. Think juicy broccoli, crunchy carrots and glorious new potatoes that taste quite different and stay fresh much longer than those you buy - you can grow them yourself if you have even a small vege garden.

Home vege gardens come in many shapes and sizes. They can be large, small, in containers lining the drive, buckets (of potatoes?), no-dig, hanging baskets, and you can even dig up the lawn and use that space.

Community goals around growing and sharing food are an important part of the exciting Tapawera Community Plan. We're concentrating on food security so we also included 'Meals for emergencies' in the draft workshop programme.

**Now we'd like your input please, on topics that would attract you to attend a workshop. Our preliminary lineup is:**

- Starting a home garden including easy to grow veges and saving seed
- Composting
- Pruning
- Care of garden tools/maintenance of small engines and power tools
- Using recycled materials, especially pallets
- Growing edible native plants, attracting bees and beneficial insects into your garden
- Using what we grow - easy meals using seasonal veges (not necessarily meat-free)
- Preserving - jams, bottling, sauces, chutneys etc
- Fermented foods
- Visiting home gardens that illustrate different aspects/types of gardens
- Meals for emergencies

To give us your feedback and to help give us a feel for what to initially concentrate on, would you please indicate the workshops that you would likely take part in.

- You can use this page. Tick the workshops you support



and put your response in the box at the reception desk in the Community Centre

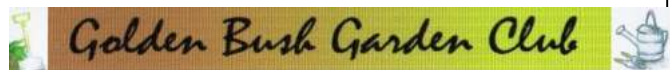
- You can respond through posts on the Tapawera and Surrounding Areas, Tapawera Community News, and Tapawera Connect Facebook pages
- You can respond via the Tapawera Community website ([www.tapaweracommunity.nz](http://www.tapaweracommunity.nz)). You will find a link on the Community Notice Board on the homepage
- Or you can leave a message for Heather Spence on 522-4458.

*Please respond by Friday, 23 August.*

Ngā mihi nui,

**Heather Spence (522 4458)**

**Gavin Scoble (027 757 6665)**



The July meeting was held at the Villa Cafe, Wakefield. After the meeting and auction we enjoyed a meal of shared platters. The two raffles of cyclamens and other plants were won by Charlene and Judy.

Our next meeting, which will be our AGM, will be held at 11am, August 8th, at the Wakefield Hotel. There will be a raffle and auction. As Irene is stepping down as president we will be seeking nominations and also, if you would like to come onto the committee please put your name forward. We are always looking for new places and gardens to visit so if you do have any ideas please let a committee member know.

The set menu at the hotel is \$21 but the club will pay \$10 towards the cost and members pay \$11 plus any extras. If you haven't already put your name down on the list please contact me on 5224924 so that I have an estimate of numbers to give to the Hotel.

The first flowers of spring, snowdrops have appeared. Looking forward to the burst of colour in the garden as the season changes. Happy gardening.  
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# How well are we connected?

## Your Situation

How well is your household connected to the internet? Can your household connect to the mobile network? If the answer is 'yes' to both these questions, then you're fortunate.

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Studies in Aotearoa and globally show that poor digital connectivity impacts negatively on the well-being outcomes for people.

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We would like to know how well our community is connected to the internet and mobile networks. Connections have improved markedly over recent years, but for some people their connectivity journey is still ongoing.

## History

In 1983 the Internet was launched, the Web followed in 1989, invented by Tim Berners-Lee while working at CERN. For the last 30+ years information has migrated to the Web. Most organisations have a digital strategy, elections can be won or lost based on digital marketing. As a resource the web is now a very integral part of most peoples' lives. The Tasman District Council has released a guide, "A Blueprint for Tasman's Digital Future", 2024 - 2034.

## Your Feedback

In order to lobby for better connectivity, we need to know the extent of our community's connectivity problem. Do we even have a problem? We're seeking your input via a brief survey - online, on paper, or by phone.

It will only take a few minutes to complete:

- if you have great connectivity we want to know;
- if you have connectivity issues we want to know;
- if you cannot connect we want to know;
- if you can get the internet but no mobile we want to know.

We would like feedback from every household in our community, at least **635** - the **Informer** circulation.

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## Flyer

See the flyer in this issue 'Community Connectivity Survey' to see how your household can provide feedback. If you have a connection, please do it **now**, or give me a call and I can complete a form on your behalf over the phone - 5224 458.

## One Form per Household

In order not to skew the statistics, please, only one form per household. If the responses indicate there are 100 households at Tui the council might be interested!

## Confidentiality

All individual returns will remain confidential to Tapawera Connect and people working on their behalf - me, for example. Results will be in the public domain and made available to relevant parties, such as Rural Connectivity Group (RCG), TDCC, TDC.

## Results

Results will be in the October edition of the Informer and on the Community Website.

## Any Questions?

Give me a call (Mike Drake, 5224 458), preferably in the evenings. If I cannot answer directly I'll find someone who can.



Mike Drake (the guy on the bike)

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# Community Connectivity Survey

Please read "How well are we connected?" in the Informer (August)

**What** What problems do you have connecting to the internet and the mobile phone network? Information collected will be used to lobby for further investment.

**Why** Collect information to determine the extent of digital (**internet** and **mobile**) connectivity in our community.

Studies in Aotearoa and globally show that poor digital connectivity negatively impacts on the well-being outcomes for people.

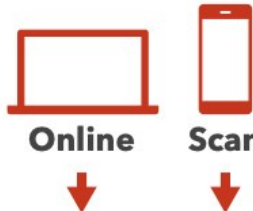
**Who** This survey is concerned with how well **households** in our community are digitally connected. Questions relate to issues such as stability, speed, support and whether you can connect at all.

**When** Please complete by Saturday, August 31, 2024

**How** This survey can be completed **online**, by **paper** or by **phone** - see below.

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Just a few minutes of your time please



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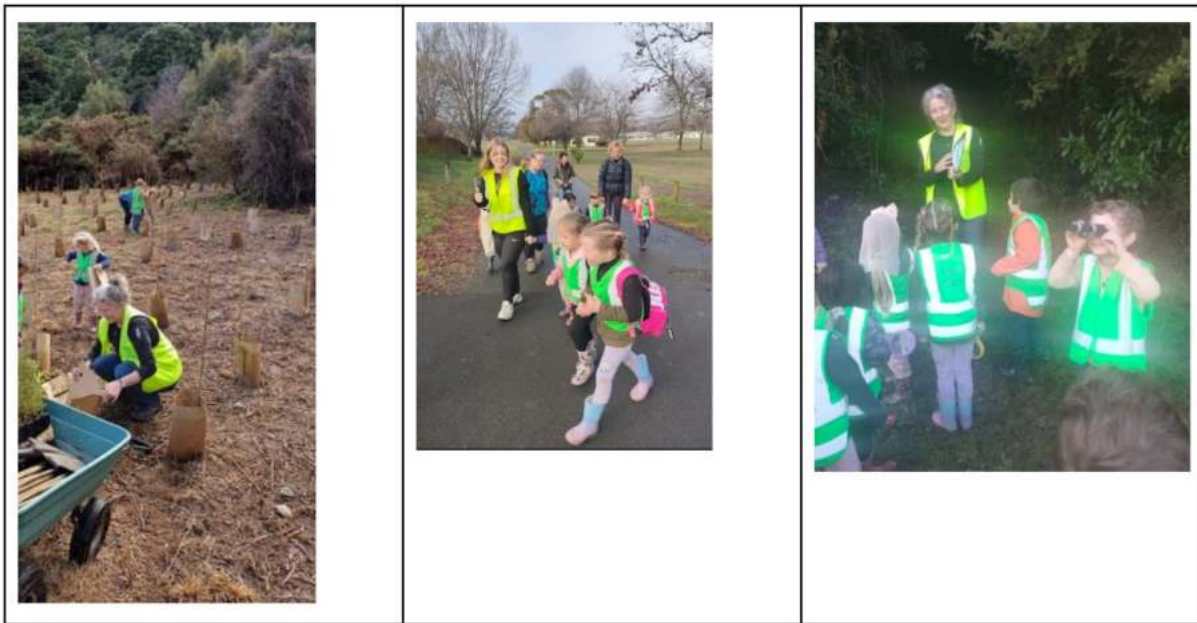
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Thank you 😊

**Results** will be in the October edition of the Informer and on the Community Website.





On a misty winter morning the tuakana from Tapawera Kindy, kitted up in their outdoor gear to carefully walk through the village to their backyard sanctuary at Shedwood bush. There was a lot of chatter and excitement along the way with the conversations - te tiri honongā ki te tāiao - sharing each other's connection with this environment. These connections were further developed within Shedwood Bush where the tamariki used their voice to explain why this space is so special to them. We talked about the weeding work community members have done to assist in the restoration of this space. We even got to feel what it would be like to be a beautiful native tree that is being smothered by weeds.

After checking plantings previously completed by intermediate students from Tapawera Area School the Kindy crew planted their own natives. These special trees are also protected with the wonderfully decorated plant guards.

Our day concluded with a special bush detective walk along the track where we saw unique leaves, weta holes, Kate's favourite tree and its special bark, seeds, signs of the season and what some of the special plants in the space do to survive.

*He maha nga mahi matauranga me nga mahi atawhai ka taea e tatou katoa te uru atu - there are many conservation activities we can all be a part of.*

The activity was led by Kate Radloff, and Vicki Karetai from Tasman Bay Guardians. Nicola Allan, the Tapawera Connect Representative, also supported this initiative as part of the ongoing work in the Community Lead Development Programme.



Chelsea the Kowhai



## Every Friday 9am - 11am Tapawera Memorial Hall

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Friday 10:00am 23rd August 2024

### *Jumpin Trampoline*

Time for bounce'n fun at the Nelson Jumpin centre in Pascoe Street! Dads, grandparents and caregivers all welcome.

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This beautiful Rural Mums Tapawera co-ordinator, Abby, is due for number two to arrive start of August. While she takes some time to cherish this amazing arrival, Tamara and the support from other mums will continue to run this supportive group.



The Big Bake Up has delicious ready to heat meals available to anyone or family that is in need. Please contact Tamara on 0273240521 if you would like to nominate someone or if you are in need of a ready made meal.

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For more details visit our Facebook page: Rural Mums Tapawera  
or Contact Abby on 0221654460 or Tamara on 0273240521





## From Tapawera Area School and Community Library

The holidays are over and we welcome everyone back to the library again. It's such a pleasant place to be on these winter days and our selection of books is amazing. If you aren't yet a member do think about coming in for a browse.

You can also see our whole catalogue at [nz.accessit.online/TPW00](https://nz.accessit.online/TPW00) (last two digits are zeros). Anyone can log in as a guest but members may also ask us for their membership numbers and check their issues etc. It's also useful for checking your children's accounts and see if they have overdue books.

Our hours are 10.30-1.30 Monday to Friday but members can obtain the key at the office and leave their details at the desk during normal school hours.

Please don't feel the library will be a mass of students all day. If you avoid the interval time at 10.40 -11am and lunchtimes from 12.40 to 1.30, you'll find plenty of quiet space, you can even call ahead to check when classes might be in the library.

If you are new to the community, you can find us behind the tennis courts at the school. You can phone us on 5224337 ex 213 or email us on [library@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:library@tapawera.school.nz)

Meanwhile happy reading folks  
Laree for the library team.



## From the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou e te Whānauki te Kura o Tapawera

### School Mid-Year Achievement Update

#### Strong Results in Math & Reading, Focus on Writing

Teachers recently assessed student progress in Math, Reading, and Writing. Here's a quick update:

**Math:** 61.2% of students are at or above grade level (goal: 85% by year-end). We'll use targeted programs and professional development to help students reach their full potential.

**Reading:** 68% of students are at or above grade level (goal: 85% by year-end). We'll continue successful strategies and offer extra support for those who need it.

**Writing:** 40% of students are at or above grade level (goal: 85% by year-end). This is our area of focus. We'll implement new programs and resources to support all learners.

**We're committed to student success!** We appreciate your continued partnership. Look for student reports on July 5th and parent-teacher conferences on August 8th. Questions? Don't hesitate to contact us!

#### Everyday Counts: Attendance

As many of you know, here at Tapawera Area School, we're passionate about supporting our tamariki to reach their full potential. There's one key factor that plays a huge role in their success – **regular attendance**.

The New Zealand Government, along with the Ministry of

Education, has made improving attendance a national goal of 80% of our tamariki attending 90% or more by 2030. They recognise, just like we do, that **every day counts**. Let's face it, sometimes life gets in the way, and that's okay. But it's important to understand that missing just one day every fortnight adds up to four weeks a year. Over a student's entire school life, that's a whole year of missed learning!

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



We know parents and whānau are the biggest influence in a child's life. By working together, we can create a culture where attendance is valued. Here are some ways you can help:

**Set a routine:** Establish a regular sleep and wake-up schedule, even on weekends.

**Talk about school:** Chat with your child about their day and what they're learning.

**Make appointments/holidays outside of school hours:** If possible, schedule holidays, doctor's visits or other commitments when school isn't in session.

**Let us know:** If something unexpected comes up, please communicate with the school as soon as possible.

We understand that some whānau might face challenges that make regular attendance difficult. If that's the case for you, please don't hesitate to reach out. We have a dedicated team here to support you and your child in any way we can. Together, let's ensure every child gets the chance to shine!

#### Staffing Term Three

Room 7 will have a change of teacher next term, and Mr Daniel Hooper will be their teacher for the rest of the year. Gordon Baird will be moving to the secondary area for the remainder of the year, and Josie Orr will work in other classes. Gordon will be teaching science in years 9, 10, and 11. Like many schools in the country, we are struggling to employ a science specialist; however, we will support Gordon in providing a quality science programme.

We apologise for the disruption to students and will support them through these transitions. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your ongoing support and Aroha for our Kura Sarah Coard

Principal / Tumuaki  
[principal@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:principal@tapawera.school.nz)

#### Term 3 Dates

Monday 22nd July                      Teacher Only Day  
Thursday 8th August                  Parent/ Teacher Interviews

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## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

This term, we're excited to announce a new initiative as part of our school's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme. We're launching a mentoring programme where our Year 9 and 10 students will be working alongside Rooms 2 and 3 to further develop our school's Fire Values: **F**riendliness, **I**ntegrity, **R**espect, and **E**ffort. This programme is a fantastic opportunity for our older students to act as positive role models and share their experiences with our younger learners. Mentors will be paired with small groups from Rooms 2 and 3, and together they'll participate in fun activities and discussions that focus on each of the Fire Values.



## Matariki

Wow! What a great day we had on Thursday to celebrate Matariki - The Māori New Year. A time to be together and have fun! We started the day with a Mihi Whakatau- thanks whānau for joining us. We had a rotation of 3 activities this year, Sport, Music and Art. At sport the tamariki took part in Ki-o-rahi. In Art, they made some great harakeke flowers and prints. In music, we learnt a Māori stick game called E Papa Waiari and made a musical instrument called a Pūrerehua. For lunch we ate a yummy 'boil up' which was very tasty for all.

Thanks to our whānau for joining in our activities and also providing veggies and meat for the boil up. A huge thanks to our wonderful staff for making this happen! Aroha nui 😊



## Careers

We have been busy in the Careers space at the moment.

On Monday we had the team from Rural Health Careers visit our senior students to tell us about career options in Health Care. Students heard about a range of career options and then took part in workshops.

On Wednesday a group of our senior students travelled to Founders to take part in the Fantastic Futures Event, a one-day event for Nelson Tasman high school students showcasing vocational pathways in the key industries that drive the Nelson Tasman Economy.







## Sea Kayaking

On the 18th of June a group of students from TAS year 8-10 were chosen to go sea kayaking in Abel Tasman.

We arrived at Marahau and were sorted into kayaks for what would be an awesome trip. It was pretty exciting to be on the water in the double sea kayaks as we paddled into the Abel Tasman National Park. As we were paddling up the coastline we learned about the explorer D'Urville and how he named the waters that we were paddling through. He named Coquilles Bay after his boat, Adele Island after his wife and Fishermans Island after he saw locals fishing. Not very imaginative! After having lunch at Stilwell Bay we were off on the kayaks again. On the way back we paddled through some rough swells, we thought it was pretty fun to try and ride the waves. Back at Marahau we loaded the Sea Kayaks onto a tractor trailer, hopped onto the trailer and were transported back to the Abel Tasman centre in style! What a great day!! There were lots of funny stories in the van ride home as well as sore arms, hips and hands!

*By Patrick and Pheenix.*



## Rippa Rugby Tournament

Awa, Ben, Ollie, Charlie, Blake, Jimmy, Eden, Alex, Marlee and Jordan all went to a Rippa Rugby Tournament held in Motueka on the 20th of June. We had 3 games in our pool round, with this I saw every student step up as the games went on and play to the best of their ability and we came away with 3 wins. Yay! This then put us into the semi-finals where we again played really well but I could see that they were getting tired. The other team managed to get a couple of tries for them to win the game. With this loss we were playing off for 3rd and 4th, by the time this game came around our students were very very tired, especially the girls who had to stay on the whole time for every game. I could see the determination in them to try and win this game. Playing absolutely amazing, encouraging the younger ones was a great end to our tournament even though the other team got 2 tries more than us, which meant we came in 4th for the day. You all blew me away with how well you played, encouraged and supported each other. It was so great to see how you all worked as a team and represented the school but most of all had such a fun day. A huge thanks to Mr Hooper for coming and supporting us.

## Ki O Rahi Tournament

A year 7/8. team representing Tapawera attended a tournament in Motueka. With 20 teams competing it was a great day to celebrate Matariki with other schools. A close loss in the morning and 2 wins saw the team improving with every game. During the afternoon competition our game improved further and we ended up second in our pool after 2 wins and another close loss. Overall it was a great day, the team got better every game and finished strongly with the best game of the day in terms of teamwork, communication and tactics. Well done to the team: Patrick, Logan, Levi B, Levi D, Pheenix, Ollie, Ben, Ella, Holly, Atlanta, Paige and Keetah.



## HELP Needed To start the make over in our Garden!

We are looking to seek permission from a local farmer to dispose of garden and green waste by setting up a burn pile. Moreover, we require assistance from someone with a truck to move the waste. A digger will be provided on-site for loading purposes. Please contact us via email at [sreinert@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:sreinert@tapawera.school.nz) or [meyles@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:meyles@tapawera.school.nz).





## **Pride in Our Town: Introducing Nicky McCormick**

### **1. How long have you lived around Tapawera and what brought you here?**

I have lived in Woodstock just up from Tapawera since 2017, so now it has been 7 years. I drove along the Motueka Valley Highway prior to my move and loved the energy of the place, it felt peaceful with the river and there was an uplifting feel. I was lucky enough to have a family friend point me in the direction of Woodstock, I had dreamed of living by water and mountains and my dream came through... some might call this serendipity, it very much felt like this.

### **2. What was the initial drawcard to coming to live here?**

I had lived in cities all of my life and felt like I had sold my soul to big corporate giants and institutions. I knew there was much more to life than what I had experienced. I had been living in Melbourne for some time and wanted to move back to New Zealand, my home country. I had realised through my yoga practice that you can be anywhere in the world and feel like you are home, it's your frame of mind not your location. So, I figured I could set up in rural New Zealand and find a lifestyle that was conducive to healing my own body/mind construct so I could also help others with their healing journey. This is what drew me to Woodstock as the property I came across was a perfect setting for a yoga retreat. Restore Balance Retreat is what I called the property, as I believe Restoring Balance is what the world needs.

### **3. Which is your favourite season of the year here? Why?**

I truly never thought I would say this, but winter. I have never been in a place in the world where you get such massive frosts in the morning but then the bluest clearest skies during the day once the sun appears, with the contrast of the freezing mornings then the warm days after, it feels rejuvenating... Although, I must say living in the valley, all seasons have something special to offer.

### **4. Is there an activity you like to do to connect to other locals? What is it and how often do you participate?**

I have been working with the Tapawera Connect team to help connect the community. Connecting with people that are engaged in our activities has been a real treat, I have felt privileged to get to know so many folk from different walks of life. We have regular meet ups with the Tapawera Connect Team and have had a lot of activities with the community. We have a few events coming up, a pot luck dinner for the community late July, which will be a new way we can share ideas.

### **5. Do you have a favourite swimming hole on the river, or even if it's just a great place to escape and unwind? (You don't have to give away any secret place that you**

want to keep to yourself but give us a general sense of whether mountain, forest, river).

There is a forest behind where I live and also up in Shedwood bush, I find these places great to unwind and feel more at peace in the forest environment... listening to the birdsong always seems to bring me deeper into the present moment... I love the sound of the tui birds and the bellbirds, they sound harmonic.

### **6. What is your favourite thing to do in summer / winter?**

Always yoga, whatever time of year, I love to practice and to teach. This gives me loads of joy.

### **7. Is there a favourite view for you, and how does it impact you?**

Just after you drive up from Stanley Brook and come to the top of the mountain towards Tapawera, the view looks spectacular. The mountains put everything in perspective. When they are snow-capped, they look even more amazing. The top of Shedwood Bush is also pretty amazing, looking down on the river, mountains and village you feel like you are extremely lucky to live in such a special place.

### **8. Is there a (good) smell that you associate with Tapawera? Does it remind you of some other time in your life?**

Not particularly. I walk my dog behind the township up alongside the river, I enjoy the fact that it is the most spectacular spot and there is no-one hardly around. There are not many places in the world where you have these amazing outlooks and so few people. It reminds me of no other time in my life

### **9. Is there someone who has made a positive impact on your time living here?**

No-one specifically but a number of people in the community, learning from others how to live more sustainably and work with the land. I have met some people that have put a lot of hard work into being completely sustainable in how they live, not buying into the consumeristic world and making everything they have from scratch... I have found this inspirational and end up asking these folk loads of questions so I can continue my journey in that direction.

### **10. If you had to go and live somewhere else, what would you miss most about Tapawera?**

The river and the mountains and of course the people in the community. Everyone is extremely supportive of one another and easy to get to know. I enjoy the fact that someone might pop in for a cuppa and stay for a long chat. There is something to be said for "learning to go with the flow"...

**Book Discussion Group**

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

**Federated Farmers**

Contact: Harry Matthews - Field Rep -  
 0275078901

**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

**Informer**

PO Box 15 Tapawera  
 Email [tapawerainformers@gmail.com](mailto:tapawerainformers@gmail.com)

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 Brent Hodkinson 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 – Tapawera****For emergencies Dial 111,**

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**Tapawera & Dist. Community Church**

**St. Peter's Tapawera:** no services at  
 present

Contact: Church office 03 541 8883

[wakefieldanglican.nz](http://wakefieldanglican.nz)

Urgent enquiries to Jenny 0274850448

**Tapawera & Dist. Community Council**

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of month,  
 7pm Tapawera Community Centre,  
 email: [TapaweraTDCC@gmail.com](mailto:TapaweraTDCC@gmail.com)

**Tapawera Community Centre**

Email: Nicola Allan  
[nicolaallan434@gmail.com](mailto:nicolaallan434@gmail.com) or  
[TapaweraTDCC@gmail.com](mailto:TapaweraTDCC@gmail.com)

**Tapawera Connect**

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 6730 or 522 4929, email:  
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**Tapawera Creative Fibre**

Meet: every Wednesdays, 10am-2pm,  
 Memorial Hall  
 Contact: Dallas Robinson ph. 5224984

**Tapawera Food Bank**

Contact: Suzzi Lankshear ph.  
 0277491063

**Tapawera Jujutsu Club**

Contact: Tony Hammersley ph. 5224609

**Tapawera Music/Country Music Club**

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

**Tapawera Op Shop**

Open: Tue 11am-2pm, Wed 10am-3pm  
 Contact: Nicola Allan ph. 0212506232

**Tapawera Playcentre**

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

**Tapawera Rugby Football Club**

Bookings: ph. Judy Benjamin 5224445

**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

**TAS / Community Library**

Mon-Fri 10:30am-1:30pm. Contact:  
 Lareen Bonnington ph. 5224149  
 Library ph. 5224337/ext. 213

**TESSI**

Contact: Bruce Whyte ph. 5224550

**Toy Library**

Open Monday or via arrangement:10:30  
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 0273915424 or 5524984

**Visual Arts Society Tapawera**

Contact: Dallas Robinson ph. 5224984

**What's on  
August**

- 8 Garden Club, Wakefield Hotel,  
11am,
- 13 Tapawera Talking Café, 10-  
11:30am, Tapawera  
Community Centre
- 13 Digi Drop-in Session,  
Community Centre, 11am-1pm
- 20 Articles for Informer close 5pm
- 22 or 29 Community Garden  
Working Bee - date to be  
confirmed
- 27 Tea and Talk, Memorial Hall  
10:00am - 11:30am
- 27 TDCC AGM & monthly  
meeting, Community Centre,  
7pm

**GP & Nurse at  
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 541 8911 for dates

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