

## Please complete the TDCC membership application form

The TDCC revised constitution, a requirement under the new Incorporated Societies Act, was approved at the Special General Meeting held on 20 May 2025. Under the old constitution we had passive membership and anyone residing within our geographic catchment was automatically considered a member of the TDCC which entitled them to various rights such as bringing issues to the committee, voting on motions at General Meetings and electing TDCC committee members.

Under this new constitution local residents must apply to become members of the TDCC using this online membership application form <https://www.cognitofirms.com/TapaweraDistrictsCommunityCouncil/TDCCMembershipApplication>. There is a link to this online form on the TDCC page on the Tapawera Community website.

In order to represent the Tapawera community effectively it is important that we have as large a membership base as possible - please complete the form, it is free to join, we have no membership fees and there's no obligation to do anything once you're a member.

Steve Udy

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Here is the link to the online form <https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-community/events/featured/mayors-for-peace-art-competition-2025>



## Tapawera Recreation Reserve Committee

This committee administers the domain, sports fields and Memorial Hall.

We meet every second month for 90 minutes in the evening to resolve issues or requests in regard to the domain, sports fields or Memorial Hall.

We sometimes struggle to get a quorum (the number of people required to authorise a motion or financial payment).

The public are encouraged to attend these meetings, especially users or hirers of the facilities. Meeting dates for this year are 4th June, 6th August, 1st October, 3rd December at Memorial Hall, all at 7pm.

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So far Autumn has produced some lovely mild temperatures and good rainfall. We have been blessed to have escaped the worst of the predicted weather that has swamped other communities around us. We've still had some late summer flowers continuing to bloom and even Spring irises flowering again.

A good group of club members met at Riwaka River Winery for the May meeting. It was a beautiful day, with warm sunshine. We were welcomed into the 'cellar door' which was the old hop kiln that had plenty of room for our meeting. It was a lovely, authentic country space, with comfy lounges, but had a bit of a chill out of the sun. Amber and Paul Rose welcomed us to their property. They produce award winning wines (Resurgence Wines) and top quality extra virgin olive oil, in limited runs, from produce grown on their piece of paradise over rich limestone ground. Following the meeting we ate our lunch outdoors in the sun or strolled around the lovely, still very colourful garden maintained by Amber's mum, Patricia Robinson. Some enjoyed a wee tasting of their range of wines before heading home. Our raffle winners were Jennifer and Judy.

Our June meeting, Thursday 12th June, is now at the historic Moutere Inn, 1406 Moutere Highway. As their opening time is generally 12pm, we are arranging that they let us have our meeting at 11.30 before we enjoy lunch there. Please note this later start time again this month. Club Members will be subsidised \$10 towards their meal.

Just a heads-up that our July meeting will be held at Neudorf Mushrooms, 509 Neudorf Road, Upper Moutere, hosted by Hannes and Theres. Unfortunately their education facility can only cater to 25. They will educate us about their amazing business, as well as provide some of their wild mushroom soup for us to enjoy. At this time of the year we won't be able to wander out among the trees, but be assured that Umami awaits! We will need to know names of those interested in coming, at our June meeting at the Moutere Inn. If we get more than the 25 we will definitely look at booking another day. There will be more information at our June meeting, with cost and time, etc.

Happy hibernation.

Janine

By Dr Pip de Hamel

We are always looking to provide our patients with the best care we can. That is why we want you to help us do the best for you. We frequently hear the following two phrases at the Health Centre which get in the way of us giving you the best care.

*"...Oh and while I'm here, can I just get my pills?"*

There's an issue with 'just get my pills', because when you see a doctor for a prescription, it is good practice for us to discuss how the medication is going, carry out some checks and see if any relevant tests are due. When the 'just get my pills' line comes out at the end of a visit, realising that the patient is probably nearly out of pills and it that it might be hard for them to get another appointment soon, we quickly do a prescription. But it is not actually in your best interests for us to quickly tick boxes on the computer to generate a script. We want to prescribe safely for you. So please, if you are needing pills as part of your appointment, tell us at the start so we have time to do a good job for you.

*"I've just got three or four ( or more) quick things on my list today".*

Our **appointments are made for fifteen minutes**. For most problems, it is simply not possible to give a quick spot diagnosis and treatment. The most we can deal with effectively and safely is one or two things in the appointment.

We are conscious of the cost of a visit and the current difficulty in getting appointments, but the most important thing is for us to do our job well, which is best for you.

So here are some tips:

- Keep to 1 or 2 problems per appointment.
- Declare your list at the start of the appointment, including any scripts needed.
- Book a double appointment if you have a bigger list – it's cheaper than 2 single appointments.
- **Book well ahead** to get an appointment with your own GP so that you see the doctor who knows you the best.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Submissions re the location of the new Hub close on 16th June, and it's important for members of this community to have input based on informed opinion. However, despite several attempts to get clear answers, there are several outstanding questions which impact how we may respond.

1/ Where can we access the Business plan, timeline, draft floor plan, draft building budget and draft operating budget for the Hub?

2/ Where can we access the application document and approval conditions document for the grant already received?

3/ Where can we access the list of identified potential users (and thus assess the need)?

4/ What were the costings to gut and redesign the existing building (and how many car-parks would be required)?

5/ With cash-strapped TDC covering all the running costs of the new building, where can we see the guarantee that they will still be prepared to cover the costs of the existing building, including getting it to a standard where its future is secure? If it's true that TDC won't contribute to earthquake strengthening then is the building's fate already sealed?

6/ How much will the new Hub affect the rates and Council debt by, given their initial building contribution of \$2-3 million, followed by operational costings?

7/ The burgeoning population of Wakefield doesn't have a community centre at all, so is it reasonable for Tapawera to be compared to them as a justification?

8/ Who will operate the Hub, and is the funding for those positions guaranteed for the next decade?

9/ Why were we asked if the Hub should include the Op shop? If it can't be in the Hub, where would it go (assuming the existing building is deemed unfit)?

Accurate communication in a rural area can be difficult, especially as many of us have commitments precluding attending meetings, but attempts via phone, email and the Community FB page to get this information out in the public arena have all failed. At this stage I am neither for nor against the proposed Hub, but I do have a sense of unease around the lack of proper information. As a community we need to know what it is that the leading groups are committing us to, and the full ramifications.

Kind regards,  
Trish Palmer



## Senior's Snippets with Janine Leeden, 0277525975

### True Story?!

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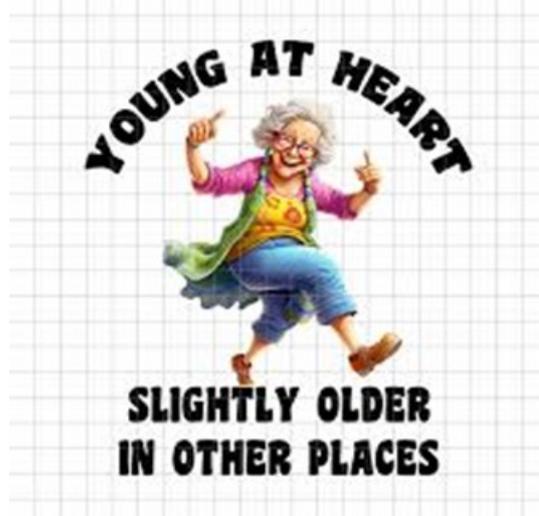
"This is the 21st century," she said. "Who uses newspapers anymore? Here, use my iPad."

I can tell you this. That fly never knew what hit him!

Our next **WELLBY TALKING CAFE** will be back at the **School / Community Library on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 10-11.30am**. A \$3 koha will help with morning tea costs. Kelly will be in the library to help you with membership and sorting any book requests you might have. See you there! The **DIGI DROP-IN** girls will be there from 11am-1pm, helping you sort out any tech issues you might be having.

**Tea and Talk will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 10 – 11.30 am, at the Memorial Hall**. \$3 covers morning tea. Come and meet some other local seniors, share some great conversations and even have a laugh.

**Sit and Be Fit** will continue every Friday morning at 10-11am - followed by a cuppa, chat and an opportunity to join in our current favourite board game, Mexican Trains, afterwards, which goes till about 12pm. **We meet at St Peter's Church on the Main Road, Tapawera**. Great value for \$3 for the morning.





# *Rural Mums Family Day*

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**Location: Memorial Hall Tapawera**

**Time: 10.30am-1pm**

Rural mums group invites you to join us for family day! All welcome, children, parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles! Come along to have some fun and meet members in the community!

**FREE bouncy castle!**

**FREE sausage sizzle!**

**EPIC giveaway!**

We will be fundraising by having a bake sale, raffles and other fun things!





## Tapawera Community Connection Update - June 2025

Do you want to connect to others in our community? Read on for information on what's been happening in our town and fun ways to get involved.

### Community Gardens, Fruit Trees and Food Supply Volunteers

Do you have a passion for gardening, or helping to ensure food is accessible and readily available for all? If yes, then **we need you!**

We have the following two roles available:

**Fruit Tree Coordinator.** This role spans the community garden and community fruit tree planting project. It focuses on the planting and maintenance of our community fruit trees, coordinating a team.

**Food Supply Link.** This role is focussed on harvest. It includes monitoring the food growing in the community garden and lets the team know when it can be picked. The role includes supplying food to the Pataka Kai (food stall) and notifying the community it is there.

If you are interested in either of these very rewarding roles, please call or send me a message for more information.



### Tapawera Spring Show

**Mark the date!** Planning is in full force for the Spring Show to be held in the school grounds on **Saturday 11 October 2025, 11am to 3pm**. This is a free community event with animals, stalls, food, displays, competitions, entertainment, live music, car show and much more! A fun, affordable day out for the whole family.

There are heaps of roles where we could use your help, as simple as writing on the prize certificates, running an event or helping to set up.



For more information contact Sabine on 021 0278 8260, flick me a message or just turn up at our next meeting Wednesday 11 June, 5pm to 6pm in the school staffroom.

### Parent Support

There are lots of wonderful activities happening in the community for parents and caregivers to have fun, find support and connect. If you would like to join the 'Rural Mums' FB group to keep updated, or get involved in our local gatherings, please Contact Abby on 027 902 7202.



### Trapping

The backyard trapping project is taking off. Let's get rid of those pesky rodents and protect our birds and produce. Please contact Den on 027 522 4106 **to get a free rat trap for your backyard.**

### Workshops

Tapawera Connect would love to support more workshops for our local community. **If anyone has any workshop ideas they would be keen to see offered, please let me know - even just flick me a text.** They can be anything from basic car maintenance, driving an ATV to soap or candle making. Please send me your thoughts!

### Community Hub Fundraising

We recently ran a quick Mother's Day Raffle for some diabetic friendly sauces, jam and chutney (kindly donated by Elwynne Gibson). The raffle was drawn on Saturday the 10th May by Wayne Leeden, with Janine Leeden and Della Webby supervising. The winning numbers were:

- 1: #16 Kevin (from Motueka) - Gift Box
- 2: #4 Della Webby - Consolation Prize

All winners have been notified.



**Della Webby**, CLDP Community Connector  
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## Tapawera Netball Club June News

It's been a busy month in May with the season starting! It's been great to see everyone play and start to gel as a team. It's going to be great to see how everyone progresses as the season goes on. We have some super exciting news that the Wakefield Robins team is now under our club going by the Tapawera Ferns, with Shaye Leah as coach! Thank you for putting your hand up to support these young rising stars! We can't wait to see how they grow as the season goes on.

### Tapawera Blue Rock Hops Team



Thank you to our sponsors Blue Rock Hops Ltd for the support of both Glen & Sara and Brian & Sarah Clayton. This team consists of Emma Bannister, Renee Macdonald, Kiahna Telfer-Eggers, Tegan Cornell, Mel Heine, Shakaia Macdonald, Toni Derbyshire, Elise Cotter and Kelly Collins

**Coach:** Belinda Grice

**Manager:** TBC

**Grade:** 2

**Training:** Tuesday or Wednesday, 7pm

**Game Day Report from 3rd May** - A bit of a nervous start I think for us today - at times a little rushed and with our playing combination fairly untried we were feeling our way through the game. Some really good plays from our attacks, some great driving and making space but Stoke had very good defence and we ended up 6 down at the end of the third quarter. The last quarter we came out firing and really came in to the game. Our defence continued their pressure and our turnovers were capitalised on with great space and timing from our attacks, finished off with our shoots popping those goals in. We came away with a win 23-22.

The Stoke coach commented on our strength and improvement from last season which was great to hear. Player of the Day to Elise Cotter - lots of tips, intercepts and deflections in her first game for Tapawera - great job.

**Game Day Report from 10th May** - A second win under our belt today 29-15 against a young Jacks team.

Jacks had us working hard today despite the score against them and at times we perhaps made it harder for ourselves than needed. Overall though a good game again and stoked to come away with a big win. Our defenders and attacks getting some great turn over ball and some great feeding into our circle today.

Player of the Day went to Emma Bannister - tireless work at GA and happy to play the role of 3rd feeder (and put some great long shots in) today working really well with Tegan creating space.

Thanks to our sponsors Blue Rock Hops, supporters and special thanks to Paige Derbyshire for a great job on the scoring app (might've been a bribe from Mum involved).

**Game Day Report from 17th May** - Tapawera Blue Rock Hops vs Stoke Garçons Senior 2 grading - It just wasn't a good day for us today - our first game against an all male team. These guys could jump! Such elevation, speed and long arms made it hard for us to get that ball where we need it to be.

Player of the Day to Renee MacDonald who was a machine down in the defensive end and really worked so hard for those tips and intercepts today. Big big thank you to Aroha Collins for benching for us - our supporters and Paige Derbyshire for scoring/timing today. Thanks also to our sponsors Blue Rock Hops.

### Tapawera Fry Contracting Team



Thank you to Tapawera Fry Contracting, Kevin & Andrew Fry for sponsoring this team for a second year, we truly appreciate it! This team consists of Aroha Collins, Kate Mytton, Shaye Leah, Lane Williams, Geinty Wells, Hayley Warren, Tameka Bennett, Karla Te Tau, Lissie Anglesey, Amelia Hook & Emily Walker

**Coach:** Laura Fry

**Manager:** Shimiela Streeter-Mantell

**Grade:** 6

**Training:** Wednesday, 5:30 pm

Tapawera Fry Contracting Netball Team started training straight after trials back in February.

A few player changes since then due to injuries and illness sees our team as below:

Shimiela Streeter Mantell: Team Manager

Aroha Collins (C) - Captain

Lorraine Williams (WA) - Vice Captain

Karla Te Tau (GA)

Lissie Anglesey (GS)

Temika Bennet (GK)

Geinty Wells (GK)

Hayley Warren (GA)

Kate Mytton (WD)

Shaye Walker (GD)

With Amelia Hook and Emily Walker having filled in for us last week.

Our first game was unfortunately only counted as a Grading game which was our only win so far. With 1 player down due to illness, we beat Prices 21-18. Our 2nd game was very close, again with 1 player down, having only lost by 2 points against Suburban with the final score 24-22.



### Tapawera Fry Contracting Team cont.

However, our 3rd game results were less than the team deserved.

With 3 of our girls out with illness and injuries from the previous week, we suffered a loss of 21-33 to Jacks.

We will remain in Senior 6 for the 2nd round and look forward to proving ourselves worthy of an "UP-GRADE".

The Tapawera Fry Contracting ladies are really coming together as a team! Progress in all the right places, fitness getting better every week.

We've had some wonderful support from our families and friends showing up on the sidelines! We love the energy you bring and hope you'll stick by us for the season.

Special thanks to Belinda for helping me with coaching tips and support so far! I really appreciate you.

Tania Higgins, Susan Fenemor and Lissie Anglesey for all the admin and butt kicking to get jobs done. Your time is very much appreciated.

And of course, Thank you to the people who made this team possible.... Our Sponsors, Kevin & Andrew Fry of Fry Contracting. We appreciate you giving us the opportunity to get out there and do what we love. Your support means so much to us. Much Love.

See you all court side!

### Tapawera Four Square Team

This is a team that has been together for a couple of years and last year just grew from strength to strength. Thanks to our new sponsors Sharon and Murray Williams supporting us with your business Tapawera Four Square.



This team consists of Alyse Clarke, Paige Derbyshire, Keetah Jones, Atlanta Linstead, Kasey Mitchell, Breeze Streeter-Mantell, Ella Walker, Jaidyn Webb and Lydia Wedderburn.

**Coach:** Toni Derbyshire

**Manager:** Vanessa Webb

**Grade:** Collegiate 10

**Training:** Wednesday 3:20 pm

**Game Day Report 3rd May** - Tapawera 4 Square started the game a bit on the rusty side. With a lot of loose balls and too many turnovers from our shooting circle. We were tied at half time and we went down 4 goals. The girls knew they had to dig deep and focused on the basics. Securing goals from our own centre pass and stronger defence

shutting down Waimea's shooters resulted in a 12-10 win for Tapawera.

Good first game to see what areas we need to improve on as the season continues. Player of the day awarded to Lydia Wedderburn for great moving to create space and clean passes.

**Game Day Report 10th May** - Tapawera 4 Square came up against a strong Murchison team today. Our girls showed great skill improvement on last week with stronger passes and better footwork to get in front, however Murchison's fast flow attack had us beat every quarter. Every player put forward a great effort and determination right to the end whistle. Final score 27 - 7 to Murchison.

Player of the Day was awarded to Paige Derbyshire for consistent movement and drive in any position.

**Game Day Report 17th May** - An afternoon game for us against Nelson College for Girls Fantails.

What an epic game! I'm sure all the parents, family and friends supporting the girls today would agree. Thank you all for your positive vibes. Great intercepts from our defensive end made for plenty of turn over, with our middies safely bringing the ball down court. Then all of our shooters moved beautifully around the circle creating opportunities for our feeders. Final score 20-8 to Tapawera.

It was a tough job choosing the best player today. It was a great performance by all girls individually and collectively as a well connected team. So jointly everyone was awarded player of the day.

### Bushend Farms

Thank you to our new sponsors Phil & Jocelyn Riley for your support as Bushend Farms. Coach: Rochelle Holloway



**Manager:** Adrienne Doig

**Grade:** Collegiate 11

**Training:** Wednesday's 3:20-4:30 pm

This team consists of Sarah Holloway, Maddy Pronk, Tasha Owen-Wright, Harmony Stretch, Brylee Biggelaar, Natalie Doig, Holly Bright and Leah Walker.

**Game Day Report 3rd May** - Thrilled with the girls today, it was a loss but only in the last few minutes 17 - 19 to Garin.

Player of the day was Natalie Doig at Centre but everyone played well as a team. There was great goal shooting by Maddie with Sarah backing her up. I think we have the makings of a good little team.



### Bushend Farms cont.

**Game Day Report 10th May** - The team played a great game today. Some players in new positions, they played well together.

Brylee Biggelaar was our player of the day for her efforts as GK a new position, she played extremely well. The score was 15 - 13 to Rai Valley.

**Game Day Report 17th May** - The team played well today, they really pushed themselves in all areas of the court. Unfortunately they were playing a team well above their level and it was a loss. Good to see them all working together, player of the day was Maddy Pronk with her outstanding goal shooting.

### Tapawera Ferns

We are excited to have a year 3-4 team this year! We can't wait to see these new young players grow and develop their skills further.

**Coach:** Shaye

**Trainings:** Friday Lunch Time

This team consists of: Aylah MacDonald, Meeka MacDonald, Emily-Rose Coleman, Savannah Barlow-Cossgrove, Ayarna Linstead, Ruby Goodger.

**Game Day Report 6th May** - The first game was so much fun and a great team effort! Some great intercepts from Aylah, great work from Meeka and Ruby getting passes through centre court and Ayarna and Emily-Rose had some great shots. Player of the day went to Emily-Rose for her consistent efforts to line up the perfect shot.

**Game Day Report 13th May** - Today was another good game. The girls are all starting to work together as a team. Savannah had a great first game. Aylah led the defence and great shooting from Ayarna, Ruby and Emily-Rose. Player of the day went to Meeka for getting some great passes, chasing the ball and not giving up.

The club have duty day on the 19th July, where we monitor the courts for a total of 4 hours for any issues and report to the Nelson Netball office, this year we are paired with Motueka to complete this with.

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



### What's the latest with the Community Hub?

Council is currently consulting on whether the community would be okay with the hub potentially being on reserve land. (Up by the Shearing Shed, in front of the Rugby Club on Matai Cres, or in front of the Skate Park).

Have your say here: <https://submissions.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/public-consultation/submission/new/1338/Draft-Lakes-Murchison-Ward-RMP-and-RMP-section-on-Baigents-Bush>

This consultation closes on 16th June.

Once the results have come through, Council will know the options and an analysis of all possible sites will be done to determine the best location.

An information page with 'How we got here', 'Frequently asked Q&A', and 'What's next' is currently being worked on and will soon be accessible on the community website: [tapaweracommunity.nz](http://tapaweracommunity.nz).

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments, we'd love to hear from you!

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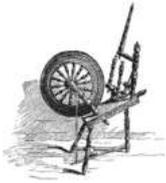
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## Creative Fibre Tapawera

Autumn has been pretty kind to us I think. The colours around the valleys are lovely.

Our Group members have been busy with various projects they have undertaken and last week members enjoyed a tutorial workshop with Jo Martin teaching us how to make Rag Rugs. The time allowed enabled everyone to make a rag shopping bag; the results I saw were just lovely. We also welcomed 2 visitors from Richmond Creative Fibre Group to the workshop. Many thanks to Vicky for organising the workshop and thanks to Jo for an informative and enjoyable day.

This week members are starting their Log Cabin patchwork blocks in preparation for making Quilts to be then donated to Cancer House in Christchurch.

For anyone interested, the Nelson Tasman Hospice is having their Fabric-a-brac Saturday 28th June 10am – 1pm at the Hope Hall. This event raises much needed funds for Hospice and is an ideal opportunity to de-stash craft supplies or apparel fabrics, also to increase your stash if

you wish. Forms for booking a stall can be found at <https://forms.gle/xi5abc5FRQKd87pi9>. I do not know the cost for having a stall however the cost last year was \$40.

I wish to thank the members of Tapawera Creative Fibre for their wonderful support to myself and Brian as he began his journey to undertake cancer treatment in Christchurch. I truly appreciate everyone's support. Thank you All.

No matter if you spin, sew, knit, crochet, or cross stitch, you are very welcome to join us at the Memorial Hall 10am – 3pm each Wednesday, or at 10 Totara Street 7pm – 9pm on a Tuesday evening.

Dallas Robinson

# Tapawera Community Craft and Market Day

Last Sunday of the month






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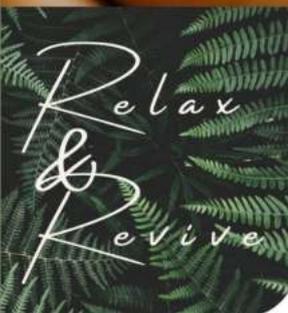
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## From the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou e te Whānau ki te Kura o Tapawera

We have had a great start to term two! We welcomed a large group of new students and their whānau, and are maintaining a steady roll number of around 160 students. This is about the roll size we have maintained for several years now.

**Kia Kaha- Anti-Bullying:** The focus for the beginning of term two is Kia Kaha (anti-bullying). All students from Years 1-13 are participating in the programme to support a school-wide understanding of bullying and its impact. As part of this focus, we celebrated Pink Shirt Day on Friday, 16th May. This campaign aims to eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion. Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora—Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

**Remember, students and parents can report bullying by coming and having a chat, copying the link <https://forms.gle/Cx47w1sKZTPpYYoTA> or scanning the QR code:**



We are committed to providing a safe and happy learning environment for all students and staff.

**Area Schools Tournament – 2026** Tapawera Area School is thrilled to announce it is hosting Area Schools Tournament in 2026! This significant event will take place from **Sunday, March 22nd to Friday, March 27th, 2026**, and will bring together students from Area Schools across the region for a week of competition, collaboration, and camaraderie. Hosting the Area Schools Tournament is a fantastic opportunity for our school and the wider Tapawera community to showcase our facilities, hospitality, and community spirit. It will provide our students with invaluable experiences, fostering leadership skills, teamwork, and pride in their school. The tournament will involve a wide range of sporting and cultural activities, offering something for everyone. We anticipate welcoming a large number of visiting students, teachers and supporters to our area.

To ensure the smooth and successful running of this large-scale event, we will require significant support from our community. Planning is already underway, and we are now seeking volunteers to assist in several key areas:

**Billeting:** We will need families within our community to generously open their homes and provide accommodation for visiting students during the tournament week. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with students from other Area Schools and contribute directly to the success of the event.

**Event Support:** Numerous tasks will need to be undertaken throughout the week, including assisting with event setup and pack down, providing transportation, helping with catering, offering first aid support and general event management. Whether you have a few hours or can offer more time, your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

We understand that hosting and supporting such a large event requires a significant commitment, and we are incredibly grateful for any assistance our community can provide.

Let's work together to make the Area Schools Tournament 2026 a memorable and successful event for all involved!

**New Fencing.** Check out our new fencing around our school, doesn't it look great. Not only does it enhance the look of our grounds, but it also helps keep our tamariki safer. We're now in line with our local schools, as most already have secure fencing in place. There will be gates on the driveways when the project is complete. Students will be able to use the gates when they come in off the bus.

### House Leader Announcement

We are thrilled to officially announce our 2025 House Leaders. These students will be working together to experience and demonstrate student leadership. With a good understanding of our school FIRE values, we look forward to a year full of spirited competitions, collaborative projects and positive change. Whether it's on the sports field, in the classroom or in the playground.

#### Baton

Tamati Bright, Izak Walker  
Lachlan Wills, Serenity Kotara

#### Tadmor

Jada Jelinek, Findley Barker  
Mela Jelinek, Ollie Bennett

#### Motupiko

Kate Mytton, Joseph Butcher  
Kiana Collins  
Leroy Wills, Oli Snackers

#### Head Students

James Snackers  
Shakaia MacDonald



## Outdoor Education Students Tramp into the Mount Arthur Ranges



Last week our Outdoor Education classes tramped into the Mount Arthur Ranges. We camped at Salisbury Hut on the first night after a 14 km tramp in from the Flora carpark. Day 2 was a big day, we climbed 350 vertical metres in just 2.5 km (so it was steep!) to the summit of Gordon's Pyramid. It was a clear day, the views of the ranges and out towards D'Urville Island and Golden Bay were amazing. Near the top 3 Kea flew in to check us out making for an even more memorable day. We reached Mt Arthur hut pretty much exhausted. Dinner, a quick game of cards and it was time for bed. The rain in the night was pretty hard and made for a wet Friday as we headed back to the carpark with a side trip for an off track Map Navigation exercise - not the favourite activity of the trip.... Thanks to the students who were fantastic company and sending out constant positive vibes. Also thanks Cam and Naralee who joined us for an awesome 3 days in the Outdoors.

### Secondary Schools Kī o Rahi Competition

Tapawera Area School fielded a team in the Tasman Secondary School Kī o Rahi Competition and won convincingly.

Kī o Rahi is a traditional Māori team ball game played in New Zealand, incorporating elements of netball, handball and tag rugby. Teams, known as "Kīoma" (attackers) and "Taniwha" (defenders), compete on a circular field with a central target called the "tupu". The game is characterized by fast-paced play, with teams scoring by touching the tupu or scoring tries.

This team success has come off a successful clean sweep of all its games in the recent Area Schools tournament, TOSI (Top of the South Island) at the end of last term when in South Westland and played again all the other area schools of the region: made up of Collingwood, Rai Valley, Murchison, South Westland, Reefton, Karamea and Tapawera.

The team consisted of a mix of ages from students in Year 9 to Year 13. Some have been playing since the start of their secondary schooling and that is the beauty of an area school environment. The smaller numbers mean more

opportunity to participate as you are needed to make up the team numbers, but also means you get the experience over the years.

Roman Streeter-Mantell, a Year 12 student, spoke of his time playing the sport, *'I've played this sport for the last three years, predominantly through school'.*

Shakaia MacDonald, Year 12, said, *'It was fun seeing the difference between the area school kī o rahi and the town schools. We came away with an easy win'.*

TAs v Nelson College te Toki 37-10  
TAS v Nayland College 52-11  
TAS v Nelson College te Taura 37-11  
TAs v Waimea College 47-3  
TAS v Nelson Girls College 60-0  
Finals TAS v Nayland College 30-10

*'As a parent, it was so good to see our students compete at Tasman Secondary Schools Ki o Rahi Tournament. We are a small area school, but it is so good to see our teens be able to go up against big town schools and represent themselves and our community with determination and mana. Their sportsmanship, spirit and effort on the field were awesome and it's great to get our school's name out there and for others to see some of our talented sports students compete in a game they have learnt and enjoy playing.'* Renee MacDonald

Daniel Hooper, teacher in charge, spoke of how it was exciting to see the students compete against the bigger schools and how they conducted themselves throughout the day. While the other teams sat around talking, our team was up getting warmed up and talking strategy. I was impressed to see they were able to replicate their performance from the recent top of the South Island Area Schools Tournament last term. They were supportive throughout the day, played to their strengths and made sure every team member contributed.



Alyse Clarke, Paige Derbyshire, Jada Jelinek, Bronco MacDonald, Roman Streeter-Mantell, James Snackers, Breeze Streeter-Mantell, Shakaia MacDonald, Kianna Collins, Taine Collins, Daniel Hooper

# TOSI Tournament 2025 —

## Tapawera Takes 2nd Place Overall! 🏆

This year, our Tapawera team travelled to the West Coast for the annual **SWAS Area School TOSI Tournament**—a 5-day event packed with sports, creativity, challenges and team spirit. We took 20 students (10 boys and 10 girls) from Years 9–13, and they represented our kura with pride.

### Day 1 – Wet Weather & a Strong Start

Despite classic West Coast rain, our teams gave it their all in **football and basketball**. Conditions were tough, but spirits were high!

We also competed in the **quiz**, finishing in a solid **3rd place**.

In the **Wearable Arts** and **Cooking Challenge**, our students impressed with creativity and collaboration—supporting one another and stepping up wherever needed.

### Day 2 – Touch, Volleyball, Tech & More

- The **girls' touch team** improved game by game.
- **Boys' volleyball** earned us **3rd place**.
- **Girls' volleyball** took us to the final—just missing out by 1 point to secure **2nd**.
- The **boys' touch team** came out firing—beating Karamea in the final to take **1st place!** 🏆

Other events:

- **Tech Challenge** –1st Place 🏆
- **Ongoing Art Challenge** – judging on Thursday.
- Strong effort in **darts** and all-around team support.



### Day 3 – The Graham Special & Great Results

We kicked off with the legendary **Graham Special**- There were six 15 minute activities to complete, ranging from knocking a sponge with potatoes in pantihose, to sack races with 4 in a sack at a time, egg and spoon races with a turn at the end, or maybe 10 around a cone and then try and run back in a straight line, to transporting water in an ice cream container with holes in it down the line over their heads to fill the bucket at the end and more.. Fun team-building games that brought laughter, encouragement and bonding for our team. Afternoon events:

- **Bow Hunting** –2nd (Tamati & Hunter)
- **Playball** – Won every pool game and made the final vs Murchison—awesome teamwork all around!
- **Badminton** – Both teams gave it everything and finished with a well-earned **3rd place**.

### Day 4 – Finishing Strong

- **Boys' Ultimate Frisbee** –1st Place after going undefeated! 🏆
- **Girls' Netball** – Strong performances and excellent support for one another.

Creative competitions:

- **Art Challenge** – 2nd Place
- **E-Games (Super Mario)** – 3rd Place

The final sporting event of the day was **Ki O Rahi**—we won all pool games and then dominated the final against Rai Valley to claim **1st place!**

The day ended with a fun **skit performance**, dinner and a social to celebrate an amazing tournament.



### Final Day – Results & Recognition

We're proud to share that **Tapawera Area School team placed 2nd overall** at the tournament—an incredible achievement and a testament to the heart and hard work of every student.

### Special Congratulations – TOSI Trialists!

Nine students have been selected to head to trials in Rangiora on May 11–12:

**Ki O Rahi:** Roman, Bronco, Taine, James, Jada, Kiana, Shakaia

**Volleyball:** Bronco, Shakaia, Jada

**Football:** Bronco, Paige

**Rugby:** Hunter, Taine, Kiana

We wish them the very best—go give it your all, and we can't wait to hear how you go!

### Tapawera Pride

We are incredibly proud of every student who participated. You showed determination, teamwork, and the true Tapawera spirit.

**Ka pai, team—you've done us proud!**



## Help needed with our MATARIKI celebrations

Matariki is the Māori New Year, and this year we would like to have our bi-annual hangi.

This will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. At this stage we are looking for a team of people to help us organise the hangi.

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Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of month,  
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**Tapawera Community Centre**

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**Tapawera Creative Fibre**

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

**Tapawera Jujutsu Club**

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**What's On  
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- 4 Tapawera Recreation Reserve  
 Committee meeting, Memorial  
 Hall, 7pm
- 12 Garden Club, 11:30am,  
 Moutere Inn, 1406 Moutere  
 Highway
- 10 Tapawera Talking Café, 10-  
 11:30am, School/Community  
 Library
- 10 Digi Drop-in Session, School/  
 Community Library, 11am-1pm
- 11 Rural Mums: yoga with Josie,  
 7.30pm, \$5PP
- 16 Community Hub consultation  
 closes
- 17 TDCC monthly meeting,  
 Community Centre, 7pm
- 20 Articles for Informer close 5pm
- 22 Rural Mums: Family fun day!  
 10.30am-1pm, FREE event
- 24 Tea and Talk, Memorial Hall,  
 10:00am - 11:30am
- 29 Craft and Market Day, Village  
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