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Tasman District Council Elections 2025

**Tuesday, 19 August 2025**

Shedwood Hall, Tapawera

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**Event Schedule:**

- 6:15pm – Arrive and take your seats
- 6:30pm – Mayoral candidates speak and take questions
- 7:30pm – Lakes–Murchison Ward councillor candidates speak and take questions
- 8:30–9:00pm – Event concludes

**Voting Information:**

- Voting opens: Tuesday, 9 September 2025
- Voting closes: Saturday, 11 October 2025 at 12 noon
- Voting papers will be sent to you by post
- Return your completed voting papers by mail or drop them in a Council ballot box

Everyone is welcome – bring your questions and get informed before you vote!

Let's shape the future of our community together.

Tapawera and Districts Community Council

TDCC is actively working to support those impacted by the floods and loss of trees. We extend our heartfelt wishes for strength and resilience to all affected, and express our sincere gratitude to the many dedicated volunteers whose tireless contributions continue to benefit our community.

**Emergency Planning Group**

It is true to say a State of Emergency brings the community together. We have seen over the last couple of weeks amazing

spirit and strength in such a small community that is learning to be more resilient. Neighbours helping neighbours, friends and strangers helping each other and a multitude of organisations are reaching in to support our disaster recovery efforts. While the efforts of cleaning up will take some time, we should give thanks to all the amazing volunteers in the community for their time and support. In addition, Tapawera Connect have been providing ongoing support in the Community Centre to connect the community with the necessary disaster recovery organizations, please reach out to Della Welby, TDCC and other members that are manning the Community Centre as needed.

Nicky McCormick

On behalf of the
Tapawera Emergency Management Planning Group

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Tapawera Community Connection Update – August 2025

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

Flood Relief Coordination

My time over the last month has been filled with flood relief coordination work and helping to connect locals with the support they need. I have been humbled by how the community has rallied together and by the extended support being given by others in our region and nationwide.

If anyone is **needing** general help or skilled labour, please register with the Student Volunteer Army at <https://www.sva.org.nz/nelsontasman25> as they are coordinating volunteers. **Volunteers** should also register at the above link. The website has information for volunteers.

Neighbours and friends have been helping each other out, often going above and beyond any expectations. Thank you to everyone who has done their bit from dropping off baking to clearing fences or just opening their door for a cuppa and a chat. I can't possibly name everyone who has provided support, but I would like to do a special shout out to the following generous benefactors:

Dom Palumbo & MG Marketing who coordinated with Appleby Fresh, Connings, Ewers and Turners & Growers to donate 25 crates of vegetables and fruit for distribution to flood affected locals and volunteers.

Rapid Relief Team who came through from Motueka after both flood events, bringing care packages and water for distribution.



Motueka Lions who have provided substantial financial support to help those significantly affected, firewood and support to get volunteers into our area.

Kainga Kai Raewyn who cooked up free food at the community centre and provided baking and soups.

Rural Women Barbara McKay brought over 100 containers of baking from Collingwood for distribution in the Wakefield and Tapawera districts.



Tapawera Spring Show

Saturday 11 October 2025, 11am to 3pm. This community event will have animals, stalls, food, displays, competitions, entertainment, live music, car show and much more! The focus is on history, with some old school style fun. An affordable day out for the whole family.

There are still lots 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, or just come to the next meeting **Wednesday 13 August, 5pm to 6pm** in the school staffroom.

Workshops

Due to the ongoing flood relief coordination work, I have had to postpone the workshops for a month. Please look out in the September Informer for the first workshop date.

Do you need some extra support?



This has been an incredibly stressful time for many of us in the community. I have seen strong and capable people reaching the end of their tether. Health New Zealand have put additional funding and support

in place, and I encourage you to reach out if you are feeling a bit overwhelmed.

Phone or text 1737 to talk to a trained counsellor, 24 hours and 7 days a week.

Also, most GPs are offering a free appointment for flood related issues and we have Nicole Wilcox 0273 196 229 and Ollie Martin 0273 175 879 available for free face to face appointments in Tapawera or via phone.

I will be at the Op Shop on Wednesdays 10am to 2pm (unless the weather is nice and I am out tramping), otherwise flick me a message or phone me for a confidential chat if you want help to connect in with additional services.

Della Webby, CLDP Community Connector
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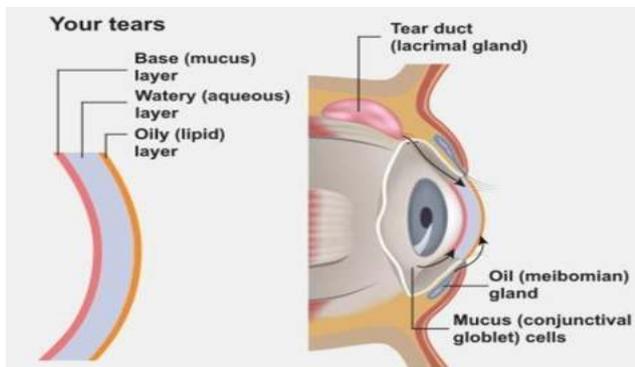
Floods

We hope you are all keeping well following the recent flooding of the region. Our thoughts go to those who have been badly affected. If you have or are having any medical issues related to the flood please reach out to us.

Dry Eyes

Dry eyes are very common, and although anyone can be affected, it tends to become more frequent as we get older. But what actually causes that gritty sensation—and what can we do ourselves to improve it?

Dry eyes occur when there is a change in the tear film (the layer covering the eyeball) that normally keeps the eye moist and lubricated. The tear film has three layers: the main middle watery layer, a thin outer oily layer, and a thin inner mucus layer. When the balance between the water, oil, and mucus is disrupted, it can lead to irritation. Most people experience this as a gritty feeling or a burning sensation, slight blurry vision that comes and goes, and paradoxically, watery or teary eyes (because the tears are too watery and lack enough of the oily layer to stay in the eyes). In most cases, the eyes are not red.



Dry eyes can result from various causes. While aging is the most common factor, other contributors include living in a dry or windy climate, exposure to air conditioning, smoking, vision correction surgery, long-term contact lens wear, certain autoimmune diseases, and reduced blinking (for example, while looking at screens). In many cases, there is also some degree of eyelid irritation or inflammation (blepharitis) that contributes to the condition.

Most healthcare professionals will recommend lubricating drops. Regular use of artificial tears may relieve symptoms. A lubricating eye ointment can be used at bedtime. The best preparations come in preservative-free ampoules, although they tend to be more expensive.

The good news is that with the right eyelid hygiene routine, most people can significantly improve their symptoms.

Ideally, this routine is performed (once or) twice daily and includes the following steps:

- **Apply warm compresses** to the eyelids for 10 (!) minutes. This helps to melt thicker oils in the meibomian glands and soften any crusts. Pharmacies sell eye masks, and a wheat bag can be used as a substitute. A hot flannel may cool down too quickly, usually within two minutes.
- **Gently massage the eyelids** in the direction of the eye (toward the lash line and the opening of the meibomian glands): massage the upper eyelid downward and the lower eyelid upward.
- **Clean the eyelids.** Over-the-counter products like lid wipes and shampoos are available at pharmacies. It may also help to gently scrub the eyelids with a cotton bud—being careful not to apply too much pressure. Again, preservative-free products are the best option. Be sure to remove all makeup.

This routine can be time-consuming, but sticking with it for 1–2 months can make a real difference.

Please contact your doctor if:

- your eye is painful or red
- your vision is persistently affected
- your eyes have a coloured discharge or are stuck together in the morning
- you have glaucoma, rheumatoid arthritis, or diabetes

Resources:

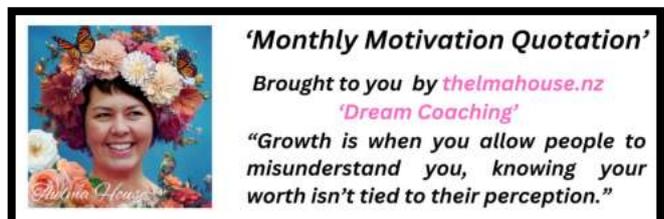
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A response to the letters to the editor:

Thank you to Trish Palmer and Susan Creedy for your letters in the June and July Informers. It is important that any big proposal is looked at from all angles so that a sound decision is made for the long-term benefit of the community, and can be managed well into the future.

It is clear that the biggest concern for those not in support of the hub is financial. It is also clear that there is a lot of support, and a lot of consultation and research which backs up the many benefits of a well-functioning hub. Included among these benefits is well resourced disaster recovery, which was done well this time round, and will be improved upon again to be even better in future events. Studies have shown that a well connected and well resourced community recovers faster from major events.

It is also important to note that the funding for community facilities is separate to other funding which the council has for events such as these.

Tapawera & Districts Community Council and Tapawera Connect continue to work with the Tasman District Council (TDC) making sure resources are used wisely. A Project Advisory Group, made up of members of the community, has been set up, and will be part of the planning group, bringing in input from the wider community to inform the project management team.

On the community website, tapaweracommunity.nz, you can find answers to some commonly asked questions, such as 'Why can't we use one of our existing buildings?' and summaries of the consultations that have taken place to inform the decisions around the new hub.

These will also be available in hard copy at the school and community library, Tea and Talk, Welby Talking cafe, and at the Op Shop.

We will continue to collaborate alongside the many passionate and committed people serving our community, and wish everyone well as we enter the next chapter of recovery and renewal.

Phoebe Quinlivan on behalf of Tapawera Connect and TDCC

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Senior's Snippets August 2025 with Janine Leeden, 0277525975

Hi everyone. Hopefully we have all come through the recent spate of heavy rain events relatively unscathed. It has been such a terrible and heart-breaking time for so many in our valleys as well as the region beyond. Please don't think you have to battle on alone as we're all in this recovery together. I want to thank some of my regulars for reaching out to offer help and support for our own losses. My prayers were answered and our home saved from inundation by mere centimetres, so I am very thankful. The yard and outbuildings have suffered the same as so many others.

We've not had our regular exercise class for several weeks due to the Freaky Friday Floods unfortunately, but hopefully we're now back into it thinking '**TGIF – Thank God It's Friday**' for some fun and fellowship while getting fit! **Back at St Peter's Church on Main Road, Tapawera from 10am.**

Our Wellby Talking Café at the school was disrupted last month by school holidays and scheduled site works, including the new surround fencing, preventing us access to the library. The urgent word went out that we'd be meeting back in the Community Centre, as well as alerting the Richmond visitors that were due out of the change of venue. I'm so thankful to both Elwynne and Della who went down there very early to ensure the fire was lit so that we'd have some warmth to greet people. What a fab time we had, with over 20 people attending as well as some of the Op Shop visitors enjoying the atmosphere. Birte Becker-Steele, who was one of our Richmond visitors, brought her waffle maker and batter with toppings out to help us celebrate the region's 4th anniversary for Wellby. I think everyone went home feeling satisfied with food and fellowship after the first storm the week before. It was so good to connect and chat over a cuppa to debrief from some of the anxiety people were feeling.

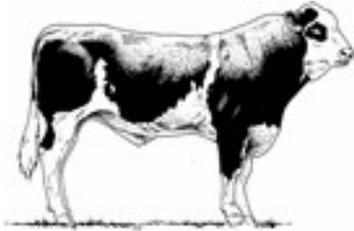
Our next Wellby will be back at the school/community library on **Tuesday 12th August at 10-11.30am**. Come along and enjoy some warm fellowship and do some more stress relief!

Our **Tea and Talk** schedule of guest speakers has been somewhat disrupted due to storm cleanup and the need to be meeting the needs of affected people in the region. We will meet again on **Tuesday 26th August at the Memorial Hall from 10-11.30am** and enjoy each other's company and whoever might be able to get to us.

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Winter Salads - Yum, Yum!

My garden's pathetic at the moment, with only bits and pieces of kale, silverbeet, mint, parsley and a few scrappy lettuce. But it's enough to create a salad. My health-focused reading frequently encourages eating raw dark green leafy veg, all of which have particularly good health benefits. So I shred these, add grated carrot/beetroot, raw fruit, or leftover cooked veg, sometimes cheese or leftover meat, and add a dressing.

I recently borrowed 'Veg' and 'Much More Veg' from the Nelson library, by Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall, the River Cottage mega-foodie. They've inspired me to expand my salads beyond 'just a bit of greenery on the side of your plate...'. Even in winter, salad's much more than that, says Hugh. He believes in 'big gutsy salads that are a mixture of raw and cooked ingredients, chunky and leafy, nutty and cheesy, full of flavours and textures that compete for your attention, with dressings and sprinkles that make the salad sing.' His salads often include a cooked grain, and always a tasty dressing; they're simple and delicious, and a far cry from 'rabbit food', that occasional derogatory term for salad.

The following salad is great - grunty, tasty, and more-ish. (From 'Grains for Every Season', Josh McFadden, another great food writer. In Nelson library.)

Grated Carrot Salad with Peanuts, Raisins and Wheat

1 C uncooked wheat (Not the chook wheat please! Tapawera Four Square has grains like pearl barley, rice, lentils, all can be substituted. Bin Inn has a good range of grains.)

1 L water

Salt & pepper (to taste)

1 Cup raisins or sultanas

½ Cup spring onions, finely sliced (Any onion very finely sliced would be OK)

1 Cup (approx) parsley, chopped roughly

2 Tb lemon juice

2 Tb red wine vinegar, white wine vinegar or cider vinegar

1 tsp sesame or other food oil

¼ Cup olive oil, or other kitchen oil (I find The Good Oil range is good)

1 Cup roasted peanuts or other nuts

1. Cook wheat ~45 min or other grain according to instructions on packet. Drain well.
2. Roast raw peanuts until golden brown. Cool and bash lightly to break them up. (Roast in oven 7-12 minutes at 180°C, or stove top, single layer in pan, 8-10 minutes. Keep an eye on them as they burn easily.)
3. Toss all the veg salad ingredients then add lemon juice and vinegar. Season with salt & pepper. Rest 15 minutes.
4. Add the oil(s), toss again.

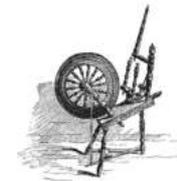
5. Rest 15 min. Taste.

6. Sprinkle peanuts over salad, give it one final toss.

More info - Web search: Living the ZOE way with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

Heather Spence

Note: As a school and community garden volunteer I get a share of the garden's bounty when veg are harvested and distributed. It's REALLY worth being a SCG volunteer!



Tapawera Creative Fibre

We wish to acknowledge our thoughts and best wishes to everyone affected by the recent flooding disasters in our rohi and further afield. Our members adversely affected by the floods, to houses and land we send our love and support.

We also acknowledge and support the Community Supports in place, Della and her crew at the food bank, our local Civil Defence, Taskforce Kiwi, and TDC Navigators. Tapawera 4 Square, Nick and Nicky our Posties. Local folk who have helped clearing and levelling roads, people offering temporary accommodation (you know who you are) and to all of those in our community for being kind, resilient, supportive and caring. We have a community to be extremely proud of.

Our group has continued to finish up projects, the latest being Pocket Pals, a little bit of lightness in our days of stress, anxiety and tears.



Many thanks to Catherine for leading this project, sourcing patterns and providing the wool for the knitting of these lovely little dolls.

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 Netball Club August News

What a month it's been! Not a lot of netball has been happening. Firstly our thoughts go out to everyone who has been impacted by the recent floods and the disruptions that they have caused. We completed club duty day on the 19th July thank you to Tegan, Khiana, Lane and Lissie for taking one for the team and completing this for us. We also partook in Lachies Laces which is an initiative to support child cancer, our club participated in this is remembrance of Tassie Warnes who was a keen netballer in our club.

Tapawera Blue Rock Hops Team

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



Coach: Belinda Grice
Grade: Senior 2
Training: Wednesday, 7 pm

June 21st: vs Richmond Summit Classics The team struggled in a 23-37 loss to the experienced Richmond, showing strong moments but losing composure at times. Losing key player Renee to injury early in the second quarter was a setback. **Player of the Day** went to **Toni Derbyshire** for her solid defensive play and strong resets. Wishing Renee a speedy recovery!

July 19th: vs Jacks Talleys Final score: 26-31. Despite dealing with injuries and player rotations, the team put in a strong effort that wasn't fully reflected on the scoreboard. Kiahna stepped up in GK after playing WA all season, and we welcomed back Laura and Tania to the court. **Player of the Day** went to **Emma Bannister** for her outstanding work rate. Thanks to Blue Rock Hops and our supporters!

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!



Coach: Laura Fry
Manager: Shimiela Streeter-Mantell
Grade: 6
Training: Wednesday, 5:30 pm

June 21st: vs. Jacks Muesli & Co: The Tapawera Fry Contracting Netball Team triumphed over Jacks Muesli & Co. in a nail-biting match, winning 24-23. Despite being one player short and having no subs, the team's resilience shone through, with standout performances from Geinty Wells in defence, Aroha Collins in centre, and **Kate Mytton** earning **Player of the Day** for her exceptional defence. The game was a battle of fitness, with Jacks closing the gap

late, but the team held strong, securing a crucial turnover in the final seconds. Special thanks to the sponsors and supporters for their contributions!

19th July vs Jacks Jok'n'Al The team's first game in Senior 5 was a tough one, with a 7-27 loss to Jacks. We faced a fitter, younger team and struggled with driving forward and staying free from our opponents. Despite the challenges, Tamika was a standout, moving from GA to GK and making a strong impact. **Player of the Day** went to **Tamika,** and special thanks to Renee for coming over to help/cheer the team on, Tracey, Grandma, and Netanya for their support. A big shoutout to Aroha for stepping up as Captain today!

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.**



Coach: Toni Derbyshire
Manager: Vanessa Webb
Grade: Collegiate 10
Training: Wednesday 3:20 pm

19th July: vs Waimea 9 Rubies A good feeling to be back on court today. Tapawera Four Square v Waimea 9 Rubies for the 2nd time this season and the game was similar. A physical game with a lot of loose balls and tight passing opportunities with Waimea on our backs every move. Going into half time down by 4 goals we had to kick it up a notch, which the team did. Playing safe, talking it up, keeping positive and working as a team we pulled off the win, 14-10. **Player of the Day** was awarded to **Kasey Mitchell** for great moving to create space in the shooting circle.

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 10
Training: Wednesdays 3:20-4:30 pm

19th July vs NCG The girls played well as a team against NCG with strong passes down court to the shooters and good defence, however great intercepts from the opposition meant we lost possession. **Player of the Day** awarded to **Sarah Holloway.** Final score 13-23 to NCG



Tapawera Netball Club August News cont.

Tapawera Ferns Team

We look forward to seeing you all next year on the court, hopefully with a few additional players!

Coach/Manager: Shaye Leah

Grade: Future Ferns

Training: Friday Lunch Time

Our last game today was so much fun. Thank you to all our parents and supporters and a special thank you to Lynda Mitchell who came to support and cheer on the girls every week. **Player of the Day** went to **everyone**. Thank you to our players **Aylah MacDonald, Meeka MacDonald, Ayarna Linstead, Ruby Goodger, Emily-Rose Coleman and Savannah Barlow-Cosgrove**, we hope to see you all back next year.

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.

Lissie Anglesey
Club Secretary



Hi everyone, I hope you are managing to recover your composure, home and your garden as well after the double whammy our region has been served these last few weeks. I'm certainly praying that we'll not see the likes of that again! It has certainly been a very emotionally charged and even harrowing time for many. We just have to breathe slowly and take each day as it comes, one day at a time as this will take months and possibly years to fully recover from, from the land's perspective certainly. Know that you are not alone and that there are support organisations surrounding us.

It has been so wonderful to see this amazing community rally together, even during the storms, with so many selfless volunteers putting in long days and nights trying to ensure the safety and wellbeing of others, even when their own properties and families were under threat. Our Volunteer Fire Brigade (led by the tireless efforts of Dean Millar) particularly were amazing and then all those who pitched in with the Community Civil Defence during and after the events, providing a safe haven (Marie Bint & Kelly Russell – supported by the few great guys manning the radios at a separate location), food (especially Judy Benjamin and

Tony Firth – legends), clean drinking water and connecting us to vital agencies (Della Webby – an awesome woman). This has been no small effort by a number of amazing people. Thank you. Some of our members asked that we acknowledge just some of the outside groups that helped them out initially with contact and meals after being cut off for days – The Big Bake-Off, Wakefield and the Rapid Response Team from Motueka. There really are so many more that we need to acknowledge going forward.

In between the two storms our Club managed to enjoy a visit to Neudorf Mushrooms, with 17 of us being educated and hosted by the lovely, passionate and humorous Theres and Hannes. They started planting forests of specific trees inoculated with mushroom spores back in the early 2000s. Their most popular mushroom is the Saffron Milk Cap, which is sold to local chefs in the restaurant trade. They also have some truffles growing as well. The spores from the mushrooms growing on their farm are spreading throughout neighbouring farms and valleys.

I'm confident that we can all say that we came away with more knowledge and appreciation for the marvel that is creation and especially the amazing role the not-so-humble Mycorrhizal fungi play. These are beneficial fungi that form a symbiotic relationship with plant roots, enhancing nutrient and water uptake. In New Zealand, these fungi are crucial for plant health and play a vital role in the ecosystem. Did you know that what we see emerging from underground, etc, is not really the mushroom, but just the flower or fruit? The mushroom is that white, spider web type filaments that we see at the bottom of the fruit if we pull them up or dig up the soil. That is what communicates with and feeds off and provides nutrients for the trees and other flora around us. It's really incredible!

We were then served Theres' beautiful wild mushroom soup and home made Swiss bread, with the opportunity for multiple refills if we wanted. It really was a very pleasant way to spend a not-so-pleasant day! Their products can be purchased at several outlets around the district, including the Old Moutere Post Office and the Junction Shop near Connings Fruit Market.

The club was shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of one of our loyal members, Judy King. Our condolences go to her sister Sharon Lockhead (also a long-term member) and their families.

Our August 14th meeting is our AGM and will start at midday (12pm), again at the Wakefield Hotel. Our meeting will be held first with raffle and auction, followed by a lunch. The club will subsidise our lunch by \$10. Membership renewal will be due from that time. Stay well and safe.

Janine Leeden



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Tapawera Community Craft and Market Day

Last Sunday of the month



Across the road from 4 Square on the village green, 10am to 2pm.

Bring along your crafts/produce /unwanted items to sell.



Enquiries to Amanda Beer on FB messenger or via the Tapawera and Surrounding Valleys FB page.



From the Principal's Desk

Tēnā koutou e te Whānau ki te Kura o Tapawera

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our entire Tapawera Area School community. It is your collective spirit and support that make our school such a special place for our tamariki and rangatahi to learn and grow. Term 2 has been a wonderful example of our community coming together. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide thoughtful and constructive feedback through our recent uniform survey. Your input is invaluable as we work to ensure our school identity is strong, practical, and worn with pride. We are carefully reviewing all suggestions as we consider the next steps. The feedback results and potential next steps will be shared with the community in August.

Our recent Matariki celebrations were another highlight, and a true testament to the spirit of our school. It was magnificent to see so many of you joining us to mark the Māori New Year. A special thank you to all the parents and whānau who supported our students in preparing for the event with the donations of food. The passion and energy our students brought to their dancing and performances filled us all with immense pride and perfectly captured the celebratory essence of Matariki.



I also want to take this opportunity to speak about our ongoing school-wide focus on addressing bullying and fostering a positive, supportive culture. We have been proactive in implementing new strategies and opening up conversations to ensure every student feels safe, seen, and supported. I am pleased to report that we are making some progress. We are seeing our students increasingly look out for one another, show empathy, and use the skills they are learning to resolve conflicts constructively through restorative practice. This is creating a more inclusive and caring environment for everyone, and we are committed to continuing this vital work.

TAPAWERA SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT LATENESS

The start of the school day is a crucial part of our routine here at Tapawera Area School. It's a time for students to

connect with their peers and teachers, settle into the classroom environment, and prepare their minds for a day of learning. When students arrive on time, ready to start by the 8:45am bell, they get the very best start to their day. This sets up positive routines and allows them to fully engage in their learning from the moment class begins. When a child is late to any lesson, even by just a few minutes, they can miss vital instructions, the introduction to a new topic, and that important time to connect with their classmates. It can be unsettling for the child and disruptive for the entire class. To ensure we are all on the same page and working together to support our students, we have developed a clear and supportive framework for managing lateness. We want to work in partnership with you, our whānau, to address any barriers to getting to school on time.

Teacher Only Day

Friday 15th August. Our staff will be working on the new curriculum and NCEA.

Matariki

Thank you for supporting our Matariki Celebrations.

A huge thank you to Raewyn and Darryl and their team - Darcy, Shane Green, Shane Mauel and Jake for all their amazing mahi with the Hangi. It was a very early and wet start to the day. A special thank you to Kellie and Sylvia for all their mahi too!





Dance Week

What an amazing week watching our tamariki push themselves out of their comfort zone and take the opportunity to learn something new from our Dance Instructor - Mark.

Thanks to all our whānau that joined us for a Dance as part of our Matariki celebrations. Special thanks to our Kindy friends for sharing their Kapa Haka performance.



Office Entrance

During the holiday period, work was carried out at the front of the office area. A new path was installed across the grass, connecting the office to the gym. As part of this development, the chain will be relocated to the new garden at the front of the school, enhancing and simplifying access to the office. The chain will become a prominent feature at the school's entrance. Once it is settled in its new home, we will have it blessed.



History of this chain

The chain on display has a rich history, originating from the Wahine ship that sank in April 1968. Before it was donated

to the school for the 1992 50th Jubilee, the chain was used for land clearing in local forestry and farming. The names associated with the school commemorate the smaller schools that merged to form the present school. Each link weighs approximately 20-25 kgs.

Kaimahi Award

We have been celebrating our wonderful staff and the fabulous contribution they bring to our team. This is a weekly award - that is presented at our staff briefing.



Susan Ellis - Your kindness, dedication, and generous support do not go unnoticed. We truly appreciate everything you do!

"Friends of the School"



We would like to take a moment to acknowledge all the amazing things our Friends of the School team do behind the scenes - from organising events to raising funds - helping us provide so many more opportunities for our tamariki. Your dedication and hard work make a real difference. Thank you!

Judy accepted the award on their behalf as she is a key member of the team.



We would like to acknowledge Barbara Carleton for all the amazing things she does for our tamariki and staff. From creating the school newsletter to bandaging students up to being the smiley face at our reception area and all the mahi in between.



James, Bronco, Roman, Shakaia, Jada, Taine and Kiana who were part of the Top of the South team that played at the TOSI Nationals Tournament in Invercargill in the holidays. Their team came second.

International Volleyball

In September 2024, I trialed for the U18 Aotearoa Māori Poirewa (AMP) team, a Māori international volleyball team that competes in countries such as Thailand, Tahiti, Canada, and Hawaii. Through dedicated training and determination, I was selected as one of three South Island competitors to represent AMP at the All Nations Indigenous Volleyball Tournament in Canada in July 2025.



Following various boot camps and training sessions, our teams and individual players have significantly strengthened, preparing us to compete together. While the U16 group will travel to Thailand, the U18 and U20 teams, comprising tamariki from across Aotearoa, will travel to Alberta, Canada, for the tournament. We will be staying at the University of Alberta and competing in Edmonton throughout our week there. To experience the culture and norms of Canada, we also plan to attend a National Football League game in Edmonton and participate in other activities to appreciate the local indigenous cultures.

As I have always wanted to travel, this is the perfect opportunity to explore the world and become more open-minded about what I want to do in the future. This tournament also offers the chance to earn a volleyball scholarship at universities across Canada and the United States, which I am considering pursuing in my final year of school. Throughout the year, I have received donations to help raise money for this tournament, sold paintings, and

sold homemade pies with fillings donated by our community. I truly appreciate all the support I have received from my community and the surrounding areas in helping me fundraise and get to Canada.

Jada Jelinek

Some Senior Art



Artist: Joseph Butcher



Artist: Charlie Wills



Artist: Mackenzie Mayo



Artist: Maddy Pronk

Book Discussion Group

Meet: 4th Thursday in month, 10am
 Contact: Adrienne Baigent 021408892

Federated Farmers

Contact: Harry Matthews - Field Rep -
 0275078901

Golden Bush Garden Club

Meet: 2nd Thursday of month
 Contact: President, Linda Milsom
 02102510945, 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

Justice of The Peace

Peter Phillips ph. 5224313
 John Ellis ph. 021 522429
 Brent Hodgkinson ph. 5224381
 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,
 Email info@stjohn.org.nz

Tapawera & Dist. Community Church

St. Peter's Tapawera: no services at
 present
 Contact: Church office 03 541 8883
wakefieldanglican.xtra.co.nz
 Urgent enquiries to Andrea 0024169386

Tapawera Food Bank

Contact: Suzzi Lankshear ph.
 0277491063

Tapawera & Dist. Community Council

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of month,
 7pm Tapawera Community Centre,
 email: TapaweraTDCC@gmail.com

Tapawera Community Centre

Email: Nicola Allan
nicolaallan434@gmail.com or
TapaweraTDCC@gmail.com

Tapawera Connect

Contact: Phoebe Quinlivan ph. 021 211
 6730 or 522 4929, email:
tapaweraconnect@gmail.com

Tapawera Creative Fibre

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

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-2pm,
 Sat 11am-2pm, last Sun of month 10am-
 2pm
 Contact: Amanda Beer ph. 0278024612

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: Kelly
 Library ph. 5224337/ext. 213

TESSI

Contact: Bruce Whyte ph. 5224550

Toy Library

Open Monday or via arrangement:10:30
 -11:30am contact Jan Barker:
 0273915424 or 5224102

Visual Arts Society Tapawera

Contact: Dallas Robinson ph. 5224984

Yoga with Josie

Wednesdays 6-7pm school music room
 (school term only).
 Contact: Josie Orr: 027 612 5813

**What's on
August**

- 6 Tapawera Recreation Reserve
 Committee meeting, Memorial
 Hall, 7pm ,
- 12 Tapawera Talking Café, 10-
 11:30am, School/Community
 Library
- 13 Tapawera Spring Show
 meeting, 5pm - 6pm, school
 staffroom
- 14 Garden Club, 12pm, Wakefield
 Hotel
- 19 Meet the Candidates TDC
 Council Elections, Shedwood
 Hall, 6:15pm - 9pm
- 20 Articles for Informer close 5pm
- 26 Tea and Talk, Memorial Hall,
 10:00am - 11:30am
- 31 Craft and Market Day, Village
 Green, 10am-2pm

**GP & Nurse at
Tapawera Clinic**

(during school term time):

GP clinics – Mondays
 9am – 12 midday

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

Wakefield Police

Constable Jamie White –
jamie.white2@police.govt.nz
 Constable Matthew Berquist –
matthew.berquist@police.govt.nz
 Non Urgent (CRL) – Call 105
 Happening Now – Call 111