



Taihape Area School

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Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to another busy week. Week 6 and only 3 weeks until the end of another extremely busy year. I don't believe it is simply an age thing anymore – even students have commented about how quickly the year has passed. We all lead very busy and full lives, and the days seem to morph into each other, the weeks race by, and the months in turn disappear, as we race from one commitment to the next.

NCEA examinations are in full swing, and don't officially conclude until the end of next week. It has been interesting living the examination season with our students. The great thing is that they have all taken the process extremely seriously, and most have worked hard to give themselves the very best opportunity to succeed. A number have found the whole process challenging, and extremely stressful. However they will learn from the experience, and importantly the

notion that effort and reward are inexorably linked. To quote Lois Muir - "*put in the hard work, and be at peace with yourself*". And sadly those who haven't made the necessary effort, will achieve the results they deserve.

The landscape has changed somewhat here at school with the "Seniors" on exam leave, and the Year 10's now our most senior group. However a number of Year 11, 12, and 13 students still choose to come to school to study, with their class teachers making themselves available to assist with this. Numbers of students also visit in the weekends for additional study, with teachers once again available for support. This represents a huge commitment from our staff, and pushes their energy levels to the limit as they struggle to manage the demanding range of end of year tasks and activities, with little downtime to recuperate and recharge the batteries. At this time of the year, the days simply blend into each other, and race past in a blur.

However there is light at the end of the tunnel with the summer holidays, and Christmas, getting ever closer. Have a great week.

Richard McMillan
Principal



This Term

19 th – 21 st	Girls Into Science
Friday 23 rd	Huntermville Softball Tournament
28 th – 30 th	Year 10 Camp
Wednesday 28 th	Scholastic Bookclub Issue 8 closes
29 th – 30 th	Year 1 & 2 Zoo Trip- Wellington

December

Tuesday 4 th	NCEA Exams End
Wednesday 5 th	Top Town
Thursday 6 th	Prize Giving End of Term 4
Friday 7 th	Teacher Only Day

January 2013

23 rd - 25 th	2013 Course Alterations New Enrolments
Monday 28 th	Term 1 Begins

Taihape Area School Prize Giving 2012

Thursday 6th December
1pm



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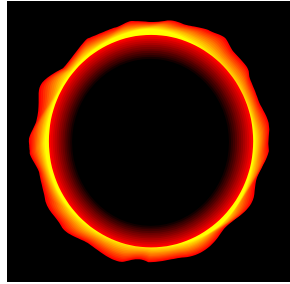
Room 5's Solar Eclipse Haiku Poems



Eclipse

The **Solar Eclipse** last Wednesday was an exciting event for everyone here at school.

Despite the heavy cloud cover and miserable day, the sun appeared sufficiently frequently for our students to observe first hand this unique phenomenon through their Solar Eclipse Glasses.



It was quite unnerving at first looking directly at the sun, but the glasses are amazing and ensured viewing was safe.

Room 9 Raffle Results

"Thank you very much to everyone who supported Room Nine's \$100 raffle for our trip to Palmerston North.

1st Draw: **Debbie Cashell**

2nd Draw: **Mooley**

Good News

This morning we received notification from the John Beresford Swan Dudding Trust of a grant of \$10,000. This is for the PE Department to purchase sports equipment.

Supporting Your Child at Home : Reading

1. For beginning readers, learning basic sight words is really important as it helps with fluency. See your child's teacher for lists of important words and flash cards.



2. At any level, listen to your child read and ask him/her questions about what they have read to check their understanding.

3. The school has invested in access to the following websites for any time, any place access to reading material. Please take the opportunity to use them.

<http://www.readingeggs.co.nz>

<http://www.sunshineonline.com.au>

The Top 10 Study Tips

The **Top 10 Study Tips** to get the results you want: -

1. Give yourself enough time to study. Don't leave it until the last minute. Despite what people say, cramming all the information into your brain the night before isn't the best way to approach an exam. Set out a timetable for your study. Write down how many exams you have and the days on which you have to sit them. Then organise your study accordingly. You may want to give some exams more study time than others, so find a balance that you feel comfortable with.

2. Organise your study space. Make sure you have enough space to spread your textbooks and notes out. Have you got enough light? Is your chair comfortable? Are your computer games out of sight? Try

and get rid of all distractions and then arrange your books into piles. Put your English books in one pile, your physics books in another so when its time to study for that exam, you've got everything you need in front of you. It also eliminates any possible excuses!

3. Design a flow chart. This is a bit like brainstorming, but instead of coming up with new ideas, you're writing down everything you already know about a topic. Put it in an easy to follow diagram with key points that you can easily replicate in an exam. That way, when the exam starts, you can spend five minutes preparing for your answer and then expand on your ideas.

4. Practice on old exams. It's always good to find out what kind of questions are going to be in the exam and the best way is too look through old exams. That will give you an idea of the layout of an exam, the number of short answers and long answers there will be and the amount of time you should be giving each section.

5. Explain your answers to others. Parents and little brothers and sisters don't have to be annoying around exam time. Use them to your advantage. Explain an answer to a question to them. That will help you to get it clear in your head. If you find it difficult to explain, perhaps you need to do a bit more study. But at least you won't turn up to the exam and realise you don't know the answer to a question!



6. Organise study groups with your friends. You may have questions that they have the answers to and vice versa. You're social life

doesn't have to be non-existent during study times. Grab a pizza and your textbooks and get studying with your mates.

7. Take a break. Don't force yourself to sit studying for 24 hours a day. If you're training for a marathon you don't try and run 24 hours a day. Develop a study routine that works for you. If you study better in the morning, then start early before taking a break at lunchtime. Do something mindless in the afternoon and then start studying again in the evening if you know you're more productive at night. Don't feel guilty that you're out enjoying the sunshine instead of hunched over your textbooks. Vitamin D is important for the brain!

8. Snack on brain food. Keep away from junk food and opt for a bowl of nuts instead. They're much better for the waistline and for the brain. You need to fuel your body while you study so make sure you eat nutritious food that has been proven to help your brain focus such as fish, nuts, yoghurt and blueberries.

9. Pack your pencil case. Make sure your pens work and your pencils are sharpened. Nothing is worse for your nerves then having your pen run out of ink at the start of an exam. If you're sitting a math's or science exam, make sure you have all the necessary equipment you'll need as well like rulers, compasses and calculators,

10. Stock up with sweets and water. Keeping your sugar levels up is just as important during an exam as it is during a football match. You need to stay alert and hydrate your body. If you start to feel yourself fade halfway through your exam, just pop a sweet into your mouth and you'll be away again.

(Source - QS Top Universities).

Cricket

Unfortunately there was no cricket on Saturday because of the very wet conditions.

Draw

Taihape v WHSOB @ Victoria Park, on pitch number 4.

Quotes of the week

"A wise child makes a glad father, but a foolish child is a mother's grief" - unknown.

"Other people's harvests are always the best harvests, but one's own children are always the best children" - unknown.

School Noticeboard

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue #8

Closes 28th November

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charge will occur

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TAIHAPE'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER 2012



11AM - 12PM : HAUTAPU STREET - SHI



Entry forms are available from the Taihape Information Centre. For more information or queries please phone TCDT on 3881307 or email info@taihape.co.nz

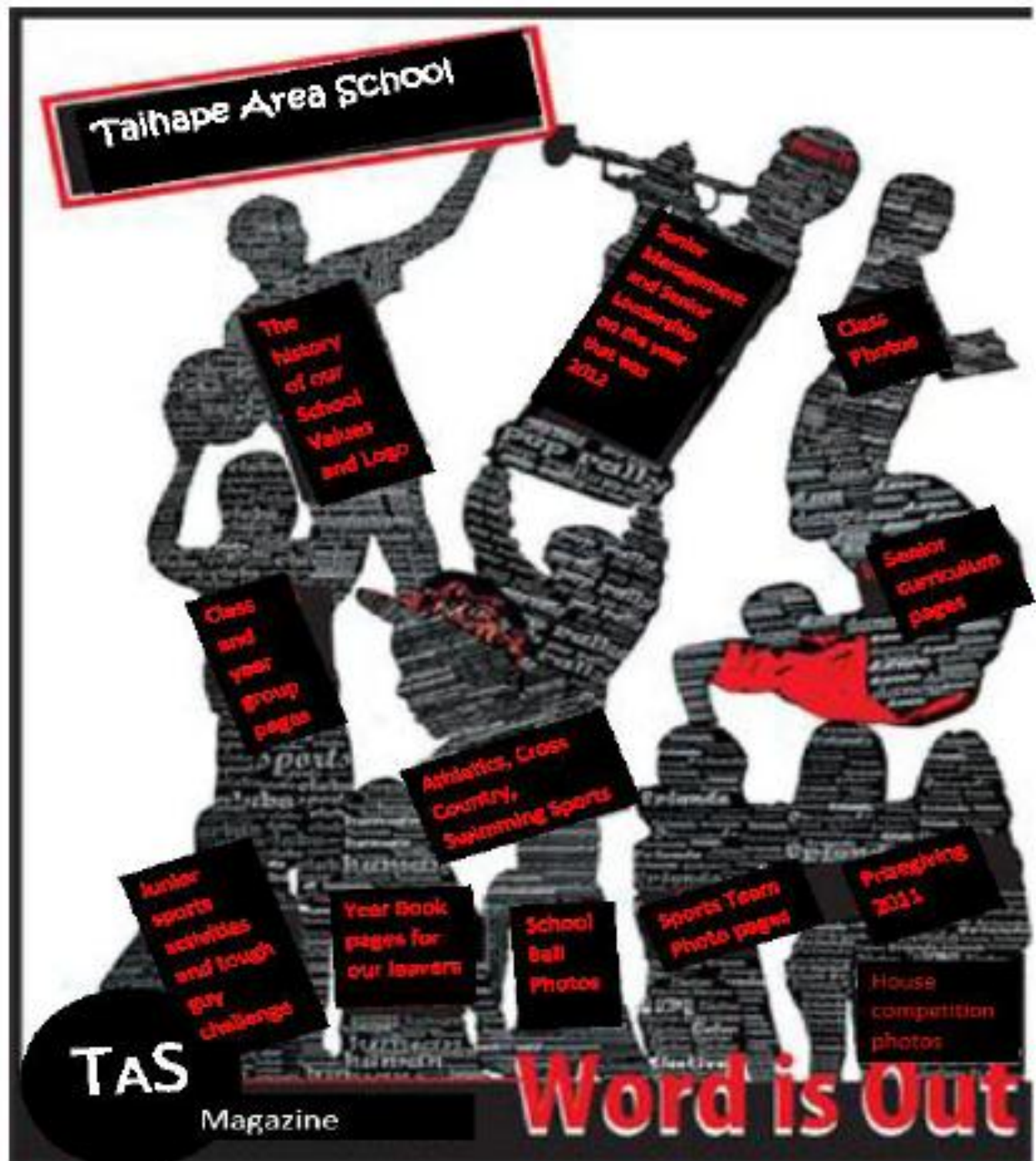
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Bone Carvings
Wood Carvings
21st Keys

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Nga Pepe (baby wear)
Clothing
Jewellery

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All payments and orders need to be at the school office and the magazines are expected to arrive the week of prizegiving for delivery. Don't miss out only 150 copies are printed.