

Tamatea Intermediate School





kia ora koutou

10 November 2016

It was my absolute pleasure to drop into MiCamp, Taupo to spend a day and night with our first group of Year 8 campers this week. This great group of students were making the most of the new experiences on offer. What really impressed me is the way they all supported each other through these challenges. Many parents will agree that a Year 8 camp is something you will remember for the rest of your life and it was great to see so many great memories being made. A special THANK YOU has to go out to our awesome parent helpers, staff and

Camp Leader, Mr McAleese, for providing such a positive experience for our young people. Our next group of campers depart on Monday morning.

NEXT WEEK'S CAMPERS: You should have brought home a pink newsletter today with the final arrangements for Monday's camp. If you did not receive one please have a look on our website for all our camp newsletters.

FRONT PAGE PHOTOS: Well done to every student who participated in our School Athletics afternoon. Results to follow in the next newsletter.

FUNATHON GRAND TOTAL!!

We are thrilled to announce that we raised \$6,282 for fun a thon this year. If you still have money outstanding it is not too late to bring it in!! Thank you all for your support!!

\$6282

CARPARK OUT OF BOUNDS



Please DO NOT use our carpark to collect your children, particularly TOMORROW as we are expecting our campers back between 2.30-3pm. There will be two large buses coming in with students getting out - we do not want traffic congestion or accidents so in the interest of child safety we ask that even if it is a short/rainy day you will need to park on the road. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

SOCIALS!

Social dancing is well underway for both year 7's and year 8's. You will receive a notice home with permission slip a few days before the Socials. The permission slip is the student's "Ticket in the door" so this must be brought with them on the night. Tidy dress is essential. Girls: neat skirt or dress desirable, boys: collared shirt, dress pants or tidy jeans. More information will be available closer to the time.

MATH MIND MOVER

A code is used to write a message. If Z = 1, Y = 3, X = 5.....what letter will represent the number 43?????

Remember to show your working, include your name and room number. Entries must be in before our assembly on Monday morning. Good luck.



Some awesome pottery being created in Art....well done Rio Udarbe; your creation of a "Mutant Creature" is fantastic! The mouth is actually a lid that lifts up - very clever!

Below is some information you might find helpful with this age group!!



Communication

One of the greatest frustrations for families of young adolescents is a young person's inability and/or unwillingness to communicate anything beyond the fact that someone threw up at school. The talkative, thoughtful, and optimistic child of yesterday can become a silent, sullen, slouchy young adolescent. Conversations become one-sided affairs with the adult doing most, if not all of the talking. Unfortunately, this often degenerates into the parent barking orders or criticisms – hardly an ideal model for effective conversation.

The most common phrases uttered at these times by the 10 – 15 year old are "I don't know," "I forgot," and "So?" Since these are often accompanied by a shrug of the shoulders or a rolling of the eyes, frustration peaks and communication shuts down altogether. Don't give up. Young adolescents' minds are sometimes filled with many new and confusing thoughts. They often don't know why they did or did not do something or how to bring all of their thoughts and emotions into one easy answer that will satisfy them or you. At other times, they simply do not wish to talk or engage in a conversation on an issue at the time. On the other hand, if the young adolescent starts the conversation, most likely he or she is just looking for someone to listen, not lecture.

Communication with young adolescents, in spite of the difficulties involved, is well worth pursuing. They can be funny, perceptive, self-reflective and deeply concerned about social issues. Furthermore, they like to talk! It just has to be on their own terms and in their own time. They are also fearful of criticism or a critical tone (remember the importance of self-esteem), so be careful about how you sound.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Think carefully about ways to question young adolescents and carry on a conversation. A more specific question such as "Were there any surprise questions on the social studies test?" is better than a general question such as "How did school go today?" And be careful about your tone of voice.
2. Today's young adolescents have more complicated questions to ask than did young people of another generation. Stay calm, don't over-react until you have the whole story.
3. Sometimes another adult can be a better sounding board than a parent. An aunt, uncle, grandparent, coach or teacher might seem less judgmental to a young adolescent than a parent. Accept this assistance graciously.
4. Use newspaper stories, television or neighbourhood events as conversation starters or to share hard to say ideas. "Wow! I can't imagine how that mother must feel – I love you so much I'd be heartbroken if you ran away."

5. Avoid judgmental remarks that might close down conversations before they start. Derogatory comments about gender, race, your young adolescent's friends, and clothing styles might let your child know that you have already made a judgement or said all that you have to say about a certain subject.

Source "H.E.L.P. – How to Enjoy Living with a Preadolescent" by Judith Baenen, National Middle School Association



**Port Ahuriri School 2016
Food and Music Festival**
Friday 11 November
4.30 – 7.30 pm
TOMORROW NIGHT -
See you there!



COMPUTER SCIENCE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: 4th – 25th January. Places available aged 8yrs – 14yrs. Maximum tutor ratio 1:10. Our programmes are run by qualified Digital Technology Teachers. Claymation, Electronics, Robotics, Minecraft, Coding, AP Development, Touch Typing, Computer Basics. www.digitalcircus.org.nz Places are limited! Visit our website for more info or to make a booking.

**CLUB ORIENTATION
/RECRUITMENT DAY:**

Ocean Beach this Sunday 13 November from 10.00am. This is a great opportunity for those wishing to give SLS a go before committing to the season and becoming a part of the OBK family. Everyone welcome. We will have coaches and experienced athletes on hand to help out. All gear provided. Please bring warm clothes/wetsuits. BBQ available so bring some lunch. Any enquiries to sport@obk.org.nz

Upcoming Events	
14 – 18 November	Camp rooms 6, 9, 10
23 November	Inter Athletics
30 November	Year 7 Social 7pm
1 December	Year 8 Social 7pm
2 December	Road Patrol Reward Day – Splash Planet
6 December	Service Award Assembly
8 December	Prize Giving Assembly/Helpers morning tea
9 December	Reports emailed home
15 December	Last day of School!! 12.30 FINISH
16 December	2 nd hand uniform sale 9– 10.30am
30th January	School starts back for both year 7 and year 8's

HATS!! Please don't forget that in Term 4 and Term 1 our navy blue bucket hats are compulsory. We are a sunsmart school. These are available from The Warehouse, sorry we don't have any for sale at School.



Regards,

Joanne Smith
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