

## TE KĀRERE - OUR LEARNING MESSAGES



### Message from the Board Chairman, Andy Wichers

Last year the Board of Trustees worked on its strategic planning. The outcome is a statement around engagement of the students, staff, whānau, iwi and the wider community.

We all have a stake in the success of our students and as a school we cannot do it alone. Engagement is a reciprocal process so take the opportunities to connect with the teachers, the Leaders of Learning, the Senior Leadership team and

the Board of Trustees as they present themselves in the year ahead.

The new Board of Trustees was formed at the end of last year. Due to Vicki Hiini resigning to take up her new role as Lead Principal of the Kahui Ako o Te Puke, there is a vacancy for a parent/community trustee. Feel free to make contact if you would like to find out about this role [andy.wichers@tepuke.school.nz](mailto:andy.wichers@tepuke.school.nz)

### Te Ao Māori alive and well at TPHS

Things Māori are going from strength to strength at TPHS with our kaiako of te reo Māori, Whaea Debbie Rahurahu developing strong reo programmes at all levels. Year 9 rangatahi can opt into taster one term options (taught by Whaea Tayla Toma), while Year 10s can opt into a half year option or a full year rūmaki class where they can achieve NCEA credits. In the senior school students can opt to learn either te reo Māori and/or Māori Cultural Studies at Years 11, 12 and 13 where they gain NCEA achievement and/or Unit Standards. Year 13 rangatahi can gain University Entrance in Te Reo Māori.

Kapa haka is also expanding, with huge numbers of students participating. Practices are now timetabled into class time to allow juniors and seniors to rehearse together. We are grateful to Matua Patuara Biel and Whaea Debbie for leading kapa haka.

Our kura are currently working towards implementing a full immersion Māori class at Years 9 and 10, responding to whānau requests for a legitimate immersion pathway to be developed across all levels of schooling in Te Puke.



### Students help community: Pātaka Kai

At the front of Te Puke High School, passers-by will notice our beautifully-adorned structure known as a Pātaka Kai. A Pātaka Kai is a food pantry filled with kai given by koha from the local community.

Anyone, regardless of need, is welcome to take food from our Pātaka Kai to fill their bellies. Whangaparāoa, one of TPHS's Year 9 and 10 Theme classes, had the idea of building a Pātaka Kai in Term 4 of 2020. In their Social Studies classes, Whangaparāoa students had

been researching issues of poverty and deprivation in the community as part of a Problem Solving (Whakaoti Rapanga) unit. They learnt that unemployment, insecure work and low wages are endemic in our country and in our community, and that more needed to be done to combat poverty.

Rather than just learn about these problems, the class decided to take action. They researched possible designs for a Pātaka Kai, communicated with a national network of Pātaka Kai to get ideas and support, and enlisted the help of the TPHS technology teachers to help with the build. Students painted and designed the Pātaka Kai on their own and were very proud of their work. Whangaparāoa students and Theme teachers would like to thank Mr Jeremy Ball and everyone in the Technology Department who helped students with this amazing project.

People are encouraged to donate or take food from the Pātaka Kai at any time. So don't be shy, grab a kai!



COMING UP

- \* INNOVATION WEEK 22-26 MARCH
- \* NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS 22-27 MARCH
- \* LIP SYNC - WORLD FAMOUS IN TE PUKE 24-25 MARCH
- \* BOP/WAIKATO SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS 24 MARCH
- \* BOP SECONDARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPS 30 MARCH