



## Te Puke Intermediate



### Term 1 Review

Our school Vision is to 'create confident, connected, active, lifelong learners' and throughout Term 1 we have seen students take some significant steps towards achieving this. We have come to the end of a successful and rewarding term with a number of standout events. Early in the term, we welcomed the ERO Review Team into our school where they asked the question "How effectively is this school's curriculum promoting student learning – engagement, progress and achievement?" We are delighted with the draft report we have received which positively affirms that Te Puke Intermediate is an excellent school. We look forward to sharing the finalised report with our community in the near future. Our annual fundraiser the Kia Kaha Fun Run, was a colourful extravaganza of competition, energy, laughter and wet people! A massive thank you goes to the Te Puke community for supporting our students who raised enough money to purchase laptops for their classrooms. Recently we hosted our Grandparents for a day back to school where our students shared their 21st century learning environment, resources and activities. This event is one the most fulfilling and rewarding events we host as both students and 'Grandies' share a unique and splendid experience. We have a school wide goal to become a more culturally responsive school and have strategically planned a number of activities, events and practices to achieve this. Our staff and students have all recently attended a noho marae giving our school community the opportunity to learn and develop more knowledge and insight into local Maori history, custom and protocol. Thank you to the people of Makahae for hosting us and providing a truly memorable experience for us all. As we look forward to Term 2, I want to prepare you for the most amazing school production you have ever seen! We are extremely fortunate to have Mrs Michelle Cliff directing our production of 'Bugsy Malone' and with 152 students performing in the cast it is going to HUGE. Put these dates in your calendar 21-23 June, you won't want to miss this! Best wishes for a safe and thoughtful holiday as we commemorate both Easter and Anzac Day. Jill Weldon (Principal)

### Grand Parents Day



### TPI Swimming Champions 2011



April Forgeson Year 8 Girl  
 Unique Clarke Year 7 Girl  
 Max Worden Year 8 Boy  
 Adam McKenzie Year 7 Boy



### Noho Marae Visit



What a fantastic time the students of TPI had at Makahe Marae. Thankyou to everyone who made this experience so unforgettable.



"KIWI, KIWI, KIWI... CAN, CAN, CAN". Kiwi Can is a new class subject here at TPI. Students go on their tech day to learn about essential values for their lives, eg: confidence, manners and pressure (no not air pressure!). While we are learning these values we are having alot of fun playing outside games like 'dead ants' which requires heaps of team work. Kiwi Can classes are also competitive as each class gets points

for listening, teamwork and manners. Students that are very good throughout the week could get chosen to be the 'tiki kid' which means they get a tiki to wear for the week until it gets passed onto the next tiki kid. We are very fortunate to be of the lucky schools in NZ to have this amazing programme here for three years. We really love having you here Kiwi Can!

By Jason Wills

## Kia Kaha Fun Run

On Wednesday 16 March we held our Kia Kaha Fun Run. This year we were raising money for new laptops in our school. We had already been granted \$21,000 thanks to the Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust - "TECT". Now with the proceeds of the fun run, we are able to purchase 40 laptops for the students of TPI to use. This event was a huge success and the weather played its part. We would like to acknowledge the Te Puke Fire Brigade and Cheetham Excavators for cooling the kids down with their hoses. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Gourlay and Mr Black for organising the fun run and also to the Te Puke High School students that came to support our students. Lyn Govenlock was a big help as she brought the St John's ambulance down to give us medical support. Big thanks also to the parents that came and joined in the fun.

By Taylor Allen.

