



Taupo Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 26 September 2018, Week 10

Tena koutou katoa,

It is certainly another celebration week here at Taupo Primary School...our learners are **'HOOKED ON!'...**

Last week our year 5 and 6 classes participated in **Mathmatters** competing against other schools across Taupo with outstanding results. Our year 5 team's placed **1st** and **3rd** and our year 6 team placed **2nd**. Well done to all the mathematicians who took part in this. I heard from Mrs Seamer that our year 5 1st place team have broken the record for scoring the highest points ever in mathmatters.

Mrs Seamer paid our Tamariki a visit to celebrate their successes. In the stained glass window designs, these students excelled:

Year 5

1st = Armani Harmer-Lowndes

2nd = Eva Meharry

3rd = Tristan Hayter

Year 6

1st = Jayden Connor

3rd = Anja Peake



A huge thank you to Mrs Bohan for tutoring our mathematicians!

WOW!!! What a treat for the staff! Last week a fabulous parent sent along this cake to say thanks to all the staff...our teachers and support staff work so hard for our children...way to go team Taupo. Along with this, our office lovelies and various teachers across the school received bundles of beautiful spring flowers in appreciation. Thank you whanau! What a lovely way to end the term!

A huge thank you to all the parents who supported last weeks fundraiser and donated time and **cupcakes!** AMAZING!!!! All monies are going towards the 'Garden to Table' project. We hope to get a mobile kitchen so our tamariki can cook in their classrooms using the produce that they have grown in their gardens. Mrs G certainly supported the event...Way to go Mrs G purchasing cupcakes and donating for pyjama day.

Our **rugby boys** performed fantastic on the field last Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Junior New Zealand Rugby Tournament placing fourth overall. Well done BOYS!!! Mrs Tatere said "Ollie, Harley, Dante, Trey and Chase were AMAZING, all such great players!"

Taupo Primary School would like to thank all the parents who supported **skiing** this term and a special thanks to Hollie West our parent ski coordinator extraordinaire!



Garden to Table kicks off this week as our Tamariki get busy planting seedlings for the 'Great Seedling' sale in October. Such a great program. We are looking for fruit trees to be planted next term as part of this program. Any fruit donations greatly appreciated...feijoa, blueberries, cherries, passion fruit, apple and citrus just to name a few. The sooner we can establish these the sooner our kids can use the produce to cook with. Mrs Harvey has been busy applying for grants and was successful winning \$2,000.00 in garden equipment for our tamariki. Way to go Mrs Harvey you're amazing!

Miss France has been busy applying for grants too, and has won \$1,600.00 for a **restoration project** over at the back field. A well known Maori artist 'Delani Brown' will be working with the school to restore the waharoa. Room 15 children get busy with 'Greening Taupo' last week planting natives in the back field garden. Well done room 15 you do such a great job looking after our environment!

'STEAM' this will be revving up next term as a team of curriculum planners start working with Kay Stephenson from the University of Waikato. STEAM is how we will be designing our learning programs throughout the school now that National Standards have been abolished. Our learners can experience a much wider, creative curriculum through rich learning tasks using 21st century skills. Prior to National Standards New Zealand was ranked number 1 in the world and since National Standards we are now ranked 24th. Let's get back to being number 1...STEAM is about doing just that. Below is a showcase of our tamariki being creative and experiencing 21st century skills with our STEAM topic 'FLIGHT'.

If you would like to know more about what STEAM is, use the link below to view a world educationist in action...Sir Ken Robinson.

<http://steampoweredclassroom.com/creating-the-ideal-school-sir-ken-robinson-style-10/>



Tamariki steam ahead with their creativity across the school... **'TPS HOOKED ON STEAM'...**

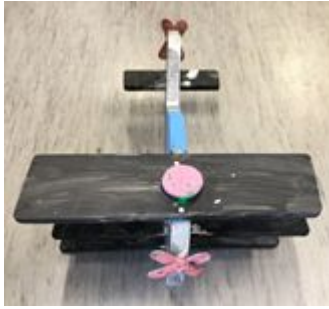
What's the BUZZ! The middle school look at BEES through their science, technology, arts lense...



...and learn to make beeswax wraps.

Grating and setting the wax...a fantastic way to wrap your lunch daily...

...making and testing out various flying contraptions...



The senior school turn this...



into this...



The junior school focus on bees drawing with observational scientific sketches...



Nga mihi nui
Sarah Sade
Acting Principal

