



## **Taupo Primary School Newsletter**

### **Wednesday 28 November 2018, Week 7**

Tena koutou katoa,

Our school is like a hive of activity lately, everywhere I go I see our kids out and about contributing and engaged in learning whether it's sports, enviro or running student led initiatives.

Congratulations **interschool SWIMMING** sports team-WOW what an achievement from our team last week at the interschool swimming sports. We had one of the smallest teams and yet we packed a punch! Placing 2nd overall. We only had 11 swimmers in the team but got 10 placings and 3rd in the relay. Fantastic effort team! Many thanks to the parents and other family members who came to support their children.

#### **25 m Freestyle**

1st Louie Cameron Y5  
2nd Olly MacLachlan Y5  
1st Harmony Nolan Y6

#### **25 m Breaststroke**

1st Louie Cameron Y5  
3rd Harmony Nolan Y6

#### **25m Backstroke**

1st Louie Cameron Y5  
1st Thomas Kalan Y6

#### **50 m Freestyle**

2nd Thomas Kalan Y6  
3rd Mitchell Donald Y5

#### **Relay Team Y's 4,5 & 6**

#### **3rd Place**

Lottie Bull Y4  
Lackie Yule Y4 (Hilltop)  
Georgie Dickie Y5  
Louie Cameron Y5  
Harmony Nolan Y6  
Thomas Kalan Y6

#### **Overall points tally**

Hilltop 1st

#### **Taupo Primary 2nd**

St Patricks 3rd

With special words from Mrs Watson "I am incredibly proud of our swimming team! They were amazing role models and did their very best in every race". Thanks Mrs Watson for taking our team through again!



**NEWS SPLASH NEWS SPLASH!** A message from our fantastic year 6 learning leaders they would like to announce that they wish to have 3 days of **water fun** at the fun shed next week. Fun afternoons will be run from 2.00-2.50pm. This will be on the field and will include waterslides, hoses, sprinklers, buckets of water and much more. Please send your child along with their towel, togs, shorts or tee shirt if you wish them to participate. Your child's fun water day is...

**Tuesday** Year 0-2

**Wednesday** Year 3-4

**Friday** Year 5-6

This is one of our student led initiatives. Fantastic idea, a great way for our tamariki to cool off and a way to water the field too.

Last Monday we had an afternoon with our past year 6 students who have just completed their first year at the intermediate. In total 10 past AWESOME students contributed to our korero chatting to us about the good, the bad and the ugly or what I refer to as **SMALL DATA!** Their voice is so valuable and I wish to thank them and their whanau for allowing us to share one last enlightening afternoon with them. I won't share their words with you just yet as I wouldn't like to influence what our year 6 children have to say. Once we have gathered all our student voice up we'll share with you about what they have to say is great at TPS, what needs improving and what words of advise our parents had for us too! THANK YOU

A big thank you from Granny Shona and Poppa Ken Bleakley who have decided to empty a rather large coin bag and donate the proceeds to Taupo Primary School. Our kids had a great morning counting it all up. We look forward to hearing how these funds shall be used for our kids...ninety seven dollars of fun stuff heading towards our kids.

**Curriculum Development STEAM**-this week 9 of our staff have been busy reviewing and redesigning our STEAM curriculum while working alongside Kaye Stephenson our Advisor. Kaye comes from the University of Waikato and is an ex-Principal. We are privileged to have her working with us for the next year. We'll need your help and support with this design in 2019. It's about everyone who has a vested interest owning what happens to our kids. We will be hitting term 1 2019 with the 'Visual Arts' and having an art auction towards the end of term 1. I would love to see our kids hold a STEAM learning celebration in term 3. This will be a student led workshop day where our parents can join in STEAM type activities and our students lead the learning from electric circuits to coding and robotics.

**Behaviour Reminder**-our senior boys Y5/6 have decided to make what what I would call 'POOR CHOICES' this week with a silly game called trip up's. Please chat with them in regards to the school rules...no play fighting as it always ends in a mess! Consequences will be had if it continues...and this message has been given to them loud and clear. Thank you for your support in regards to this.

**Outstanding Monies**-please ensure that your accounts are paid. Accounts where your child has opted into extracurricular events such as netball, touch, etc. needs to be paid please by the end of the term.

Enjoy you last two weeks everybody...please check what's coming up on the list below. There's plenty of dates to keep an eye on and events to attend. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Nga mihi nui

Sarah Sade

Acting Principal, Taupo Primary School

## PB4L Jelly Bands

This year we will continue to celebrate our students who have received jelly bands. This is a celebration of being hooked on learning and following the school rule— “respect self, respect others and respect the environment”.

**Room 6** **White Jelly Bands** Teahu Davis and Mea Davis-Eru

### Upcoming Events

Ongoing	Swimming Rooms 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 (26 Nov to 7 Dec)
5 December	PTA Raffle drawn
6 December	Year 6 Dinner
11 December	Year 6 Assembly, 11.30am
11 December	The Navy is in at TPS to help us clean up (giving back to the community)
13 December	End of year reports go home
14 December	Last day Term 4

**School Dates 2019** Open first day back Wednesday 30th January 2019  
Last day Friday December 13th 2019

### Assemblies - 9.15am Friday

Week 7	Room 9
Week 8	Room 8 (last assembly)



We would like to welcome our new student Brent to Taupo Primary School

