

Taupo Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 7 February 2019, Week 2

'Hooked on Learning'

Tena koutou katoa,

What a lovely way to start the new year with our **Whanau Day**, relaxed, a time to chat, meet and greet and most importantly getting to know who we all are. It was fantastic to see all our parents, caregivers and extended whanau in our kura or school. We value your partnership and see this as an important key for your tamariki or child's success. A big thank you to our student leaders who did a great job greeting and surveying our whanau and the P.T.A who organised and cooked 500 sausages, on what, was one of the hottest days this summer...PHEW hot HOT work!

On the day we had a 109 people who completed the **whanau survey** and we would love to share with you what we found out. The great things we do were generally good communication, good stance on bullying, nice grounds, approachable team, an inclusive culture, supportive to students and parents, and most people love all the extra stuff their child gets to do such as kapa haka, skiing, trips and camp. Of the 5 areas in STEAM our parents wanted to see more Science taught followed by technology and then environmental studies. Some

other considerations were air conditioning in hot classrooms, longer notification around events so as to be able to arrange time off work, more outdoor education/sports, more information around how the curriculum is set and a question around breakfast club. Great responses and we'll be addressing all of your feedback. I'm really excited about the Science in 2019. This year Sarah Keehan will be completing her masters and has taken study leave to do this. When Sarah returns she'll be taking classes when teachers are on release to do Science! Sarah is a Science expert and this is a real passion of hers. Room 5 will be our new school wide Science Lab where Sarah will teach your child...I can't wait and this starts in term 3! In the meantime, we have two other passionate

Scientist on staff who run our Science lunchtime club, Liz France and Lisa Pellowe. The board has also invested part of this years budget into using science kits in all rooms. These kits are set up with all the materials, plans and learning outcomes...ready to go! We trialed these last year and our kids just loved them. Science is all go!

Powhiri-Tomorrow we will be welcoming all our new tamariki/children, whanau/parents and staff with a powhiri. All welcome and this includes extended whanau too. For those who are not aware of what a powhiri is? It's an official welcome to Taupo Primary with a gathering of all to welcome you and your child to their learning journey in the hall, followed by a cup of tea and some kai or food in the staffroom afterwards. We start at 9.15am in the school hall where new children,



parents, caregivers, staff wait outside the hall until they are called in. Our teaching staff will be outside to help tell you what the process is and join you. Haere mai te kura o Taupo Primary...Welcome to Taupo Primary.

Some people find the word 'interviews' rather daunting and old fashioned...we would prefer to say **Whanau Korero** this year. These will take place in week 5. We would love to see all our parents, caregivers and whanau during this time. This is a time to have a general korero/chat with you around your child's learning needs/goals in 2019, any concerns or questions you may have, or to see if we have what we think is right for you and your child, or have we missed something you would like us to focus on this year. We'll leave it up to you whether you would like your child to come too. Please use the online booking to make a time that is suitable for you or pop in to see the office or your child's teacher and we'll get you sorted.

Road Patrol-please be patient with our new Road Patrollers who have just started this year and are learning the ropes in regards to this important job. The most important rule in which they have been trained by Constable Tash is to only open the signs when traffic is behind the diamonds painted on the road. We all need to be mindful that this rule applies to foot traffic too. If the road patrollers are on duty then foot traffic inside the diamond zones must use the crossing too. Please help us by being role models and use the crossing.

Zones of Regulation-this week at our staff meeting we looked at Zones of Regulation this is a school wide program that compliments our PB4L or Positive Behaviour for Learning program we use at Taupo Primary. Zones of Regulation is about teaching and giving our kids the skills and tools they need to cope with their emotions so they know what to do when they are feeling angry, sad or frustrated. As adults we learn or know what to do or how to relax and unwind. However, some of our kids find this difficult so we need to help give them the skills to do this. More information will be coming out over the next few weeks, ask your child or child's teacher as they start to explore this in their classroom.

Kelly Club Before and After School Care at Taupo Primary School-Our programme provides a great mix of activities for kids to get involved with including, sports, games, arts and crafts, baking and cooking, science and discovery, along with structured free play after a long day at school. We have a great team of staff who are all teacher aides at Taupo Primary School led by Helen Sherrock, so there will be lots of familiar faces for the kids. To book into our programme please visit www.kellyclub.co.nz/taupo or phone **021 195 0139** for further details. Our wonderful staff are also available to collect your child from their room at the end of the day so you know they get there safely. Please let us know if you would like your child collected from their room, anything to help. We look forward to seeing you!

Available Sessions:

Beforecare - Full Session (7:30am to 8:30am)

Aftercare - Half Session (3:00pm to 4:30pm)

Aftercare - Full Session (3:00pm to 6:00pm)

What we have on offer at lunchtimes for your child?

Monday and Friday-Jenny Bohan runs **minecraft club** in room 21 for year 4-6 kids.

Liz France and Lisa Pellowe will be starting up **Science Club** x1 session per week, day and room to be confirmed yet.

Sports-every lunchtime Aaron one of our Teacher Aides takes sports on the field at lunchtime for anyone who wishes to participate.

Our student leadership team once establish run the **fun shed** located outside room 3 by the netball courts and this will start up soon.

We also have 5 or more teachers out on duty around various parts of the school. Staff can be found in there high vis should your child need an adult.

Our school vision is '**Hooked On Learning**'...here are some great pics of our kids and whanau hooked on and in action...from whanau day...tino pai whanau!

Our **school values** are Aroha, Manaakitanga, Kotahitanga and Whanaungatanga. Each week we learn and focus on one of these core values in our school. Next week we'll be focusing on the value...**Kotahitanga**. Kotahitanga is unity and working together as a collective to achieve the greater good. A great value that focuses on teamwork! Something we all need in our lives.

Nga mihi nui
Sarah Sade
Acting Principal,
Taupo Primary School

Upcoming Events

Powhiri, Friday 8 February 2019, 9.15am in the hall

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday 19 February 6.00pm in the staffroom

Senior school athletics all Year 4-6 students Tuesday 26th February

Whanau Korero, Wednesday 27 February and Thursday 28 February

End of Term 1, Friday 12 April 2019

Assemblies

We would love you to join us at our assemblies. Each week we have a different class hosting our assembly. All welcome this includes extended whanau. Assemblies start at 9.10 am and finish at around 9.45 am every Friday. Please see below for rooms hosting this terms assemblies.

Week 2 POWHIRI
Week 3 Room 21
Week 4 Room 20
Week 5 Room 19
Week 6 Room 18
Week 7 Room 17
Week 8 Room 16
Week 9 Room 15
Week 10 Room 14
Week 11 Room 13

POWHIRI

We warmly invite you to attend the

Taupo Primary School Powhiri



We will be welcoming all new students, whanau and staff to Taupo Primary on

Friday 8th of February 2019

We hope you can join us for some morning tea in the staffroom following the powhiri

Please meet outside the hall just before 9:15am

Any queries please contact Kirsty Tatere kirstyt@taupoprimary.school.nz



Ironman volunteers wanted!!

Taupo Primary School is aiming to fill 25 slots this year so if there are any parents, caregivers, friends, family who would like to help with marshalling (Wharewaka area) for the Ironman event on the 2nd of March please contact the office. This is a great fundraiser for our school. Thank you to those parents and caregivers who have already volunteered.

★ NELSON FRINGE FESTIVAL 2018 AUDIENCE FAVOURITE ★

THE BUBBLE SHOW!



Guinness World Record Winner
Most people inside a bubble in 30 seconds

A unique blend of magic, storytelling and bubble art
Interactive and suitable for all ages

TAUPO - 22 FEB 2019

SHOWS:	4PM & 6:30PM (ALL AGES)
	KIDS: \$10, ADULTS: \$16
WORKSHOP:	5:15PM (AGES 5+, \$10)
VENUE:	TAUPO CENTRE STAGE PLAYHOUSE
TICKETS FROM:	WWW.EVENTFINDA.CO.NZ
FOR MORE INFO:	WWW.HIGHLANDJOKER.COM



booking fees apply

Are you thinking of becoming a Board of Trustees member?

Kōrari

"Kōrari really helped me understand what it's like to be a school trustee"



Kōrari - a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.

For more information contact us on 0800 782 435.



The New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) are preparing for the upcoming Triennial BoT elections.

NZSTA would like to encourage parent and whanau participation on school boards in order to help shape and support the education of their children. To that end, we will be rolling out the Korari Programme for anyone interested in finding out about standing for the school board elections and having a say in the education of their children. The following resources are available on our website.

- 1. Korari: a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees. We will be rolling out information sessions for Korari in terms 1 & 2.*
- 2. Korari form: NZSTA will support anyone who advises us they are interested in becoming a trustee, by way of the workshops but also providing access to our Learning Management System where online modules re. school governance, student achievement etc. can be completed. Please see the school office for the form, which once completed can be emailed to korari@nzsta.org.nz*
- 3. Community member guide to the role of the board of trustees: This explains a lot of commonly asked questions and information about becoming a trustee (copies of these are available at the school office).*