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Taupo Primary School



NEWSLETTER

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A community of learners working collegially to develop high standards of thinking, communication and life skills."

Principal: Cushla Seamer **Staff Rep:** Janice Bowman **Chairperson:** Chad Keir

Members: Shona Brett, George Nepata, Shane McNally, Marion Thompson and Debi Woodward, Julie Yeoman

Term 1, Week 3

Monday 13 February 2012

Dear Parents and caregivers

He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa
Warmest greetings to you all.

Thanks so much to those parents and friends of the school who handed over \$3500 for Kapa Haka by helping at the Doobie Brothers concert on Saturday 4 February. We are extremely grateful to Tammy Nepata and Kristy Bradshaw for fronting this project for the school. Kapa Haka will benefit greatly from this.

Last week was a very busy week which culminated in the Poroporoaki for Tracy Fraser, who has been our Deputy Principal for just over ten years. My heartiest congratulations are extended to our staff and students. Together Taupo Primary planned an excellent farewell for our Deputy Principal in five days. The student behaviour was so good; Tracy must feel very proud as she leaves our school. Our students truly represented the school rule which is **"Respect for Self, respect for others and respect for the environment."**

The Deputy Principal position is currently advertised in the Education Gazette and we are working towards a permanent appointment for the Deputy Principal by the beginning of Term Two. In the meantime Liz Vanderpump is Acting Deputy Principal.

Earlier last week the Board of Trustees gathered for a workshop to revise our school charter. Our charter gives the key directions and tone of the school; it spells out the values we hold dear, and the actions we intend to take in bringing those values to life. The document promises to be user friendly, attractive and a true reflection of our aims. The Board of Trustees meets this Wednesday at 6pm to ratify the charter. These are public meetings and you are most welcome to attend.

The PTA meets tonight, Monday 13th at 7pm. The PTA is a group of parents who support the school in all sorts of ways. They enjoy a laugh or two and their meetings are fun. If you would like to join you will be most welcome.

Our main school goals this year are :

- To improve our mathematics achievement, through added professional development and improved practice.
- To maintain the gains achieved in literacy across the school and strive for high achievement across all groups.
- To go deeper and faster with our Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative. This means fine tuning our systems and ensuring that we all act consistently.

Although the weather is disappointingly cloudy we are having some very hot days. Please make sure your child has their sunhat at school.

We are working to ensure that all students are happy, safe and learning. If you have any concerns that this is not happening for your child the correct procedure is to see the class teacher and seek support. If you feel the concerns are not addressed you talk with the team leader. If you are still worried you need to make an appointment with myself. If after talking with me you are not comfortable that progress is being made you can either talk with me once more or take the matter in writing to the Board of Trustees. We aim to get things right the first time, of course.

Have a great week everyone, it is the first full week back at school.

Kind regards
Cushla

KEYBOARDS NEEDED

If you have a keyboard that functions reasonably well, and can lend it to the school for Term 1 or maybe the entire year. Please leave your contact details and Sandra Fletcher will phone you. The keyboard will be well looked-after by our Music Department Teachers.

Thank you.
Sandra Fletcher

"He mihi nunui ki a koutou i awhinatia ki te koonohete o te Doobie brothers.

A big thank you to all of those who helped at the Doobie brothers concert for our Kapa Haka fundraiser! Your time was much appreciated!

Te amorangi ki mua, te hapai o ki muri

Without those behind, the ones in front can not go forward"

Thank you very much, Tammy Nepata.

Senior Camp

Please keep your camp payments coming in. Today is the last day for permission and medical slips. If yours is late please contact the office urgently. Information about day parents and transport is being finalised and will be communicated to you near the end of the week.

Thank you.
Liz Vanderpump



Senior Swimming Sports

Just a reminder to all senior students to return the swimming sports permission slips to your teacher ASAP. The cost is \$3 per student.

School Donation 2012

The school donation is \$40 per student or \$80 per family. This can be paid at the office in full or \$10 per term. Our bank account is

02 03160 129484 00

If you wish to pay by internet banking. Please remember to include your child's name and "donation" as the reference. Thank you.

LOST AND FOUND

If you **lost** a bracelet or watch last week please see Michelle or Kerry in the office. If you have **found** a solid gold bracelet with a safety chain could this please be brought into the office.

CALLING ALL NETBALL GIRLS AND BOYS

If you love Netball and are a year 3,4,5, or 6 and would like to play then come and meet Tracey and Kristy on the netball courts this Tuesday at lunchtime

This is just a quick meeting to see how many girls are interested so we can get organising our teams.

If you are a keen parent who wouldn't mind devoting some time to help coach or manage a team please also get in touch with us!! We look forward to seeing all you keen children on Tuesday!!!

Thanks again, Regards

Tracey Vowles 0272544244, Kristy Bradshaw 027 2142565

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Mince or Mince & Cheese Pie \$ 2.50

Sausage Roll \$ 2.50

Beef or Chicken Noodles \$ 2.50

6 x Chicken Nuggets \$ 2.50

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Ham, Cheese, Tomato, Pineapple, Spaghetti, Sweet Corn

1 x Filling \$ 2.00

2 x Filling \$ 2.50

3 x Filling \$ 3.00

LUNCH PACKS

Sandwich or Yoghurt

Nutella, Strawberry, Honey, Marmite or Vegemite Sandwich \$ 4.50

1 x Fruit Bar

1 x Small Bag of Chips

1 x Piece of fruit

1 x Small Drink

XTRAS

Muffin \$ 1.00

Yoghurt \$ 1.00

Fruit Bars .80

Small Chips .50

Ice Blocks (sold at lunch time 12.45-12.55 at tuck shop) .50

Piece of Fruit .50

DRINKS

Water \$ 1.50

Milk Drink Choc / Strawberry \$ 1.50

Orange or Apple Juice Large \$ 1.00

Ironkidz 2012

Ironkidz is a fun triathlon for 8 to 15 years old with an Elite section for more serious athletes. It will be held on Sunday, 26 February 2012 on the Lakefront Reserve in Taupo, opposite Mere Road.

This year, online entries will receive a \$5 discount and can be made from our website www.ironkidz.com.

There is prize money and a trophy for School Participation. This year there will be two age categories 8-10 and 11-15 year olds.

Free Ear Checks

The mobile ear clinic is available for free ear checks for children:

**Thursday 23 February
Taupo Primary School
11am-2pm**

No appointment necessary.
All enquiries please
contact 376 1000

PTA NEWS

The PTA welcomes back students, teachers, the Board of Trustees and all parents and caregivers to what is going to be an exciting year for the PTA.

Our first meeting of the year is tonight at 7pm in the staff room, all parents and caregivers are welcome. The PTA is a social group and we have some great fun through the year organising the different fundraisers. If you wish to learn more about Taupo Primary School and get involved as a parent/caregiver, join the PTA. If you can't make our monthly meetings but you would still like to help us out from time to time please leave your name and phone number with the office. We appreciate all the help we can get!

We have a few things on our calendar for 2012 including our ever popular discos, sausage sizzles and raffles. Our next meeting which will be in March will be the Annual General Meeting and we will be electing positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2012 year. If you are interested and what to know more about any of the positions please contact Taima te Heuheu (Chairperson).

Look out for us wearing our cool red PTA T-shirts around the school at different events and come and introduce yourself - we look forward to meeting you!

All the best for 2012, from Taupo Primary PTA.

PTA Meeting 7pm tonight (Monday 13 February) in the Staffroom – all parents and caregivers welcome.

Taupo Junior Cricket

Taupo Cricket would like to welcome all new and existing players to come along and enjoy the fun and excitement of Friday evening junior cricket at Owen Delany Park. Taupo Cricket offers an excellent introduction to cricket programme for beginners and competitive T20 style games and teams for all other age groups (boys and girls). Friday evening cricket starts at 5:30pm and generally finishes between 7:00 and 7:30 and offers a great environment to watch your child play sport. Bring along a picnic or bbq and enjoy.

2012 registration fees are \$55.00 per player or \$80.00 for a family. Taupo Cricket provides all required equipment to play.

For more information visit our website: www.taupocricket.co.nz, email: taupocricket@gmail.com or contact Julie Tennant: 022 010 5121.



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