



## **Taupo Primary School Newsletter**

### **Wednesday 20 February 2019, Week 4**

#### **'Ko te ako te maneatanga' or 'Hooked on Learning'**

Tena koutou katoa,

After carrying out a parent survey on whanau day, our students requested that they have a survey. I thought what a great idea. Mrs Keehan and a group of learners came up with a set of 10 questions about what and how students like to learn at school, and what factors support their learning. This is a fantastic form of student agency or learners having power and capacity to act and make choices. My 5 favourite questions revealed the following...

**What do you think makes a good teacher?** Sense of humour, a helpful one, Great – they are really, really nice, someone who makes the class quiet, passion, kind and smart, I think a good teacher helps every child with their work when they need it and gives out advice, I think to be a good teacher you have to help others, be patient, be flexible, stay calm and work as a team with other teachers.

**If you had to name the three most important features of a good classroom, what are they?** A quiet class, a cool class, being tidy, having rules, respecting people, being kind, being happy, you know, joyful, making sure everyone is included, a good teacher and a nice teacher and a teacher that cares.

**Tell me about how your teacher helps you?** My teacher helps me by: Explaining things to me – 40%, Showing me what to do – 30%, Fixing things – 20%, Writing on the board – 10%.

**What subjects do you like learning about the most?** Reading – 19%, Writing – 12%, Maths – 19%, Science – 15%, Art – 15%, Technology – 10%, Physical Education – 10%.

**What helps you learn at school?** Teacher – 40%, Computer – 28%, A quiet class – 16%, Listening – 16%.

**Whanau Korero**-these are coming up next week Wednesday and Thursday. **School closes at 12.30pm Wednesday. Kelly Club is open from 12.30pm on this day as normal.** If you require child care from 12.30 please use the link and book on-line [www.kellyclub.co.nz/taupo](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz/taupo). This year we have organised somewhere for your child to go while you have a chat with your child's teacher. If you don't want your child to come with you to see the teacher you can drop your child/ren off at the library where our wonderful Kelly Club staff member 'Aaron', Mrs T and I will be waiting while you attend your whanau korero hui/meeting. We would love to see you all.

#### **Interested in Kelly Club?**

Wednesday next week while Whanau Korero is on please feel free to go down to the hall and check out our Kelly Club...Paul Jamieson the company director will be onsite to see you and answer any of your questions...it's also a great way to see what goes on here and just check it out. Here's a small snippet of some wonderful feedback that we have received this week and Kelly Club...*I would like to say thank you to Taupo Primary and Kelly Club for getting this up and running at Taupo Primary. It is so wonderful that my child is super excited to go to Kelly Club, he doesn't want to*

*leave in a hurry he asks if he can go again or stay longer it is just wonderful. It is also fantastic to see the children doing all sorts of exciting things and that the children and teachers are interacting with each other and not just hanging about not doing much at all. We love the weekly plan that is distributed before the week ahead, the whole programme so far is just awesome. And the team running it (Helen and Primrose that I am aware of) are doing a fantastic job. It is so comforting to know my child is happy and safe! Thank you to everyone involved in getting Kelly Club up and running it is simply awesome, love it!*

**Need to see your teacher?** Our teaching staff are expected to be in rooms at 8.30am onwards. They are often attending meetings, preparing resources or at professional learning sessions prior to this time. Teachers are available to catch up with you from 8.30 in a general sense in rooms. If you require more time or need to see your child's teacher for more than a general issue please make an appointment to see them. We would love to address your needs however, we feel this short time before school is often not sufficient.

**PUM's-** Union meetings and negotiations continue in 2019. Teachers nationwide will attend these on 18th March. These will take place after school hours and not affect any school hours. Decisions around actions moving forward will come out of this hui/meeting. The main issue for Taupo Primary School teaching staff is ensuring our kids have their learning needs met with SENCO (special education needs coordinator) support and working conditions addressed. Teaching shortages remain an issue and overseas teachers have been quickly allowed in to plug up holes where there is a crisis. Pay rises are on the cards however, this is minimal and not really something we are fighting for as it equates to around an extra \$5 a day.

**Outstanding Monies Reminder-** bus fees and extra optional curricular activities need to be paid please. There are a number of outstanding accounts that still need to be sorted. Accounts not paid means we will not be able to allow your child to attend the optional extras you want this year.

Nga mihi nui  
Sarah Sade  
Acting Principal,  
Taupo Primary School

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 27 February	School closes at 12.30pm (details in this newsletter)
Wednesday 27 February	Whanau Korero - booking times from 1.15pm to 7pm
Thursday 28 February	Whanau Korero - booking times from 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Monday 4 March	Uniform swap in the hall, 2.45pm to 3.15pm
Monday 4 March	Swimming starts for Rooms 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 11, cost \$20
Thursday 7 March	Senior school athletics all Year 4-6 students
Thursday 7 March	Winter Sports Registrations at TPS
Tuesday 26 March	Hiwi the Kiwi show Tuesday 26 March Cost \$ per student
Thursday 28 March	Interschool Athletics
Friday 12 April	End of Term 1
Monday 29 April	First day Term 2
Wednesday 15 May	School photo day

## **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 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

## **Student Details - Reminder**

Please remember to update your child's details (address, phone numbers, emergency contacts etc) at the office, if these have changed. Thank you.

## **Email Newsletters**

If you want the newsletter emailed to you directly please send your email address and your child's name to [office@taupopprimary.school.nz](mailto:office@taupopprimary.school.nz) Alternatively you can read it on our website: [www.taupopprimary.school.nz](http://www.taupopprimary.school.nz) under "What's Happening?"

## **School Bank Account Details**

The school bank account is BNZ, Hamilton Branch, 02 0316 0129484 00. If you make a payment please remember to include your child's name and what the payment is for.

## **Uniform Swap - School Hall - 2.45pm to 3.15pm Monday 4 March, hall foyer**

The next uniform swap will be on Monday 4 March. You can bring in uniform to swap or just come along and pick up some uniform items (size dependent on what is available). There is also other clothing/footwear available for families.

## **Lunch Online**

If you order school lunches through Lunch Online please make sure that you update your child's room number for this year. Some of the lunches are going to the wrong rooms. This is also a reminder that there are no lunches on Mondays. To order school lunches go to [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) Thank you.

## **Maniapoto 2019 Education Grants**

These applications will be uploaded to the **GRANTS** page on our Website <https://www.maniapoto.iwi.nz/scholarships-grants> or come to the school office for the grant form.



We would like to welcome our new students  
Hayley, Kilian, Mya, Nicole, Scarlett, Shanav,  
Tayla and Zoe to Taupo Primary School

## Whanau Korero

Kia ora koutou katoa

At Taupo Primary we aim to have teaching programmes that are built on your child's strengths, interests and family values. In week 5 of this term we will be holding our Whanau Korero. This will give you the opportunity to sit down with the classroom teacher and share any information that may support your child's learning journey this year. Your child is welcome to attend these with you. If you would prefer to meet the teacher without your child we will have a childcare option available at school. Please see below for details on how to book your meeting time online. If you are unable to book online please see our lovely ladies Michelle and Kerry if the office and they will assist you in making your booking.

**When:** Wednesday 27th February, booking times from 1:15pm to 7pm  
Thursday 28th February, booking times from 3:30pm to 6:30pm

**Room 20:** Room 20's whanau korero will all be held on Wednesday 27th February. These will run from 9am to 7pm.

To book your time please go to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Enter Event Code: **2e2ea**

Select Go and follow instructions

**On Wednesday 27th February school will be CLOSED at 12:30pm. All children will need to be picked up at that time, as teachers will be occupied with whanau meetings and unable to supervise them. If your child normally takes the bus or goes to after school care, you will need to arrange alternative transport for them.**

Ngā mihi nui

Kirsty Tatere  
Acting Deputy Principal

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I am picking my child .....of Room .....  
at 12:30pm on Wednesday 27th February.

Parent/Caregiver: .....

Phone number: .....



## 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](mailto: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).*



## The Developing Brain

Waipahihi Primary School, Taupo  
Tue 26 Feb 2019 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm  
Tickets at [Eventfinda.co.nz](http://Eventfinda.co.nz)

#ontheroadagain



**Where: Waipahihi Primary School, 20 Parata Street, Taupo**  
**Ticket Information: General Admission: \$38.88 (\$35.00 + \$3.88 fees)**

Nathan Wallis provides an informative narrative on how our day-to-day interactions with children and young people, significantly the early years, plays a critical role in defining later outcomes for our children and for our future.

With a profound reputation as a lively and engaging speaker, Nathan uses humour and plain language to make this complex topic burst into life. So, here's your chance to get all the latest research from a valid source, in a way that's made to make sense.

In this presentation, Nathan will guide you through the stages of brain development that happen across childhood, which is a lot longer than you think. Nathan will reveal little tricks to make parenting easier, and help you open up communication with your child in a way that actually gets them to listen, develop & grow, and even like you more!

You will walk away understanding how yours and your child's brain work, so you know that a lot of it is normal development and not in fact your fault – Phew!

This talk is for those parents or caregivers who want a quick snapshot of brain development. Now don't worry about not being able to understand it! While Nathan has all the qualifications and academic creed, he comes from a background of being a foster child, father of three, grandfather of two and foster parent to many. His unique "tell you how it is" style will have you captivated, and you will walk away jam-packed with "ah-ha" moments.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to hear Nathan Wallis speak. Get in quick as this event will sell out.

Note: Each talk in the Positive Parenting Series will contain some similar content. This is so Nathan can ensure that 'everyone' in the Audience is up-to-speed with the basic stages of the 'Developing Human Brain' before he focuses the talk on a specific stage in brain development.



## 5-a-side football 2019 Term 1



- 5 a-side competition, starting week of 18 Feb.
- Grades 7 – 10 (born 2009 – 2012) play Mondays 3.45 – 4.20 pm.
- Grades 11 – 15 (born 2004 – 2008) play Tuesdays 3.45 – 4.30 pm.
- No need to enter teams; players will be allocated into different teams each week.
- No need to pre-register! Just turn up on the days you can make it.
- \$2 into the honesty box per game please. All funds will be deposited into the club account to support various other club initiatives. Initial bulk payment is fine 😊.
- Turn up with boots/ shoes, shinpads, playing kit and drinking water. Bibs will be allocated for teams.
- Parents, please be prepared to referee the games.



# FOUR STEPS

## TO KEEP YOUR CHILD ASTHMA-SAFE AT SCHOOL

Use this checklist of preventative measures to help reduce their risk of asthma-related sickness at school

### ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLAN

- ☐ Have an up-to-date management plan
- ☐ A plan helps identify what to do when unwell or in an emergency

### TALK TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

- ☐ Make sure your child knows to tell a teacher if they are feeling unwell
- ☐ Give the teacher a copy of their asthma management plan
- ☐ Make sure the school has your emergency contact details

### TRIGGERS

- ☐ Allergens in classrooms
- ☐ Mould
- ☐ Dust
- ☐ Change of environment (i.e temperature)
- ☐ Cleaning products
- ☐ Stress and/or anxiety

### MEDICATION

- ☐ Ensure each child's relief inhaler is accessible at school
- ☐ Make sure inhalers aren't empty or out of date
- ☐ Take medication as prescribed and use a spacer where possible
- ☐ Check inhaler technique with a doctor or nurse or your local Asthma Society

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**Breathe Easy**

**If your child has an inhaler at the school office please come in and check it before winter.**