

# **Taupo Primary School Newsletter**

## **Wednesday 6 March 2019, Week 6**

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

Tena koutou katoa,

**What's happening this year for our children and in our kura/school 2019?** The school has completed its charter which outlines the strategic aims or plans for student achievement and well being. Within this is our annual plan or what we will be working on this year as a school. This is available on our website should you like to know more. However, in a nutshell around student achievement the school is focusing on writing as a whole and oral language. This is an area of need for our kids and our community in general. All schools work together as a CoL or a Community of Learning and writing is the focus across the town in all primary, intermediate and high schools.

This week we have Renee a facilitator working with our leadership team on our school literacy plan...we can't wait. Along with our learning needs we will continue to develop a STEAM curriculum with Kay Stevenson from the University of Waikato. Part of our curriculum will focus on being localised. This is utilising our rich geothermal wonderland or Taupo. As a school we would love to see Ngati Tuwharetoa education resources that have been developed form part our rich curriculum...these resources are fantastic!

At our next board of trustees meeting Peter Moyle (Principal from Taupo-nui-a-tia) will be sharing with us the CoL strategic plan developed across our town by all the schools. Anyone is welcome to attend should you like to know more about this.

**Property-** the school fence has been completed and the gate at this end of the school is now available to be used again. A big thank you to Steel Worx, Suzi from Opus and our wonderful Board for keeping our kids safe...the new fence looks great!

Part of the property work that's not so exciting, but must be done is a new water mains pipe in an area of the school. This will address the low pressure of water in areas and a mysterious leak somewhere? Along with this room 10 will be upgraded and hopefully covered decks will be going in along rooms 11 and 10. The board are also looking at heating and cooling of classrooms and what can be done to address the summer heat and the winter chills.



**Whanau Korero**-what a fantastic way to start your child's learning journey in 2019 with a chat around your tamaiti or child. It is at these hui or meetings that we learn more about your child and I know many of our TPS staff found out information they would never have known. We see these relationships as an essential key to your tamaiti or child's success. Thank you for attending and sharing with us....te reira i te mahi ngātahi (it's a partnership).

**P.T.A-** Last week the school received a cheque for \$5000.00 dollars to go towards the purchasing of our robotics from the P.T.A. **THANK YOU from all of us.** These funds have allowed the school to purchase enough robotics so that whole class teaching can take place. We now have full sets of blue bots, sphero, and dash. Exciting!!!! We would love to have a STEAM celebration sometime this year where your child could teach you how to use the robotics...we would love to invite our fundraising P.T.A team in before then so they can see how their hard work has paid off! More info coming your way soon P.T.A.



**School Athletics Y4-6**-this is happening tomorrow for our year 4-6 children. All welcome to come along and share in the day. At the end of the newsletter is a rotation and map for your information. A big thank you to Mrs Watson who has been driving and organising this in our school. A lot goes on behind the scenes to make these events happen.

**Bus reminder**-Payments for all students who pay for the bus service is overdue and these need to be paid please (\$75 per term). As of next term bus fees will need to be paid before your child receives their bus tag. Thank you.

**Cyber Safety**-we have a number of concerned parents in the school regarding the recent media coverage of a hacker known as Momo. We don't allow our children to go on devices unsupervised yet alone you tube. If a child does come across anything we simply remind them to follow the John Parsons cyber safety rules. John visited our school last year and worked with our kids about keeping safe in the digital world. We have a simple process for our school that John suggests...

We need to educate our tamariki around what to do and how to keep safe. Anyone using a device inappropriately will simply have their device removed until further notice. Should you like to know more about what John advises as a parent you are welcome to come in and take out one of his books we have available for you in the school library. Just pop in and see Kim and she'll issue a parent copy out to you.

#### **Whakatauki of the week:**

**Kaua e rangiruatia te hāpai o te hoe; e kore tō tātou waka e ū ki uta**

Don't paddle out of unison; our canoe will never reach the shore.

Nga mihi nui

Sarah Sade, Acting Principal, Taupo Primary School

## Upcoming Events

This week and next

Thursday 7 March

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Monday 11 March

Tuesday 26 March

Thursday 28 March

Friday 12 April

Monday 29 April

Wednesday 15 May

Swimming for Rooms 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 11 (cost \$20 per student)

Senior school athletics all Year 4-6 students, starts at 9.15am

**Winter Sports Registrations at TPS**

Uniform swap in the hall, 2.45pm to 3.15pm

Hiwi the Kiwi show Tuesday 26 March Cost \$ per student

Interschool Athletics

End of Term 1

First day Term 2

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 6 Miss Sade and Mrs Tatere with room 18 helpers

Week 7 Room 17

Week 8 Room 16

Week 9 Room 15

Week 10 Room 14

Week 11 Room 13

## Swimming

We have been informed by the AC Baths that if your child has a wound/cut/graze that it must be fully covered with a waterproof cover. If it is not covered the AC Baths will not let your child participate in the swimming programme.

## Kelly Club

Our holiday programme is a great way to keep your kids entertained these holidays. We provide a range of awesome activities from creating fake snot, baking some Anzac biscuits, playing an epic game of catch the flag and making bags explode. There is something for every child!

We look forward to having your child at Kelly Club Taupo!

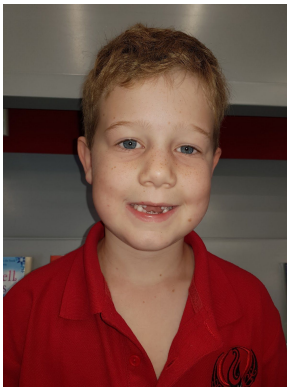
### Available Sessions:

- *HP - Full Day (7:30am to 6:00pm) - \$45*
- *HP - School Day (9:00am to 3:00pm) - \$35*
- *HP - Half Day (8:00am to 1:00pm or 1:00pm to 6:00pm) - \$25*

Book at [www.kellyclub.co.nz/taupo](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz/taupo)







We would like to welcome our new students  
David-John, Elijah, Ella, Hannah, Joshua,  
Keegan, Khyryn, Lara, Matthew, Nicole,  
Thomas and Zach to Taupo Primary School

## Basketball

Basketball registrations are coming up soon. If your child is interested in playing please register at the office. We will also be looking for a parent or a group of parents to organise and manage the basketball teams. If you can help please contact the office.

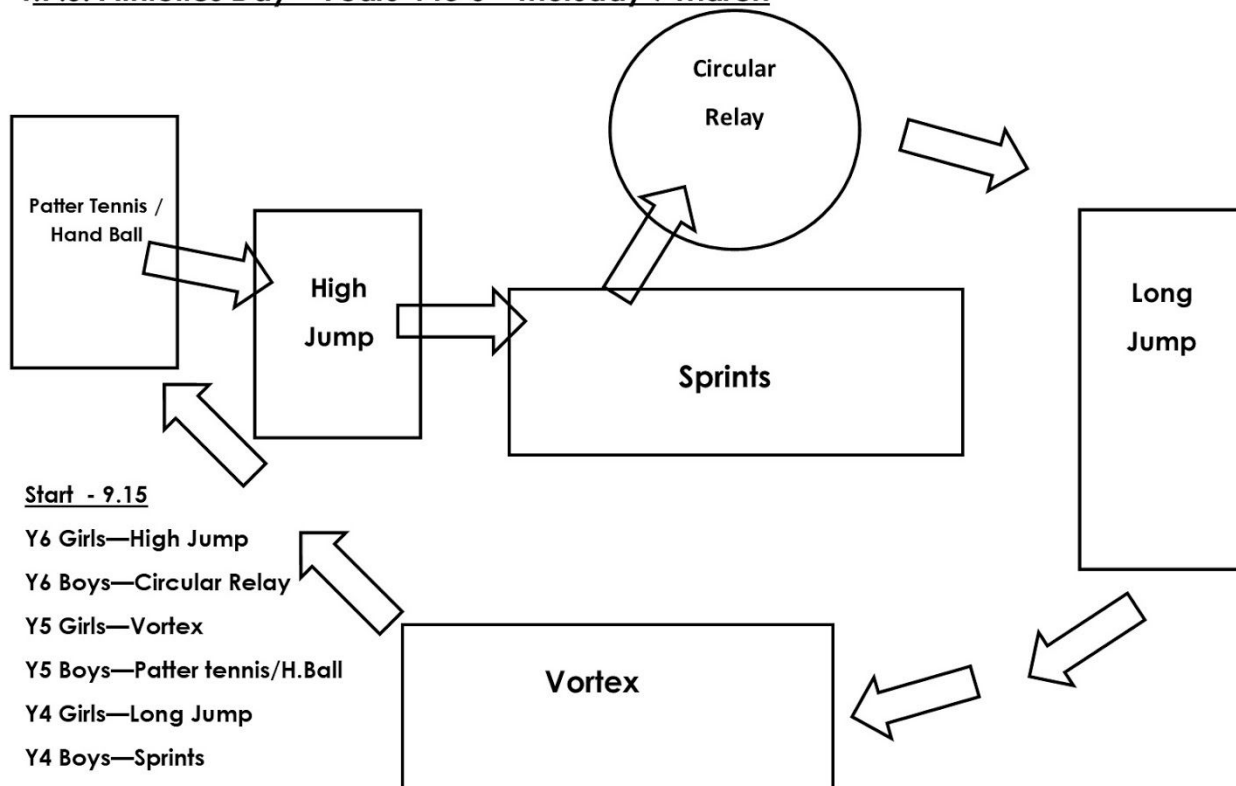
## Touch Singlets

Could parents and caregivers please have a look at home for any touch singlets and return these to the school office as soon as possible. We want to make sure all singlets are returned and cleaned in time for the upcoming season.

## Senior Athletics Day - tomorrow

Rotation as below:

### T.P.S. Athletics Day—Years 4 to 6—Thursday 7 March



## 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).*



## Homestay families needed!

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College has new International students arriving this April, May and July that are staying anywhere from nine weeks to six months to one year.

We are looking for welcoming homes and families that would love to host a student and experience a different culture

The homestay family allowance is \$230.00 per week.

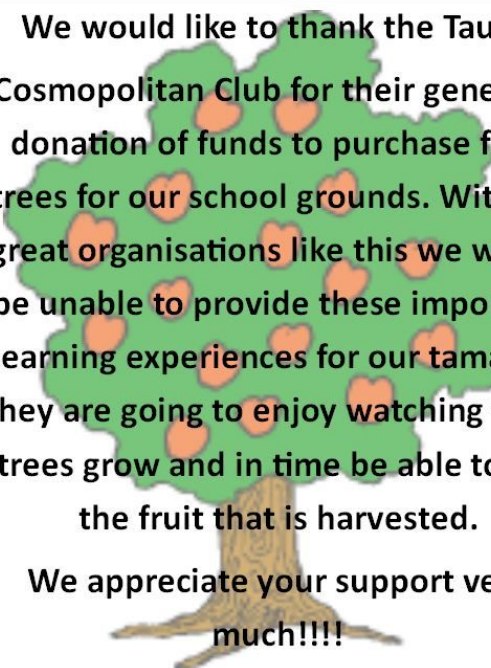
For more information please get in touch with us:

Aniek Lenoir, Ph 021 827 642 [TaupoIS@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:TaupoIS@taupocollege.ac.nz)



We would like to thank the Taupo Cosmopolitan Club for their generous donation of funds to purchase fruit trees for our school grounds. Without great organisations like this we would be unable to provide these important learning experiences for our tamariki. They are going to enjoy watching these trees grow and in time be able to eat the fruit that is harvested.

We appreciate your support very much!!!!



Taupo Family Centre Inc Present...

# CHILDREN'S DAY Teddy Bears Picnic 2019

**Sunday 24th March 2019**  
at the Riverside Amphitheatre  
11:00am - 1:00pm

Come dressed as your favourite character or superhero!  
Register your Teddy for a gold coin donation from 10-11am.  
Receive a certificate, and be put in the draw to win spot prizes!  
Bring along your picnic lunch, shade, rug, and your mum & dad, caregivers, whanau, family and friends.

"Whanau Matter"

- \* Special Guests
- \* Face painting
- \* Bouncy Castles
- \* Giveaways
- \* Best Dressed
- \* Sausage sizzle
- \* Family Games
- \* Balloons
- \* Ice Cream

**PUE ELMARINI FIRST**

A photograph showing a group of children and adults gathered around a large teddy bear. One child is holding a small teddy bear. There are other teddy bears and a picnic basket in the scene. The background is a bright blue sky.

Taupo Family Centre Inc  
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