

Taupo Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 13 March 2019, Week 7

‘Ko te ako te maneatanga’ or ‘Hooked on Learning’

Tena koutou katoa,

School Athletics- well done to all our kids who participated in the school athletics last week. We have an incredibly talented bunch of kids who just thrive in this part of the curriculum. An interschool athletics team is being put together and more information will be sent out soon. A big thank you to Mrs Watson who organises this for our school. Our tamariki who represent us out in the public is about us as a school putting our best foot forward...best behaviour is required on these days.

Write that Essay- our leadership team have been busy working with a coach from Write that Essay last week and we are really excited to address our writing challenges across our school. We have some great writing support programs coming in soon and a lot of work is going on in the background to really drive this achievement challenge. More information coming soon.

Dyslexia- This week our staff were lucky to have Ros Thompson in working with us around how best to support learners who have dyslexia. Ros also reported that there has been an increasing number of children across our town who have dyslexia, dysgraphia (physical application of writing difficulties) and dyscalculia (number dyslexia). We have a large group of children in our year 5 and 6 groups who have dyslexia learning challenges. So it's great to see more work being done around supporting this group of learners.

Try the challenge below...this is what it's like for some of our learners...Substitute the sounds below with these in the passage of text...

q= t or d p= b z= m ys =er a as in apple = e as in eddie

We pegin our qrib eq a faziliar blace, a poqy like yours enq zine. Iq conquains a hunqrap qrillion calls qhep work qogaphys py qasign...did you feel exhausted after these two sentences?...I did. This is how it is for some of our children everyday. Here is a link with a lot of information on how to best support dyslexia and learning...<https://www.inclusive.tki.org.nz/guides/dyslexia-and-learning/>

Next week our staff are having Robotic training with Mrs Bohan..sounds like a lot of fun!!! Robotics is on the way into our kids rooms...can't wait.



PUM's- or paid union meetings for teachers are coming up next Tuesday. Staff will be released across the day to attend the meetings. We will be open for the day however, to release teachers some rooms are doubling up with our teacher aides supporting them. If this is not an arrangement you would like then you are welcome to keep your child at home.

The **biggest system change is on the table** for education since tomorrow's schools. If you would like to be involved or have your say around these changes in education please use the link below...

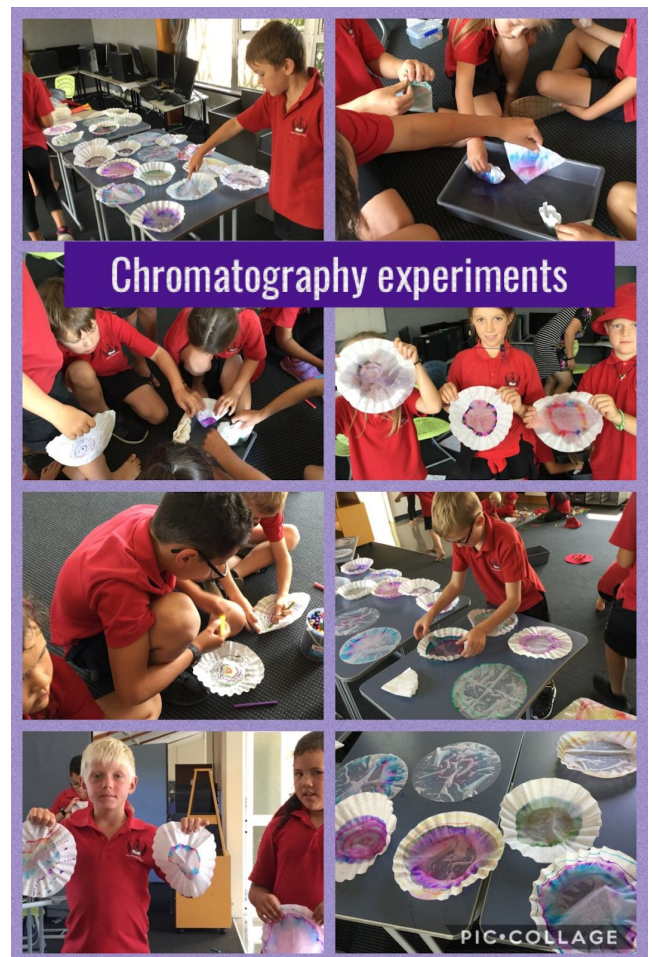
<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/have-your-say-today/>

School start time is 8.30am: There are still a number of children arriving to school before the expected start time of 8.30am. This poses risks as there is no one on duty and teachers are not expected to be in their rooms until 8.30am. Please send your child to school at 8.30am inside the expected working hours of our staff. Staff attend meetings, professional development and prepare for the day prior to this...this is much needed time for all our tamariki. If you need to drop your child off earlier then we suggest you book them into Kelly Club or make alternative arrangements, you are welcome to stay with your child. Some children have been arriving well before 8.00am and I see this as being a babysitting service and not acceptable.

Year 5 and 6 girls behaviour concern- It has come to my attention this week that there is a group of girls going around telling other girls to be mean. This group of girls are then saying if you don't be mean you're next. This is not appropriate and we are addressing this as a school. Please talk to your child if this is happening to them...some girls are saying they are only doing it so they don't get bullied. Together we will stop this from happening.

Property- We have an issue with water pressure in some areas of the school and this is the next thing our board are addressing. A new pipeline will be going in to repair the lack of water and leaks we have in the current pipe. Not the best news...we would all love to see this money going into our classrooms. Remaining monies will be going into upgrading room 6 and 7 which are next on our list to address. Rooms 10 and 11 will also be having some work done. More information coming soon.

Here's some more **SCIENCE** from our kids in action. A big thank you to Lisa Pellowe and Liz France who organise the lunchtime club for our kids...this is an area our whanau wanted to see us doing more of in the survey carried out at whanau day...



Zones of Regulation- this is something that we are introducing to help our tamariki who need to grow self managing skills when feeling sad, frustrated or angry. One of the techniques we have been introducing to our kids is tapping...here's a link for you to try. I did it and I actually felt very relaxed...<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0NUNNhosPU>

Whakatauki of the week:

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi
With your basket and my basket the people will thrive

School value this week:

Kotahitanga- I really love this value as this is about being as one. We are all in this together to achieve common outcomes, goals and aspirations. This is all about team work together as in our whakatauki above...or the old fashion saying 'many hands make light work' or 'it takes a village to raise a child'.

Nga mihi nui
Sarah Sade,
Acting Principal,
Taupo Primary School

Upcoming Events

This week	Swimming for Rooms 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 11 (cost \$20 per student)
Thursday 14 March	Basketball registrations, 8.30 - 9.00am, admin foyer
Tuesday 19 March	Paid Union Meetings for teachers - <u>School is open</u>
Tuesday 26 March	Hiwi the Kiwi show Tuesday 26 March Cost \$4 per student
Wednesday 27 March	Year 0-3 Junior Triathlon
Thursday 28 March	Postponement day - Year 0-3 Junior Triathlon
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 7 Room 17
Week 8 Room 16
Week 9 Room 15
Week 10 Room 14
Week 11 Room 13

SEASONS programme information

We offer a very successful education programme called **Seasons for Growth**. This programme is facilitated in small groups of similar aged primary school children. The programme is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The programme focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks. The total time involved is one hour per week for 9 weeks, usually fitting neatly into a school term.

We hope to have the programme in our school starting in Week 1 of Term 2.

The programme is about peer support - often the greatest benefit is being with others who are experiencing similar things.

It is great for children who have had loss of different sorts; Parent separation, difficulty accepting moving to new towns, schools; having difficulty coping with change; children who feel alone or shy. We will run the programmes in the school, possibly in the afternoons slots as this is the least interruptive of your busy schedules.

If there are any parents/caregivers who would like their child to participate in the SEASONS programme please leave your name, your child's name and a contact number at the school office or email suef@taupoprimary.school.nz



We would like to welcome our new students
Harmony, Cooper, JK, Keira and Zoe
to Taupo Primary School

Basketball - Year 5 and Year 6 students (and skilled Year 4 players)

Come and register at the school office for Basketball (Miniball) tomorrow (Thursday 14 March) from 8.30am to 9.00am. The cost is \$50 per student and payable upon registration. Games start on Wednesday 1 May (first Wednesday of Term 2), with the first week being a fun round. There will be a break the following week and then an 8 week competition round, ending on the last Wednesday of term 2 (Wednesday 3 July).

Are you thinking of becoming a Board of Trustees member?



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).*

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



KELLY CLUB **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Contact
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021 195 0139
BOOK ONLINE AT
www.kellyclub.co.nz



MT. TAUHARA GYMNASTICS CLUB

OPEN DAY

23RD MARCH 2019
11AM-2PM

@ OWEN DELANY PARK, CENTENNIAL DRIVE

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Bake Sale
GARAGE SALE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT
(07) 377 2395 OR EMAIL US
OFFICE@MTTAUHARAGYMNASTICS.CO.NZ

Athletics Taupo



3 and 4 years old \$25
5 and older \$55
Family \$130
Club night **Thurs 5.30-7pm**
Training nights
Mon, Tues 3.30-5.30pm
Terms 1 and 4
Nanette 021331910

