

Taupo Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 3 April 2019, Week 10

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

Talofa lava and Kia ora koutou,

The end of term 1 is near... and the end of an era is here with Cushla retiring. We farewell our wonderful Principal Cushla Seamer this Friday at 9.15 am in the hall...her request has been to keep it to 20 minutes. You are welcome to join us. Many people will have a korero or parting messages for Cushla and we would love to capture these. Jenny Bohan will be in the library on Friday morning recording any messages and korero you would like to share with Cushla. We felt this was a lovely way for Cushla to hear and see you all in the comfort of her own time and home...it's an extremely hard time departing a school especially after 17 years...tears will be shed I would say.

It is hard to describe what Cushla is known for when she has done everything. In the words of her staff we feel she is known best for her wealth of knowledge and growing leadership. Under her wing there are now 4 Principals within our Taupo Schools along with deputy principals and many team leaders. Staff usually leave here and go into leadership roles. Cushla has been described as an inspirational leader who is dedicated to all learners, whanau and employees. She valued most, an inclusive environment which has made our school special and gives the people a sense of belonging. We wish Cushla the very best in her retirement and we know she is thoroughly enjoying her grandies who have returned home from France/Scotland.

Cushla's Farewell:

9.15 am in the hall

9.35 am finished Cushla to exit and plant her Kowhai tree at the school entrance with our caretaker Raymond Kapua

9.45 am Kai and a cup of tea to be held in the staffroom

In the Library-Jenny Bohan will be capturing your departing messages and korero for Cushla

Thank you Katey who shared the success of Taupo Primary students at the Contact Monster Mountain Bike Challenge held at Craters of the Moon. All the kids had a great time, smiles everywhere and most of all succeeded in completing the challenge track set for their age group. There were 130+ kids, from Taupo, Rotorua and Tauranga schools, participating in the event. All finishers received a medal. Some age group placing results from Taupo Primary School students are:

Liam Dunbar 1st 6yr boy

Pablo Stewart 3rd 6yr boy

Ginny Gibson 1st 6yr girl

Biannca Stewart 1st 9yr girl

Finn Dunbar 1st 7yr boy

Riley Staddon 1st 10yr boy

Merryn Gibson 1st 10yr girl

Ollie Maclachlan 2nd 10yr boy.

Well done to all the Taupo Primary kids that took part in this challenge! What a talented sporty bunch!



'Hooked On the Triathlon'-The highly anticipated Year 0-3 triathlon was held at Wharewaka on Wednesday 27th March. It was lovely to see so many of our whanau there supporting their tamariki. A big thank you to the Harrington family and the Tauhara College PPS students for making this happen. The way your students awahi the TPS kids out there is a credit to you all. We could not do it without you and your continued support is appreciated by all in our school community. Kia ora!

Skiing-We are starting to get organised for skiing this year. At this stage we are looking at taking a group of approximately 30 year 5/6 students up the mountain during the ski season for regular lessons, but this is dependent on parent help and transport costs. Costs would be at a minimum \$70 per week. Please email kirstyt@taupopprimary.school.nz if you think your child might be interested. We also have a pile of vests here from last year which need to be washed and organised, ready for this year. If there is a parent(s) who would be willing to take this job on please see Kirsty Tatere.

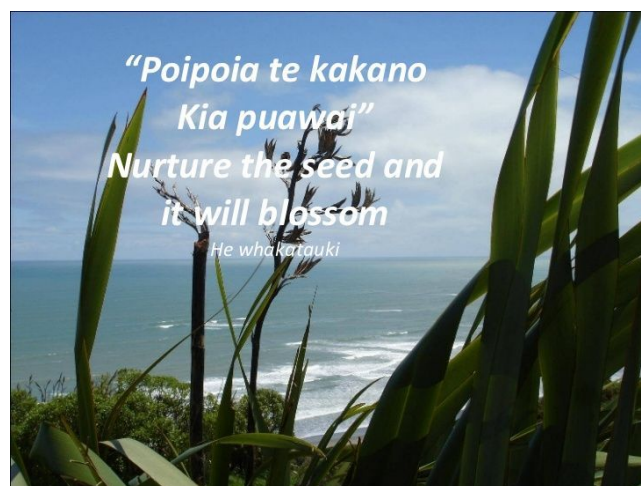
Netball Uniforms- a number of new uniforms have been purchased the very last of the red and black stock that we could get our hands on (no longer being made). Please look after our new uniforms. Enjoy the season girls! Thanks mums who are coaching our teams during lunchtimes and after school.

Attendance- please do not be offended if we contact you regarding your child's absences. We need to do our job and this is never pleasant. However, the ministry tolerance is 10% or roughly 5 days per term. 20 days over the year. This is actually a large amount of time as a worker we are only entitled to 5. We are contacting a number of children who are missing up to 40% of time. They are essentially missing 4 months of school. We will be referring these learners to ROCK ON for support. Rock on is the community group working with the police around attendance. We can't do this alone. Please support us and send your child to school. This has a huge impact on your child's learning. Some of these children are in our learning support programs when another could be in there instead. We will be looking at placing children who attend on these programs in term 2. Programs cost thousands of dollars to run and we need our tamariki present to achieve success for them.



School Achievement Challenge- Our biggest achievement challenge for our school and our tamariki is 'Writing'. We have a large proportion of learners who need support in this part of their literacy. We are mainly focusing on are our year 6 and 3 learners in 2019. ***What are we doing about this?*** This term we have been working with Renae from 'Write that Essay' a writing program we have adopted as a school and a community of learning across all Taupo Schools or the CoL. Teachers have started coaching sessions and are released to attend these as part of their professional learning. Leaders are working in the background now to run the school ALL program (accelerated literacy learning in writing). This program will start in rooms across the school during terms 2 and 3. Our year 3 and 4 cohort last year who received this program showed amazing results and this is why we are pushing the program school wide. A big thank you to Kirsty Tatere, Janice Bowman, Trevor Harvey and Melanie Matthews who are leading this for us. Colleen Wills will be working with the school to support the program and coach our teaching staff. There is more coming next term...we will keep you posted.

This whakatauki is dedicated to Cushla this week as she was a leader who nurtured so many and allowed them to blossom.



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

Upcoming Events

Friday 5 April	9.15am Farewell Assembly for Mrs Seamer
Friday 12 April	PTA Mufti Day and Cupcake fundraiser
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.

Term 1

Week 10 Farewell Assembly for Mrs Seamer 9.15-9.35 am

Week 11 Room 14

Term 2

Week 1 Powhiri

Week 2 Room 13

Week 3 Room 12



We would like to welcome our new student
Jahziah to Taupo Primary School

PB4L Jelly Bands

This year we will continue to celebrate our students who have received jelly bands. This is a celebration of being hooked on learning and following the school rule— “respect self, respect others and respect the environment”.

Room 7 Red Jelly Bands: Cooper Marriott, Leila McDowell, Tayla Mephram, Zoe Mephram

Room 8 Red Jelly Bands: Kaylee Graham, Hadley Dingle

Room 10 Red Jelly Bands: Amelia Hooton, Kelvin Yang

BOT Elections

With the BOT elections coming up could all parents and caregivers please make sure that any changes of addresses and/or phone numbers are updated at the school office. We will be sending out voting forms and election material by post. This includes addresses for parents/caregivers who do not live with their child and are still eligible to vote in the elections.

Winter Sports Fees are due now

Netball players \$55 per player

Hockey Minis \$70 per player

Hockey Maxis \$80 per player

Please pay at the school office or internet payments to BNZ, Hamilton Branch, Taupo Primary School 02 0316 0129484 00



Cupcake and Mufti Day Fundraiser

Friday 12th of April

Cupcakes sold outside office from 8.15-9am \$1-2

Gold coin donation for Mufti day

Tamariki and whanau, we welcome cupcakes to add to our stall. We'd love it if you can bake and drop off to the stall on Friday morning. Funds raised goes back into supporting our tamariki at Taupo Primary.

Hello Lunchonline Families at

Taupo Primary School

Suncourt Indian starts lunch deliveries every Thursday

Thursday 4th April first delivery

Order yummy lunches through Lunchonline

Pita Pit –Wed's / Thurs's / Fridays

Indian - Thursdays

Sushi - Fridays

Follow this link to enjoy your lunch www.lunchonline.co.nz

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).*

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TANE'S TAMARIKI
NGA TAMARIKI O TE WAONUI A TANE
SCIENCE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



ACTIVITIES
Wairakei Geothermal Power Station Site Visit - 'Behind The Plug' Science Experiments
Introduction to Tuna Restoration Workshop - Tongariro National Trout Centre Site Visit

Who: Tamaki of Tuwharetoa Descent Aged 9 – 16 Years
When: Tuesday 23rd April and Wednesday 24th April 2019
8.30am - 4.30pm each day
Cost: \$5 per day
Transport departing from Turangi and Taupo.
Lunch provided, tamaki to bring their own snacks and water.

REGISTER NOW!
Register your child's interest by visiting www.lttc.co.nz before Friday 12th April 2019
Enquiries to: info@lta.co.nz or phone 07 386 6843

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HOLIDAY CLUB!
65 Lakewood Drive
Equippers Church



Mom/Grandmother/Aunt/Caregiver welcome
AGES 18mths - 5 yrs with Adult
Monday 15th April 10:00 - 10:45
Wednesday 17 April 10:00 - 10:45
FREE COFFEE FOR ADULTS

AGES 5-10 Drop off. (Games 12:00 - 12:30)
Monday 15th April 11:00 - 12:00 (Games 12:00 - 12:30)
Tuesday 16th April 11:00 - 12:00 (Games 12:00 - 12:30)
Wednesday 17th April 11:00 - 12:00 (Games 12:00 - 12:30)
Thursday 18th April 11:00 12:00 (Games 12:00 - 12:30)
\$12 per class (all materials included)




Bookings: www.canvas.club/Taupo || dellys@canvas.club || Dellys 0276196553
www.canvas.club

**SECOND
HAND
BIKE SALE**

kidsbiketapu

Saturday 13 April
Tongariro North Domain, Taupo
9am – 12 noon

Cash up that old bike and/or bike parts or hunt for a pre-loved bargain.
All proceeds from the \$5 bike selling fee goes to Kids Bike Taupo.

For more info visit www.facebook.com/biketaupo

Young People's Holiday Art Days



Painting Workshops with an Autumn/Easter theme

With artist/teacher Sue Graham

Discover the magic of painting with water media!

Wednesday/Thursday April 17/18 2019, 10 am -3 pm

For ages 8 - 15 years

\$50 per day, \$90 for 2 siblings or 2 days

Art materials provided



Classes will be held in **Room 22*** Hilltop School
For details & bookings, contact **Sue Graham**
Wildwood Gallery **Ph:** 377 0469, 027 242 1547
Email: wildwoodgallery@xtra.co.nz **TBC*

NEWSFLASH!!

Mini Painters, aged 6-8 are welcome to book in for the afternoon sessions, (1-3 pm) on any day there is a small class size. (\$20)
Please contact Sue to go on the waiting list.



EASTER THEATRE SCHOOL

15th - 18th April 2019

Our Easter Theatre School is a fun and creative way for your child to explore the fun and magical world of musical theatre!

8.45am	Arrive
9am	Dance
10am	Singing
10.30am	Morning Tea
11am	Drama
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Musical Theatre
3pm	Free Play
5.15pm	Finish

\$180 inc gst
Ages - 7-14 years

To book a spot or for more information call: Toni Neve on 021 257 0767

www.facebook.com/act2arts/



Cheerleading classes in Taupo

Avalanche cheer is starting up fun classes for kids who want to learn how to cheerlead.

Come along to our 'give it a go day' and learn to stunt, tumble, jump and dance.

No experience needed

Ages: 7+

When: Saturday 13th April

7-11 > 1:00pm-2:00pm

12+ > 2:00pm-3:00pm

Where: Wairakei school hall.

What to bring: Light shoes, water bottle and sports clothes.

For more information contact Jessica on
Avalanchecheerz@gmail.com

02041471555

