

## Taupo Primary School Newsletter Wednesday 10 April 2019, Week 11

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

Talofa lava and Kia ora koutou.

Wow! It's the end of term 1 already. We hope you've enjoyed your term and start to the year at TPS! We have plenty more 'HOOKED ON' moments coming up next term we'll be focusing on robotics and getting these in the classrooms, a STEAM unit on shadows, our accelerated literacy learning program to start school wide in writing to address our achievement challenge, an art





auction, a reading together home partnership program, kids cooking with Toi Ohomai chefs, Greening Taupo, bush school, plenty of sports and STEAM electives...just to name a few of the things coming up for your tamariki.

BOT Message - On Friday we gathered to recognise our beloved Mrs Seamer who is retiring after many years of service to our School. Our Assembly, gifts and whanau morning tea was a fitting send off and we thank all those who made it happen. In terms of recruiting a new permanent Principal for TPS, the Board of Trustees have met to plan the process. The Board have appointed a sub-committee known as the "Appointment Committee" to lead this work. The committee will include current board members, Sarah Eyre, Tom Dickie and Cynthia McCarthy; and an independent Education Advisor who will be contracted to join this committee. The Appointment Committee will be aiming to advertise the Principal vacancy towards the end of Term The Principal appointment will be made by the full Board, ideally early in Term 3. Before the role description is finalised the Appointment Committee will be scheduling sessions to consult with both staff and the community to get input into some of the key qualities and attributes that you would all like to see in our next Principal. We will keep you informed with this process as we work through the relevant steps. **BOT and Board Chair Cathy Vennell** 

Primary teachers and principals have overwhelmingly rejected the latest offers from the Ministry of Education to settle their collective agreements. Coming up next term that you may need to be aware of; paid union meetings (possible early school closure/s within the first few weeks of term 2) and or further strike action (unconfirmed national date set for 29th May). These are still to be decided.

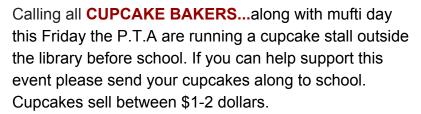
Teachers around NZ say "it's time to get really serious about giving us time to teach and lead, and

time to take some real steps to make teaching a viable long-term career choice." It' not really

about the pay when millions are divided among all it equals around an extra \$5 a day...it's not about this...it's about our children's learning and having their needs met. There are talks of applying 'The work to rule' a protest which would mean working only within the hours of 8am-5pm, Monday to Friday...this I would personally find difficult...yet alone the rest of our dedicated staff. There will be more around the teachers actions early next term and we'll keep you posted via our facebook page.

Thank you for the update with the Contact Monster Mountain Biking Challenge: these boys were missed off...well done guys!!! TPS have an incredible number of cycling champs...

Ryder Stratford 1st 8yr boy Logan Maclachlan 3rd 8yr boy



**Broken arms-** we've had a number of broken arms this term. We have checked all the playgrounds; requirements, heights, had them closed when wet. All we can say is that, it has come down to the playing and wild swinging from our children. All our playgrounds will be

checked by an independent inspector during the holidays. In the meantime we have asked children to stay off the playground before and after school, this way playgrounds can be used while supervised only.

**Year 5/6 Skiing-**Thank you to those parents who have registered their child's interest in skiing. This year there will be a minimum charge of \$70 per week (lessons & transport) regardless of whether the child holds a season pass or not. The Whakapapa groups have changed their pricing schedule for schools. Space is limited so if you are interested please email Kirsty Tatere on kirstyt@taupoprimary.school.nz.



Aroha mai, aroha atu.

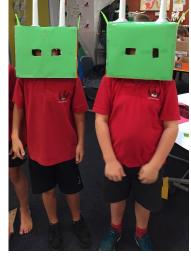
Love towards us, love going out from us.

## Our value of the week

**Aroha-** Love what we do, love for learning, having care, empathy and understanding for others.

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







## **Upcoming Events**

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

Week 10 Term 2 Mid Year Reports Home

## **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 11 Room 14

## Term 2

Week 1 Powhiri for all new tamariki, whanau and staff

Week 2 Room 13

Week 3 Room 12

Week 4 Room 11

Week 5 Room 10

















We would like to welcome our new students Dallas, Danica, Justin, Kymani, Paige, Paige, Phoebe and Orlando 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 2 Red Jelly Bands: Orlando Gray, Crucial Keremete, Phoenix Walters, Eli Tahau, Cooper Elers, Savannah Davey, Mya Connery Gahan, Keira Duncan

**Room 7 Red Jelly Bands:** Lincoln Maxwell, Lily Hendl, Harlow Cribb, Casius Stevens, Emily Pepper, Arabella Simpson, Blaise Hickman, Laura Mellow, Mollie Blewett, Jackson Woltersdorf, Luka McKenzie, Cameron Mann, AJ Johns

Room 16 Red Jelly Bands: Jett Stanley, Preeya Williams, Acacia Ngamotu-Tahana, Chase Kapua, Amelia Zander, Nina Jagger-Bell, Aiden Hart, Charlotte White, Jae-Jae Wickliffe, Dante Minhinnick, Alaura Henare, Lance Wharehinga, Max McClintock, Kaylob Murphy, Isabella McKendry, Riley Woolford, Ollie Maclachlan, Duncan Williams



The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters of the TPS Athletics competition were awarded certificates at the Senior Team - Tuakana Tauhara assembly last week

#### **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.

## Uniform Swap - Thursday 11 April at 2.45pm in the hall

If your child does not have a polar fleece jersey (or other uniform) or your child has outgrown their polar fleece then come along to our uniform swap on Thursday (tomorrow) at 2.45pm in the hall. We also have some second hand soccer and rugby items if anyone needs gear. A huge thank you to Rika who organises and looks after the uniform swap.

#### **Netball**

Wanted - 2 more netball players for a Year 3/4 team

## Hockey

Wanted - Hockey players required for the mini grade (Year 3/4).







Are you interested in taking an active role in re-establishing this group?

Join us on - Wednesday 1st May 2 7pm

Budget House (69 Paora Hapi Street)

For more information contact: 021 901 593

lornaw@mountview.school.nz





## Everyone is welcome!

Come out and plant 10 trees or 100 trees!

Wear your gumboots and garden gloves.
Bring suitable wet weather gear if required, bringing a spade is optional.

Enjoy a fun morning out, there will be a sausage sizzle afterwards for all planters.

See you there!

For more information, visit our website and like us on Facebook.



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by Huka Honey Hive.

Parking and site access is off Karetoto Road, in the paddock next to Huka Honey Hive.

> Look for the Greening Taupo signs.

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