

Taupo Primary School Newsletter
Wednesday 8 May 2019, Week 2
'Ko te ako te maneatanga' or 'Hooked on Learning'

Tena koutou katoa,

It's only week 2 and there is so much happening around our school. We had a lovely powhiri last Friday and it was lovely to meet all our new children and families. A big thank you to our two senior boys Jhy and Jahvann who carried out the mihi for us. We have decided to have mihi practice sessions to improve our delivery. This week we have introduced a section called Tamariki Panui. This is where our kids are going to report to our community about what is going on in our school...**what are our children really up to? What does our learning look like?** I love to hear from our children and feel this is a great way for me to become involved with what is going on in our school. This week I had the privilege of working with our two reporters Trystan Hayter and Flynn Harrington... "kids are doing it for themselves"

Tamariki Panui- The juniors have been settling back into school and re establishing their school routines, while also welcoming their new students into the Nga Kakano team. Students have been reminding themselves about how to work together in their classroom and how to be a good friend. There is lots of cool construction, problem solving and cooperative play in the play zone. They'll be starting their S.T.E.A.M Shadow work soon.

The middle school are just starting their S.T.E.A.M Shadow work and are revising classroom routines. All classes have started settling down really well. The teachers are looking forward to seeing high standards of work continue. They are focusing on teamwork and collaboration. Some classes are finalising pieces for the art exhibition. Most of the language work coming out of the writing is REALLY exciting. Room 12 are making Phonics raps for their assembly in week 3. A room 14 boy chatted to us about the robotics... "We've named the Dash-bot the Ink Demon!" is what he said. Despite his answer we could tell they've learnt a lot. Room 14, even though they have only had the robots for half a day, already knew how to incorporate ready made code into their program!

Up in the senior school there's a lot of shadow puppets and using digital devices for filming and movie making. But not for Room 17, they've put a bit of a competitive streak into the shadow making with their shadow boards. Nothing like a good old competition to get them all striving to make the best shadow board! Wonder who the winner will be?

The student leaders have had a meeting and have decided who is doing what. Everyone is happy with our leadership ideas so far.

'Today in room 21 we are making shadow puppets and filming ourselves talk, move and animate the shadow puppets depending on their design and shape. Our class has made a group of bananas, a ship, some monsters and many more shadow shapes that we are cutting out of cardboard which are mounted onto BBQ skewers with the ends snipped off' explained Riley, and Mitchell.

Last Friday Armani, Chase, Harley, Kiwen gave up their time to play sport with year 3's to give the kid's a break. They also gave them a hand with their literacy, reading and art...a great example of Tuakana Teina.



Art Auction and Learning Celebration- Last term our classes focused on the visual arts producing amazing individual pieces and a collaborative piece which will go up for sale. Our open day is Wednesday 5th June in the hall followed by an evening art auction....more details soon.

P.T.A.- We have a wonderful bunch of ladies running our fundraising events for the school who met last night. We'll add a section in our weekly newsletter to keep you informed about what is happening here. Thanks ladies! Lot's happening soon for you to get involved with!

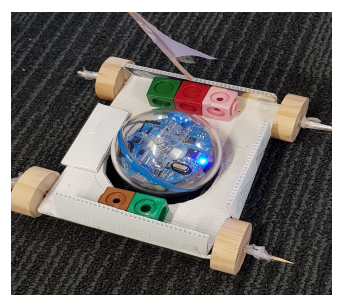
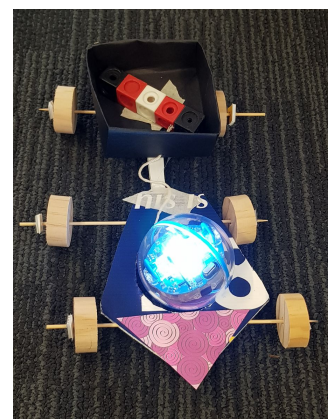
Matariki Day- This year matariki day is Tuesday 25th June in week 9. Matariki symbolises the coming of the Maori New Year and in the past we have had a school hangi. This year we would love to celebrate Matariki day with a huge food festival where all our children and tamariki can share in the kai or food. I don't see this as something that our kids or tamariki should have to pay for. The idea is that we all support this event by donating a plate of food on the day that is from our own culture...or a dish that is well known to your own family or whanau. We would still love to see a hangi done for sharing on a smaller scale (possibly in a kai cooker), and to have each class contribute something to the table like a pot of soup or some homemade bread that they have made.

Kapa Haka- last year we had an incredible number of tamariki in our Kapa Haka groups just over 200. This year we are wondering if we should have 3 groups or roopu instead. Our junior roopu had over 100 last year and the rules around roopu size is supposed to be 70. I don't want our kids to miss out. We are thinking of having a year 1-2 roopu, a year 3-4 roopu and a year 5-6 roopu. In order to plan our roopu or groups we need to have an idea of our numbers. Please complete a Kapa Haka permission slip for each of your tamaiti or children (sent home today, one permission slip per tamati or child please). The senior Kapa Haka group will be starting in week 4 with an introduction session from Whaea Teiria and Whaea Dinny. The roopu will then start in week 5 on Wednesday 29th May.

What have our teaching staff been up to? Our teaching staff are constantly engaged with their learning to improve our education programs. Last week our staff have been work shopping with Jo Dundas learning this terms Te Reo with our new school wide karakia, waiata, and kupu (words) for our STEAM unit Shadows. Mrs Bohan has been running digital classes Friday mornings called 'Googlelicious' and the latest workshop was on green screening techniques...I saw our kids out in action on Friday afternoon as they captured character shadows on their i-pads to later green screen. This Monday we learnt a bit more about our robotics coding with blue bots and driving with the sphero. We ended our session with a creative challenge where we had to create a chariot to race our sphero using the materials we were given. Use the link to check out what your child might get up to with the sphero bot...<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HY1qofNIJmg> (or google Ultimate Sphero Chariot Race). The challenge was to build a chariot that could carry 5 blocks. This ended up becoming chariot race wars.

Bullying-Free New Zealand Week starts 13 May 2019, and ends with the Mental Health Foundation's **Pink Shirt Day on Friday 17 May**. The theme this year is 'Whakanuia Tōu Āhua Ake! Celebrating Being Us!'

<https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/> Schools that encourage respect, value opinions, celebrate difference, and promote positive relationships make it difficult for bullying behaviour to thrive or be tolerated. To achieve this, it needs everyone – school staff, students, trustees, parents, whānau and communities – supporting



diversity, talking about bullying and working together...so PINK SHIRT Friday next week or wear something pink to support the cause.

Te Reo Maori Extension?- We are currently looking at possible options for Te Reo extension classes. This is for our tamariki who have a good level of Reo (with a tikanga focus) and need more. If you are interested in your child attending something like this please let me know so we have an indication of how many groups we might need. A slip will come home today please complete and return or alternatively fill one in at the office...expressions of interest at this point in time.

Whakatauki of the week

Mahia i runga i te rangimārie me te ngākau māhaki

With a peaceful mind and respectful heart,
we will always get the best results

Our value of the week

Kotahitanga is unity and working together as a collective to achieve the greater good. A great value that focuses on teamwork, collaboration and getting the job done together...so we are all

‘HOOKED ON LEARNING’

Nga mihi nui

Sarah Sade, Acting Principal,
Taupo Primary School

Upcoming Events

- Week 3 Wednesday 15th May School photo day
- Week 3 Friday 17th May **PINK SHIRT DAY** or mufti and wear something pink
- Week 4 Wednesday 22nd May Senior Kapa Haka introduction session (starts in week 5)
- Week 4 Friday 24th May, Leadership Day, Great Lake Centre
- Week 5 Rippa Rugby Tournament, Wednesday 29th May, 10am to 2.30pm, Owen Delany Park
- Week 6 Art Auction learning display open in the hall for your viewing
- Week 6 Art Auction Evening Wednesday 5th June
- Week 9 Matariki Day 25th June Food Festival School Community Event
- Week 10 Mid Year Reports Home Friday last 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 2

- Week 2 Room 13
- Week 3 Room 12
- Week 4 Room 11
- Week 5 Room 10
- Week 6 Room 9
- Week 7 Room 8
- Week 8 Room 7
- Week 9 Room 2
- Week 10 Room 1

We will be changing our assembly day to Monday morning in term 3 due to a number of children being out of school on Friday with Skiing.

PB4L Jelly Bands

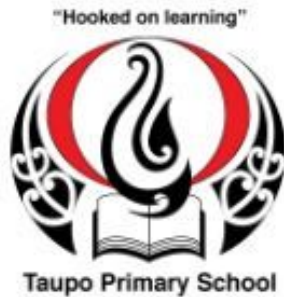
This year we will continue to celebrate our students who have received jelly bands. This is a celebration of being hooked on learning and following the school rule— “respect self, respect others and respect the environment”.

Room 11 Red Jelly Bands: Michael Angland, Ashlee Stokes, Lily Te Heu Heu
White Jelly Band: Jayda Connery Gahan

BOT Elections

To parents/caregivers

As you will likely be aware, we are conducting a Board of Trustee election for Taupo Primary School on the 7th June. We now need to ensure that everyone who is entitled to vote in BOT election is on the roll because nomination forms will be going out this week. If you are aware that a parent or immediate caregiver of your child is not in our system (ie. you did not put them on the enrolment form when you enrolled your child at Taupo Primary School) please pop into the office, phone us on 073784389 or email kimh@taupopprimary.school.nz to update their details. There will be a copy of the roll as it stands now, available for you to view if you would like to check if all eligible caregivers are on the list. Also it is a good time make sure all addresses and phone numbers are up to date on our system. Make sure you are on the roll and are able to vote on 7th June.



Taupo Primary School Board of trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of **four** parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **24th May 2019** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 7th June 2019.

Signed

Kim Harvey

Returning Officer

Taupo Primary School

Stories worth sharing 'HOOKED ON' writing...

Some of our boys at our school seem to always get hooked on to writing when it's gross or about blowing things up. Here are some great gross stories from our boy's that we thought we share with you. Their learning intention was to describe the physical features of a character and then, describe the characters actions.

The Snot Goblin has hairs in his ears. He has crab legs for fingers. He has rotten brown teeth. The Snot Goblin eats stinky socks and he also eats my underwear and sticks flies up his nose.

Callum

Room 12

The green ugly and freaky goblin swallows up my snot. He's got a big hair in both of his ears. He lives in my closet. He dislocates the flies wings and nibbles their toes off and sticks gum to their bum. He eats my underwear and he has got rotten teeth.

Carter

Room 12

Measles

There have been two cases of measles reported in the Taupo area in recent days. Measles is a highly contagious viral disease that affects the respiratory system and spreads very easily, through direct contact and also from surface contact. Signs that you may have measles (which are similar to the common cold): fever, dry hacking cough and runny nose, conjunctivitis, white spots in the mouth, skin rash, light sensitivity, fatigue, weakness and muscle aches and watery eyes.

If your child is showing signs of being sick, then please keep them at home until they are well. If you are concerned at all about your child, please ring your doctor or public Health Nurse.

Entertainment books — PTA Fundraiser—\$65 per book

The PTA is running the Entertainment Book fundraiser again this year. If you would like to order an Entertainment book please fill in the slip (on the flyer that has already come home) or order a digital membership by going online to www.entbook.co.nz/157t044

\$13 from every book sold contributes to PTA fundraising.



Piano Lessons

One space available

Lessons done at school, during school time

Contact Jessica Parker

0275895900



**Dyslexia Support
TAUPPO**

providing support for people with learning difficulties



Do you want to find out more about Dyslexia?

Join us on - Tuesday 18th June @ 7pm

REAP 73 Titiraupeka Street

Our guest speaker Joce Moyle will be talking about Dyslexia and the testing she carries out. She will be available to answer any questions you may have.

For more information contact : Katie on - 021 901 593

taupodyslexia@gmail.com



Lakeland Disabilities Support Trust

Information support services drop in Day

Wednesday the 15th May 11am - 1pm

At Taupo Nui A Tia College Marae : 122 Spa Road

This invitation is extended to Whanau/Families/Caregivers/All

To have the opportunity to speak with support agencies about matters that may be of concern to you.

These agencies will also have information available to support you and your whanau/families.

Light refreshment will be available.

Phone: Ann Blackler 073781195 or Runa Morrison on 0272080235 for further information about the day.



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2019 TAUPO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
ANNUAL FAMILY PASS SPECIAL **\$215**



To be eligible to purchase the School fundraiser, you must have children attending a local school

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is offering your family a 12 month family pass for ONLY \$215. Not only do you save \$105 off the normal \$320 price, but \$10 will be donated to your child's school when you present this flyer at Taupo DeBretts Pool Reception.

Access includes Main Pools, Private pools, Cold Pools and Spa Pools (valid for 2 Adults and up to 4 Children under the age of 18).

Hydro slides are additional.
Offer Valid 1st of May - 31st of July 2019
NO EXTENSIONS

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Improving the Taupō environment for people and native wildlife.

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You can't see it but you can feel it. You can't hear it but you can feel it.

Our next event is:

Whānau Nature Day
Saturday 11 May
11:00- 1pm
Tongariro Domain

Hands-on Nature Activities and Gift Making for mum- straight from Papatūānuku, no plastic necessary!

\$5 to build a rat trap
All other activities are free

www.greeningtaupo.org.nz  www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz

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