



Taupo Primary School Newsletter
Tuesday 28 May 2019, Week 5
'Ko te ako te maneatanga' or 'Hooked on Learning'

Tena koutou katoa,

Here's a lovely picture of some future leaders as they attended the 'Leadership Day' event last Friday at the Great Lake Centre. A big thank you to Karen Watson and Amy Webster who ensured our children were part of the day.

Tomorrow all Primary, High School and Principals go on strike. **SCHOOL IS CLOSED 29th May.** We are negotiating work conditions, having a paid SENCo from MOE (special education needs co-ordinator), and a pay jolt to entice our young people to the profession. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank all those who support us. I know that all the teachers here at Taupo Primary School would just love to have extra support in their rooms over any pay rise. Should you need care for your child/ren Kelly Club will be operating use the link to book...www.kellyclub.co.nz/taupo



School will also be **CLOSED Monday June 3rd** Queen's Birthday. Enjoy your long weekend.

Our Board of Trustees- Nominations closed at 12pm last Friday for the BOT elections. We had four slots open and we received four nominations. Congratulations to our new board members joining us Eden Stevenson, Arna Rolleston, Kirsty Darvill and re-joining Tom Dickie.

A huge thank you to the board members who are leaving us Cathy Vennell (Board Chair), Kylie Hawker-Green and Scott Howell. They have given their time, devotion and dedication to the school and our community. These are huge roles at times and we wish to thank Cathy in her capacity of Board Chair and treasurer, Kylie Hawker-Green as treasurer, and Scott with his work in the CoL and his hours and hours of help in the school. From all of us THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!! Kia kaha!

We have our board meeting tonight at 6.00 pm in the staffroom all welcome. Come and meet some of our new members and say farewell to our departing members.

Wednesday the 5th of June is proving to be a big day and a lot going on...art, rippa and Arbor day...a rich mix of events.

ART CELEBRATION

Here at school our hall will be open for your viewing so come in and celebrate the ARTS. AMAZING pieces from all our tamariki! Gorgeous!

ART AUCTION

Following this is an evening auction starting at 7.00pm. Loads of art up for grabs. Every room has produced a piece of collaborative art. Along with this we have some special guest pieces and spot prizes. Up for grabs from our guests a cartoonist piece thank you Emma, a framed pencil piece thank you Turanga, pasifika pottery, photography to name a few. Spot prizes up for grabs a Unichem gift basket, a bottle of Moet and picnic hamper, canvas, and kiwiana gifts just to name a few. Thanks to our PTA who are supporting the evening. **All funds go to our new playground and junior play zones...**We are asking if our wonderful community could support the evening with donations of crackers, cheese or grapes. Your generosity for our cause is greatly appreciated.



Rippa

We have several teams heading off to the rippa comps the same day. Thank you Mrs Watson for organizing our teams and Mr Thomas for taking our teams. Good luck Taupo Primary and give it heaps. Remember best behaviour and sportsmanship on the day!



Arbor Day

Our kids Greening Taupo group have been offered to attend and celebrate ARBOR DAY! A community planting event where 2000 trees are being planted from 11.00-2.00 ish. Well done to all those families who are supporting this cause.

Our achievement challenge- we have been working hard this term on our writing challenge that we have at our school. We are currently reviewing and looking at what is working, not working, needs tweaking etc. I was very concerned to see that a number of our learners who are receiving support have **BAD ATTENDANCE**. Please support us to help your child and try to get them here regularly it does impact on your child's learning. Our programs run everyday and it's difficult for learners when they miss sessions to try and catch up. It's also unrealistic to expect teachers to get your child where they need to be.

Ministry tolerance around attendance- the acceptable tolerance for a child to be absent in one year is 10% or 1 week each term...20 days per year. This is a lot. However, we currently

have children with up to 40% absence. They are missing 4 weeks every term or 16 weeks each year. Basically attending less than 2 and a half terms a year...this makes our job that much harder and your child's job extremely hard! The gap will widen for your child if they already struggle.

Music- HELP do you have a keyboard at home that you no longer use? We are in desperate need of another keyboard for our senior school music program. If you can help us we would love it!

Apologies-due to the short week our student panui this week has been missed. Next week Merryn and Emily will join us and give you the latest up-date of what is happening around our Kura!

Matariki Food Festival-coming up Tuesday 25th June! We really need your help to pull this one off. Keep an eye on next week's newsletter if you can support us! We would love to have this as a community event that celebrates all our cultures and the Maori New Year! Come along and join us for lunch!

PTA-meeting tomorrow evening at 7pm. Please join this wonderful fun team at the Plateau in the boardroom. The team are working hard on the Stars in their Thighs and art auction events to raise funds for our playground and junior play zones.

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



Upcoming Events

Week 5 Tomorrow (Weds 28 May) Teachers strike day, school closed, no buses running

- Week 5 Board Meeting, Tuesday 28th May, 6pm, staffroom, all welcome
- Week 5 PTA Meeting, Wednesday 29th May, 7pm at Plateau bar & restaurant in the private room
- Week 6 Monday 3rd June QUEENS Birthday School Closed
- Week 6 Rippa Rugby Tournament, Wednesday 5th June, 10am to 2.30pm, Owen Delany Park
- Week 6 Art Auction learning display open in the hall for your viewing Wednesday 5th June
- 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 5 Room 10
Week 6 Room 9
Week 7 Room 8
Week 8 Room 7
Week 9 Room 3
Week 10 Room 2

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 8 Red Jelly Bands: Molly McGougan



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



Art Auction

Come and celebrate our ART Wednesday June 5th in the hall
 Open from 8.30am -3.30 pm for viewing during the day
 Or place a bid at our...
 Evening Auction 7.00 pm
 All funds go towards our PLAYGROUND and Junior PLAY ZONE!