

Taupo Primary School Newsletter Wednesday 26 June 2019, Week 9

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

Tena koutou katoa.

Mīharo! Kai nui! Amazing, great food! I would just love to say thank you to our whānau and community for all their generosity and food sent along yesterday to our 'Matariki Food Festival'. The weather was mīharo, the kai was mīharo, the people and helpers were mīharo, we certainly lived up to our school values kotahitanga, manaakitanga, and whānaungatanga. It was just amazing to see all the different cultures and kai. Our kids loved it and we had many requests to do this one again...next week...we certainly will do this again but next year kids. I would love to see more kai from our various cultures in 2020.

We loved having our whānau and extended families in, your support and being here means so much! I think pictures say a thousand words...





A special message to our rippa rugby kids and whānau who go to Hamilton this Friday to represent us at the Waikato champs **GOOD LUCK**, give it heaps! We wish we could be there with you. I think we are the only school in Taupo this year at the Waikato champs...way to go!





Property- We have the water pipe work beginning next week. The Horomatangi entrance will be locked and unavailable to use. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause you. Temporary fencing will be installed to keep our children safe so they know where they can and cannot be. YAY! Our toilets will continue to flush during peak times after the holidays.

News from our tamariki Asha and Kiwen...here is what they have say in their panui about the school at the moment.

Junior School: In ruma waru they have been learning about how to find ½ and ¼ of a shape and what the symbols look like for fractions. These tamariki can write, as they worked with Renee a writing coach for Write That Essay. They learnt how to write sentences and re-work sentences.



Middle School: He aha te taima? What is the time? That is the mahi going on in room 15 as the kids learn to tell the time using a variety of clocks. A focus has been on reading a sundial clock and learning about shadows.

Senior School: In room 17 they have been creating Matariki information posters after reading and watching facts. They wrote the facts onto a poster depicting Matariki. In the end they created a collaborative art piece where everyone coloured in a piece and they all joined their art pieces together to create one piece.

Writing Achievement Challenge- Last week we were lucky to have our coach Renee in, working with all our staff across the school for two days. Renee is from Write that Essay a program which has recently been endorsed by ERO has having outstanding results for student achievement. This is what we want for our kids. Last week our kids used the sentence trains to better understand sentence structures. They learnt how to extend, rearrange and make complex sentences that were more interesting and powerful for the reader. They were given a simple criteria to work from...sentences must have...

- 1. Subject or a who
- 2. Action or a do and
- 3. Must make sense

Here are some sentences from room 8 or our 6 year olds...

- 1. Superkid flew across the city to save the people bravely or...
- 2. Superkid flew across the city bravely to save the people or..
- 3. Superkid bravely flew across the city to save the people or...
- 4. Bravely, Superkid flew across the city to save the people.

Can you spot the subject and the action? Can you see how many different sentence arrangements our kids made?

Our teachers are focusing on three key areas of writing output, depth and expansion, and fluency. These are the three key ingredients that a







child must have at their level before moving on to the next step of their learning...these are the must do areas of achievement.

Camp- Our community has spoken about camp and what they would like to see. Our community would like to have both year 5 and 6 kids go to camp annually.

Here are your voting results...89 responses from across the school

Findings who should go to camp?

- Year 6 only 36 votes
- Year 5 and 6 **53 votes**

Findings how often should we go to camp?

- Our kids should go to camp every year **86 votes**
- Our kids should go to camp every second year 3 votes

FOOD ALLERGIES- we have a number of children who have

food allergies. It is a timely reminder for us all to talk to our children about being careful with their dairy and peanut products. Last week we had a child who tried to rub peanut butter onto another child who has these allergies. Let's start the korero and all support our tamariki. A gentle reminder about our eating manners would be great. Thank you.

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

Message from the Board of Trustees

The Board is making good progress on employing a new Principal. The appointment committee was delighted with both the number and calibre of applicants for this important role in leading our school. School visits have taken place and these candidates have been reduced to a short-list for robust interviews later this week. Our aim is to have a positive announcement to the school community by early July.







Upcoming Events

- Week 10 Magical Mayhem Show in the hall FREE Wednesday July 3rd 9.30 am
- Week 10 Mid Year Reports Home Friday last day
- Week 10 Opepe Bush trip 2 July (Room 20, 21), 3 July (Room 16, 18), 4 July (Room 17 and 19)

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 9 Room 7

Week 10 Room 3

Term 3 MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

- Week 1 NO ASSEMBLY
- Week 2 Powhiri
- Week 3 Room 2
- Week 4 Powhiri Education Review Office or ERO

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 14 Red Jelly Bands Rongomai te HeuHeu, Zsheidy Mauricio, Jaden Te Mete, Hunter Adams, Logan Morrissey, Emma McDonald, Alissa Robbins, Mackenzie Hart Luella Dickie, Poppy Marshall, Finn Dunbar, Jack White, Taika Rose-Dunn, Franco Niko

Room 15 Red Jelly Bands Michael Hodgson, Vito Salvacion, Kate Spriggs, Annabel Eyre, Elaina Teddy, Ryan Pettman, William Eyre, Jai McGougan, Tara Walker, Joshua Tatupu



Kelly Club Taupo is a great way to keep your kids entertained these holidays. We provide a range of awesome activities from exploring the Antarctic to being topsy turvy. There is something for every child!

These holidays we are going to the Movies and AC Baths for our trip days!

Available Sessions:

- · HP Morning Half Day (7:30am to 1:00pm)
- · HP Full Day (7:30am to 6:00pm)
- · HP School Day (9:00am to 3:00pm)
- · HP Afternoon Half Day (1:00pm to 6:00pm)





New Zealand Police - 105 Non Emergency



NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, 105. We've done this to make it easier to get

hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft for a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- Or to get an update or add info to a previous report In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.

Scuba Diving - this is open to kids 8 and over, including big kids (aka parents/teenagers/other adults!)



Ever wanted to breath underwater! We can show you how ...

What is it: Try scuba is the first step to scuba diving in a pool setting under the guidance of an SSI Instructor, you will learn the fundamentals of scuba while also having a bit of fun blowing bubbles.

When: 12th July Friday, 2 sessions 9am-12pm or 12pm-3pm (max of 4 per session) so get in quick!

Where: Taupo AC Thermal Baths (26 AC Baths Ave)

Who: Must be over the age of 8 to participate and must be medically fit

How much: \$50 per person includes all scuba equipment,

What should you bring: Togs , towel, water bottle, snack, swimming rash guard or tee shirt as wetsuit is not provided

Terms and Conditions:

To dive you must be medically fit. There is a questionnaire to fill in. Registration must be before July 8th

https://www.nzdiveschool.co.nz/courses/try-scuba-diving/taupo-try-scuba
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