



Taupo Primary School Newsletter **Thursday 1 August 2019, Week 2** **'Ko te ako te maneatanga' or 'Hooked on Learning'**



Tena koutou katoa,

Yesterday we celebrated the restoration work of the Waharoa over at the back field. It looks amazing all cleaned up and tidy again. A huge thank you to all the children, parents and Delani Brown for your hard work to get this done. A big thank you to all the sponsors and Liz France who completed the project with the team. Improving our environment for the future!

Carving and our 125 Years- we are celebrating 125 years next term on Friday 18th October. We plan on unveiling a significant carving on the day by Delani Brown. Delani is a master carver who will be working with all our children so each and every child will have their touch on the piece in some way. The carving will tell the story of Taupo Primary School through the motto, values and images we have here. Along with this, the piece will tell the story of Taupo, the lake, Horomatangi and finally the story of Aotearoa through Maui. The Board and P.T.A. have kindly donated some funds towards this project. We hope to **raise further funds (HELP)** for this project and one way is calling for donations from our families and whanau. If you would like to donate towards our piece please feel free to do so. We will surely be recognising the names of the families who do wish to donate and a receipt will be issued to you by Kerry in the office. Perhaps you know a family or person from the past who can help us to raise the funds required? Any support is greatly appreciated.

Attendance-this continues to be of a huge concern at our school and our data does not look good. The ministry has a 10% tolerance for absence and anything less is of concern or considered poor attendance. Below is a table of our school. The grey shaded row is the absent percentages of children who are working below their expected curriculum level for example, 65% of the year 6 students who were working below have poor attendance. It is extremely hard to support your child and get them where they need to be if they are absent.



**Taupo Primary School's Kids Greening
Taupo restoration project.**



Area		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reading	Cohort	29.03%	43.66%	36.23%	34.24%	27.77%	41.33%
	Below	NA	50%	50%	61.5%	NA	46.15%
Writing	Cohort	29.03%	43.66%	36.23%	34.24%	27.77%	41.33%
	Below	25.8%	50%	40%	54.16%	30%	61.29%
Math	Cohort	29.03%	43.66%	36.23%	34.24%	27.77%	41.33%
	Below	NA	50%	51.42%	54.54%	30%	65.38%

Our school data- our school findings at this point in time show that our learners are making better progress in reading and have continued to do so over the last three years. However, our learners in writing and math have continued to decline in their results over the last three years. Kirsty Tatere and the writing leaders team are putting in an action plan. Colleen Wills is our facilitator working with us to get our writing accelerated. But we do need your help with regular attendance, it takes a team. Please come in and see your teacher about your child should you like to know how you can support them at home. It's about a partnership. We plan on running some evening writing sessions this term...dates coming out soon please join us!

Reading- so far this year we have 81.28% working at or above their expected curriculum level...great news!

Writing- so far we have 58.4% working at or above their expected curriculum level...not so great news.

Math- so far we have 67.54% working at or above their expected curriculum level...not so great news.

Rongohia te Hau Survey- thank you everyone who completed our recent survey. Your whanau and parent voice is greatly appreciated. It helps us to gain a better picture of what we are missing so we can continually improve as a whole. This survey focuses on ethnicities as well as school wide culture. The questions are broken into two main areas; relationships with you and the art



of teaching as you see it or in education terms pedagogy. This work is part of the work we do with the community of learning or the CoL. All schools across our community will at some point complete this survey. Next Monday we have Pip and Scott from the CoL working with us to look at the findings. From here, we as a school, plan some next steps or actions to move towards. For example, 70% of our parents who completed the survey feel that they can contribute to their child's learning...how can we improve this? For me personally, I would love to know what your

aspirations for your child are? What you think your child's needs are? And then work with you around how to achieve this.

Opepe EOTC Trip- YAY the weather this week has been good enough to get our kids out and about with some outdoor activities. A big thank you to all our staff and parents for your time to get our kids active and off for their bush walk...or maybe a bit of a mudslide?



Kapa Haka- is coming along great and our tamariki are working hard to achieve their goal of attending the Tuwharetoa festival at the end of the term. We can't wait! Just a general reminder that we expect our tamariki to have appropriate behaviour at our practices. Some letters will be sent home this week for some of our tamariki. If you have any queries please feel free to contact me. We have such a short time to prepare and focusing on achieving our goal is paramount.

ERO or the Education Review Office- would like to talk with a small group of parents at 2.00pm on Tuesday 13th August. They would like to discuss with you how you feel about your partnership with the school and with your child/ren. If you would like to be part of this group please let me know? I will shoulder tap you too! Thank you for your support. Every term and year the ministry has a focus area that they like to look at. This term it's Science and how it is taught in years 1-3. Although this won't form part of the schools report it will be interesting to see what they find and I'm sure we'll get some feedback to you...this was rated number one at the beginning of the year as to what you would like to see more of in our school at whanau day.



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 4 Monday 12 August, 10.30am Powhiri for new students, whanau and ERO
- Week 4 Central Plateau Skiing Champs Thursday 15 August (postponement day 16 August)
- Week 4 Badminton Tasters (Tuesday, Wednesday)
- Week 5 Senior Cross Country Wednesday 21 August, Spa Park
- Week 5 Junior Cross Country - date and time to be confirmed
- Week 7 Interschool Cross Country Wednesday 4 September, Spa Park
- Week 8 Big Music Day Thursday 12 September, Great Lake Centre
- Week 10 Cricket Tasters (Tuesday, Wednesday)

Tuwharetoa Festival dates are:

Tuesday 17 September

Wednesday 18 September

Thursday 19 September

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 Monday. Please see below for rooms hosting this terms assemblies.

Term 3 MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

- Week 2 NO ASSEMBLY
- Week 3 Room 2
- Week 4 Powhiri Welcome new whanau and the Education Review Office or ERO
- Week 5 Room 21

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 Kataraina Rutten, Rayne Rutten (Red Jelly Bands)**
Charlotte Barnett (White Jelly Band)

Meet our Board Treasurer - Tom Dickie



I am a 42 year old father of 3 who has resided in Taupo since 2000. I have just started my second 3 year term on the BoT, looking forward to doing my bit for the school and community. I have 2 daughters and my son attend Taupo Primary so I have a real interest in seeing the school and its community thrive.

I am a regional manager for Ravensdown, managing the business across the Central North Island primarily involving supply chain and sales management. Across the business I'm involved in national projects from procurement to application so understand the complexities of being part of, and managing teams. In my time at TPS I have been involved in the property portfolio and more recently looking after the finance role in between acting Chair off and on.

I'm really excited for our new look Board and look forward to making a difference in governance and the success of the school as there is real impetus to maintain.

SEASONS for Growth Parent Programme

Support your child following separation and divorce.

An education programme that helps parents better understand the experiences of separation from a child's perspective and to learn effective ways to support their children through family change.

Parents learn about:

- How children react to change and loss.
- What parents can do to help their child.
- Communicating with their child.
- Caring for themselves as a parent and a person.

Contact Marilyn Collins-Dawson 021 767 548 if interested.

Library News

Please have Scholastic orders in to school (or online) by this Friday (2nd August). We have lots of outstanding library books from Terms 1 & 2. Please have a look at home and send any overdue library books back. Great fun to be had in the library this week. Wet and cold days are a great excuse to get out the building bricks, read a book, play chess and do other fun lunchtime activities.





Dance NZ Made-Tickets

To Parent/Caregivers

The following information has just become available regarding tickets for the Dance NZ Made performances. Our children will be taking part in the junior category which is at 6pm on Friday the 9th of August. If your child wants to buy a ticket for the 'Senior Regional' show and sit out in the audience then that is fine. I will gather a list closer to the date of students doing this, for my roll. For younger students, they may wish to go home at 7.30 when the senior show starts and this is fine also. I will have a more detailed timeline of the day when I have the workshop details.

Regards Robyn Rutherford

Tickets

We will have a Junior Regional 6pm followed by a Senior Regional at 7.30pm

This will not alter anything back stage for dancers and their helpers. We will do an audience change over in between. The reason for this is in the past we have had families unable to watch which means dancers without anyone supporting them. We are keen to do all we can to avoid this.

This also means the dancers have the opportunity to further grow their dance by choosing to buy a ticket for the other half of the Regional. This is a huge bonus as in the past the dancers have not been able to watch at all!

Access to tickets will also be easier as we are using 'Eventbrite'

Taupo

Thursday 8th August

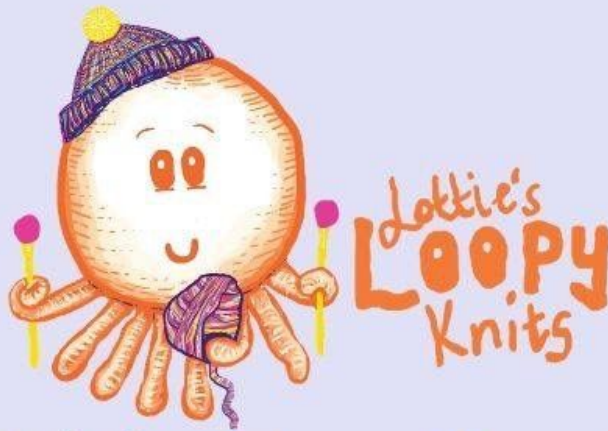
6pm	Regional Solo	\$15 / \$10
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Friday 9th August

6pm	Junior Regional	\$15 / \$10
7.30pm	Senior Regional	\$15 / \$10

For those wishing to attend 2 or 3 shows, you are eligible for our multi show promo receiving 15% off your tickets at checkout. Please use the discount promo code **multishow** (one word/no spaces!)

<https://www.trybooking.co.nz/CDB>



Kids Knitting Classes Term 3 2019

Term 3, knitting classes for Kids, aged 7-14 years
All abilities welcome, projects will be tailored to individual capabilities. All materials included.

Running 3 sessions as follows:

Sunday 25th August 9.30am-11.30am

Sunday 1st September 9.30am-11.30am

Sunday 8th September 9.30am-11.30am

\$25 per session

Held at Four Seasons Kindergarten, Kaimanawa Street, Taupo
Email: loopyknits@hotmail.com or message on Lottie's Loopy Knits
FB page to book your space-limited numbers.

Term 3 Cheerleading classes

Avalanche cheerleading is hosting Term 3 cheerleading classes.

No experience necessary, Ages 5-14 years old.

Trainings are held at Wairakei's school hall on Thursday's 5:30PM-7:00PM

For more information please contact Jessica at Avalanchecheernz@gmail.com