



Taupo Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 22 August 2019, Week 5

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



Tena koutou katoa,

Last week we had the Education Review Office at school or **ERO**. They spent four days working with us and in our kids rooms chatting to them about learning. The main aim of ERO is to look at student achievement and outcomes for all. They focus on those that need more support and look at ethnicities and genders to identify any disparity. From here they make recommendations. For us at Taupo Primary School it's our boys. Our girls achieve good results compared to our boys. Some recommendations will come out around this which ERO refer to as disparity or inequity...it's about creating equitable outcomes for all learners. Recommendations are great to help focus the schools goals and plans moving forward. Along with this ERO make recommendations for all sectors teaching staff, leadership and the board. Our report will take several weeks from here and we will send it out to our community once we get it.

We would love to say a huge thank you to all our whanau and families that came in to chat and contribute with the ERO team last week...your opinions and feedback are very valuable and help us move forward. Thank you whanau!

ENROLMENT- You live out of Zone and would like your child to attend TPS in 2020? If you have children at home who you want to attend Taupo Primary School in 2020 and now live out of Zone, then, you will be required to go into a ballot. At this point in time we are calling for any possible names to go to the office and register an expression of interest for 2020. We will need this as a rough estimation for spaces or numbers. Once these spaces have been set by the board then that is it. **Please talk to anyone you know who has a child at home out of zone and needs to go into a ballot for a space in 2020 and register in the office!** Thank you. There will be tighter guidelines around this in 2020.

Uniforms- please send your child to school in their correct uniform. If you are missing your child's uniform please check the lost property located at the end of room 15 by the senior playground. The lost property box is full of stuff...it has to belong to someone!

Garden to Table- our kids have been busy cooking up a storm in the kitchen and sharing the kai they prepared! A big thank you to our two grandads who support us each week and get out and about planting with our Garden to Table groups.

Assistive Technology- some of our children have been privileged to receive an assistive device to support their learning at school. These devices are to remain at school for the child to use whilst at school. Apologies if you think that these devices are coming home to be used at home as they have never been used this way previously. Devices follow the child through their school life and are transferred from one school to the next.



Taupo Primary School along with many other schools nationwide are helping to get our **Paralympic team** to the games with a mufti day to raise funds that they're short of. This Friday it's mufti day with a gold coin donation! All proceeds are to help our team get to the games! Let's be generous whanau!

Congratulations to the following three boys Max Gundersen, Logan Maclachlan and Jaden Te Mete - Under 9's Champions - Titans.

Attendance and Lateness- At the start of term 3 we received our attendance and lateness report from the MOE here are some of the findings...I feel it's important for us all to address this as this is rather alarming...and has a huge impact on our students achievement and wellbeing.

Lateness- In term 2 of 2019, 75.7% of male students and 71.4% of female students were on time to over 98% of classes attended.

Attendance- The percentage of students attending regularly was highest in term 2 of 2018 (61.2%) and lowest in term 2 of 2019 (47.2%). This means that just over 50% of the school is considered to have poor attendance last term.



Property- recently half the back field was sold to Toi Ohomai to build their new campus and facility. From the sale of this back field Taupo Primary School will be receiving extra monies to go into property. Watch this space! Room 6/7 and 11 upgrades are going out for tender this term as the designs and plans have been completed. We are hoping to have these started next term or early next year. We have also been accepted for the LED lights up-grade on all our school buildings which will take place in early 2020...yay and all paid for by the ministry...thanks to the MOE! So, lots of lovely new property developments will be coming up for our school!

This weeks Whakatauki
Ki ngā whakaeke haumi

Ally yourself with those who have already banded together

Haumi is the piece of timber by which a canoe is lengthened, or is the joint which strengthens it. A great proverb I think for our school value of kotahitanga, where we work as one to achieve our common goals and aspirations!

Nga mihi nui
Sarah Sade, Acting Principal
Taupo Primary School

Upcoming Events

- Week 5 Swimming starts for Rooms 16 - 21, cost \$20 per student
- Week 7 Junior Cross Country Tuesday 3 September, 9.30am to 11am
- Week 7 Interschool Cross Country Wednesday 4 September, Spa Park
- Week 8 Big Music Day Thursday 12 September, Great Lake Centre
- Week 8 Ripper rugby challenge kids versus Otago U19 rugby team
- Week 10 Cricket Tasters (Tuesday, Wednesday)

Tuwharetoa Festival dates and performance times:

Tuesday 17 September - Juniors, 12.00pm

Wednesday 18 September - Seniors, 3.20pm

Thursday 19 September - Middle, 10.50am

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 6 Room 20
- Week 7 Room 19
- Week 8 Room 18
- Week 9 Room 17
- Week 10 Room 16

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 **White Jelly Bands:** Kymani Chase, Paige Rangikataua, Crucial Keremete, Dallas Brockbank, Kymani Chase

Room 7 **White Jelly Bands:** Jackson Woltersdorf, Rian Contractor, Cameron Mann, Taylor Dunn, Stacey Te Mete, AJ Johns, Emily Pepper, Ethan Van der Vlerk, Aroha Lammonde

Taupo Primary School Cross Country

Firstly, I am so proud of all of our students! They were amazing yesterday! Everyone tried their best, many showing much determination and perseverance!

I was overwhelmed with the support shown by the students towards each other and running with students that were struggling.

Many thanks to the families and whanau that turned up to support their children and helped pack up at the end.

The first 6 runners qualify for the Interschool Event, Wednesday 4 September (week 7). The 7th and 8th placegetters are reserves and will go if any of the first 6 can't attend.

Karen Watson

Meet our Board of Trustees Member - Eden Stevenson



I am really excited to be on the TPS Board of Trustees, I have a real love of education and want to ensure all our kids are ready for the ever changing world ahead. We have a great make up of experience and knowledge on the board and I am looking forward to being part of this.

We moved to this beautiful place from Auckland over a year ago and both our boys Quinn (sorry Janice) and Micah (hang in there Trevor) love the school, the environment and teachers. We have been welcomed into the school so part of joining the BOTs was to give back!

My portfolio – I am looking after property within the school and also health/wellbeing – both key areas that need to constant review and oversight. Any questions or issues about this please let me know.

Fun fact – I love trail running and mud runs (Tough Guy & Gal)

Fun photo – my chance to stand shoulder to shoulder with DC (albeit a cut out)

Touch Rugby

Wanted - more GIRLS to play Touch Rugby. Forms available from the office.

Mufti Day - this Friday (23 August)

- Wear **gold** or mufti
- Gold coin donation
- Raising money to support our Paralympic team!



COME AND JOIN US FOR THE SPIRIT OF GOLD
MUFTI DAY ON AUGUST 23 TO CELEBRATE 1
YEAR UNTIL THE TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC
GAMES

We have a shortfall in funding of \$1.1 million and are asking for your support to get the New Zealand Paralympic Team to Tokyo. Wear gold and make a gold coin donation to support the New Zealand Paralympic Team and help us identify future Paralympians through our community Para sport development programmes.



Library News

The Scholastic Issue 6 brochure is out now and will be distributed to classes by the end of the week. There are some amazing books for great prices and remember, all purchases mean more books for our school library.

Just one change, from now on we will not be able to take EFTPOS payments at the school office.

Payment options are as follows:

- LOOP (Scholastic online ordering, details below)
- Cash brought to school with order form
- Cheque made out to Scholastic



Book Club LOOP

for Parents

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

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Thank you for your support.

Taupo Primary School Christmas Soap

We have made some custom soaps to help fund raise just for Taupo Primary!

Beautiful soaps in school colours that are great at home or for gifts. Each soap comes with a special box that will be created and coloured by your child ready to give to someone special.



Order as many as you need for Christmas by returning the form along with cash payment to the 'soap box' at the office by 27th September. Soaps will be brought home by your child in early December. Proceeds are given to the PTA for the benefit of all the children at TPS

All soaps are made from Coconut oil, Olive oil and Rice bran oil.

Made by Double Bubble - For any further info on the soap please contact Faye at fayebl@gmail.com

Student Name: _____

Class : _____

of soaps required : _____ @\$6 each

Total due : _____

Contact Ph : _____

