



Taupo Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 5 September 2019, Week 7

‘Ko te ako te maneatanga’ or ‘Hooked on Learning’



Kia ora e te whānau,

The countdown is on with just three weeks remaining until the end of the term and then our new Principal Zac Taylor will be joining us. We look forward to having Zac here and he'll be joining the rest of our new whanau and lovely tamariki at our powhiri Monday day 1 of term 4. Please come along and join us at 9.15am to welcome Zac and new families to Taupo Primary School.

MEASLES OUTBREAK- if you have not provided a copy of your child's updated immunisation record then please do so. If there were to be an outbreak at TPS then children who have an updated record are allowed at school. Thanks for helping us with our records.

Junior School Cross Country- Congratulations from Mrs Rutherford who said the day ran like clockwork! Mrs Rutherford was most impressed with all our children from the runners to the seniors who helped on the day...great team work...great whanaungatanga and kotahitanga! Here are the results...CONGRATULATIONS ngā tamariki ma...

Year 0

- 1st Karlos Ward
- 2nd Zion 'Alone
- 3rd Elijah Malin-Tapuke

Year 1 boys

- 1st Casius Stevens
- 2nd Cooper Marriott
- 3rd= Jackson Woltersdorf and Orlando Tohiariki-Mohr Gray

Year 1 girls

- 1st Mollie Blewett
- 2nd Kaja Bricklebank
- 3rd Lolah Black

Year 2 boys

- 1st Degan Asher
- 2nd Caleb Foster
- 3rd Pablo Stewart

Year 2 girls

- 1st Molly McGougan
- 2nd Lily Te Heuheu
- 3rd Zoe Pearce



Year 3 boys

- 1st Finn Dunbar
- 2nd Teahu Davis
- 3rd Jack White

Year 3 girls

- 1st Heidi Westerman
- 2nd Ashleigh Pettman
- 3rd Abby Bell

Taupo Primary School has recently moved to **School Docs with our policies** should you need to know anything you can pop on line through the following...

How to login...

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz/
2. Click **Search for your school**.
3. Start typing the school's name and then select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter the community username and password below...

Username/Password

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Developing a sense of nationhood and unique

identity-Te Reo Māori is a taonga of Māori, Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is coming up from **9 - 15 MAHURU 2019 (September)**- an area I personally feel hugely passionate about. The chosen theme for 2019 is again 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori'.

'Kia Kaha' is well understood in New Zealand English with its meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about wellbeing, language health, strength and revitalisation. So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'. All who learn te Reo Māori help to secure its future as a living, dynamic and rich language. As you learn, we come to appreciate that diversity is a key to unity." Kia Kaha! Last year the kids gave out Kia Kaha slips to teachers who were able to use Te Reo Maori and Mrs McCarthy won...I wonder which teacher will win this year? Thanks Miss Dundas for sorting this out!



Curriculum Review- Taupo Primary School is involved in a group of schools with the MAC or the Maori Achievement Collaborative. This year we have been hugely privileged to work with Anaru Morgan an ex Principal and now a facilitator in this initiative. This year we have developed a number of things ready to take to staff and our school community...starting with the Cultural Kete or how Te Reo Maori and Te Ao Maori will be taught in our school as part of the New Zealand Curriculum. We look forward to sharing this with you all soon. Within this we will be weaving in the Ngati Tuwharetoa Cultural Knowledge kete bringing to the forefront the significant content of the rohe and the stories of this area. Last week Kirsty Tatere and I were lucky to visit some of our MAC schools in other towns and cities where they have a similar make up to our own school...which is 40% Maori, 20% other Ethnicities and 40% European. These schools used all cultures and celebrated these within their Cultural Kete which will be part of our journey here at Taupo Primary School too. We can't wait to have all our cultures woven within this part of the curriculum. Anaru will be working with our board in term 4 around Cultural Responsiveness and the Hautu Tool a document that boards use to ensure Maori Achievement and Success from the Ministry.

Curriculum Additions- Next year two new compulsory strands will be added to the New Zealand Curriculum under Digital Technologies. These strands will focus on how to create rather than consume. They don't focus on digital fluency or how well a child can use a device rather, 'creating'. The strands will be introduced in progressions and everyone here at TPS will be starting on the first progression. Children will move quickly through these progressions but we have been advised that this is the starting point. I would have to say some really exciting stuff coming through here and digital technologies can be plugged or unplugged...sounds rather bizarre but our kids will love this addition to the curriculum.

Taupo Kahui Ako- or the Community of Schools known as the 'CoL' involves all our schools across our community working together to achieve community wide aspirations and goals for all our tamariki or children. Recently the CoL has created a website should you wish to view this go to <https://www.taupocol.school.nz/> within here you will be able to find the community strategic plan and the goals for 2020 onwards. Taupo Primary School will be looking at how we can include these in our Strategic Plan coming up. We hope to share this with you all soon too. Some of the main goals will be to strengthen Oral Language, Te Reo Maori community plan, wellbeing and future focussed learning to name a few.

It may seem early however if you're planning a holiday you'll need to know when we **start back next year.** Taupo Primary School will be starting back on **Monday 3rd February 2020.** This is the date that most schools in our community are starting back and the buses will be operating.

Friendly Reminder- please do not send your child to school with lollies, fizzy drink or chewing gum...Thank you for your support. If you have a year 5 or 6 child please ensure they keep their pocket monies at home. Some children have been wandering off site to the gas station to purchase such items and have been spoken to.

Bus Behaviour- please remind your child about keeping themselves safe while waiting for the bus at the bus stop. We have spotted a few children playing chicken on the road recently.

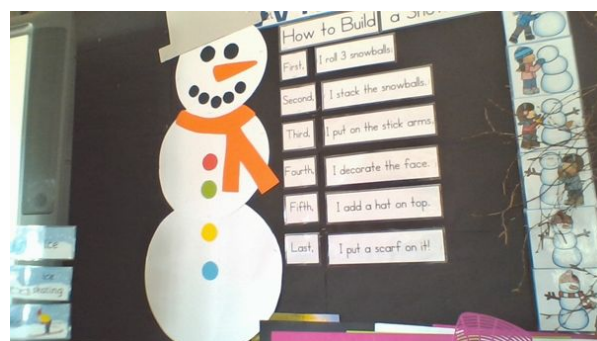
LAST CALL for out of Zone siblings- we will be setting a fixed number for 2020 for out of zone children. If you would like your child to attend TPS and live out of Zone then please let the office know. We will be

setting the number and advertising in the paper next week...once the number has been set then that is it. Thank you.

What's happening around the school? Here's the latest from our student leader Tristan Hayter...

The junior school they have some new equipment.

They're having fun with some new tires and their new workbench. They have been hammering on the workbench, learning how to create things. Room 1 have been learning school routines. They have made flinkers in science. Flink is made up of the first part of float and the last part of the sink. They sink and float! Recently in room 7 they have been learning about symmetry, and position. They drew lines of symmetry on objects and had to describe the position of a thing. They also had to learn how to stack snowballs from biggest to smallest to make a snowman. In room 8 & 9 they have been working through the we thinkers' program. They have been learning that thoughts come from your brain and feelings come from the heart. They learnt we are more successful if we work together as a team.



Middle School: In room 13 they watched the Paralympics video. They wrote precise writing about the Paralympics and that you can do anything, even if you have disabilities. In room 14 they have been working on a school kit. It's



called as I saw it. It's about looking at different people's stories on the same piece of history. They compared stories and how some people told



them differently than others. They learnt that different things have different perspectives of the same story. In room 15 they have been learning about preposition starts. Mrs Milne taught them about preposition starts. Preposition starts are words like: above, on, before, then etc. They also made marble/bead runs.

Senior School: Room 17 they have also been constructing marble runs out of play-doh. They did this by following a recipe of making sure that the play-doh was the right texture and colour. Room 20 is trying to work out how many steps it takes to walk the length of New Zealand. They

have also been watching a movie called Touching the Void. They have been writing descriptively about parts of the story as they watch more and more of the movie.

This week's whakatauki comes from the new Digital Technologies curriculum...two characters underpin the new strands Maui who is an innovator with curiosity and Mahuika who is the guardian and insightful.

This weeks Whakatauki

**Te kāpura a Mahuika, me tou tonu, me tou tonu. E Māui ai tō rite, me māminga tonu,
me pākiki tonu.**

In order for Mahuika's fire to continue to burn, it must be stoked. In order to develop a Māui mindset, artful curiosity must be fostered.

Nga mihi nui

Sarah Sade

Acting Principal, Taupo Primary School

Upcoming Events

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)

Term 4

Week 1 Monday 9.15 am Powhiri to welcome our new Principal Zac Taylor, new children and whanau

Please note change in the seniors performance time

Tuwharetoa Festival dates and performance times:

Tuesday 17 September - Juniors, 12.00pm

Wednesday 18 September - Seniors, 2.40pm

Thursday 19 September - Middle, 10.50am

**Junior boys - please bring black boy-leg undies or short black shorts to
Whaea Lisa in Room 10 (no labels and plain black)**

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 8 Room 18

Week 9 Room 17

Week 10 Room 16

Term 4 Back to FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Week 1 Room 15

Week 2 Room 14

Week 3 Room 13

Week 4 Room 12

2020 School Dates- Monday 3rd February (Start) to Friday 11th December (Finish)

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 **White Jelly Band:** Lolah Black

Room 16 **White Jelly Bands:** Duncan Williams, Aiden Hart, Ollie Maclachlan, Nina Jagger-Bell, Olivia Jackson, Chase Kapua, Lance Wharehinga, Alaura Henare, Acacia Ngamotu-Tahana, Tori Pettman, Dante Minhinnick, Jae-Jae Wickliffe, Charlotte White

Inter School Cross Country

Congratulations to Jae-Jae Wickliffe for coming first in the Year 5 Girls race, and Haidee Milne for coming third in the Year 4 Girls race.

The competition was strong across the schools and the Taupo Primary School team did their very best. The students were very supportive of each other and did an amazing job of cheering from the side-line.

Many thanks to the parents and whanau that came and supported their children. Special thanks to the parents that put up the gazebos, the shelter was much appreciated!



Taupo Primary School Hockey Results

Congrats to Taupo Kiwi Red who came third place in the A Grade competition, Taupo Kiwi Black won the B Grade and Taupo Kiwi White who had an awesome season.

Also congrats to Taupo Mini Black who came third in the mini competition of 14 teams. We were lucky enough to make up another team Taupo Mini Red.

A Big thank you to all our Coaches, Kiripiti Bowden & Levi Goldsack Kiwi Red, Emma Angland Kiwi White, Marc Koorey & Marijn Lenoir Kiwi Black, Madison Prisk Mini Black, Danielle Dunbar Mini Red. Also thank you to our amazing parents who are also so supportive and ready to help out where needed.

Special mention to Meadow, Asha and Samara who volunteered to umpire this year, they have done an amazing job, Well Done!!





Taupo Primary

PTA

Supporting our school

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is made up of parents just like you and me. We fundraise for the school so children can enjoy resources that would not otherwise be possible, like raising funds for the senior playground, and the purchase of learning resources. It's not all about fundraising though. We like to organise fun activities too, such as school discos, the end of year Seniors' Dinner, and more!

Joining the PTA

You don't need to be nominated to join the PTA. This is a great opportunity to help and you can join at ANY time!

At the meetings staff representatives keep the PTA up to date with what's happening at school.

Funds raised by the PTA directly support your child's educational experiences!

Volunteer



If you can't make the meetings but would still like to help out when possible, we can still add your details to the database.

We will only make contact when we need small amounts of your time for fundraising projects or social events.

Contrary to popular belief you don't have to do it all. Pick one (or two!) things and we promise you, your time will be appreciated!

Please return this to your child's teacher, and check out the School Newsletter for our next meeting

Your Name:

Email: Ph:

Please tick any of the boxes that may apply to you, and we will get in touch with you:

- ☐ Lending a helping hand at school discos, or other events (this doesn't commit you to volunteering for every event).
- ☐ Are you part of a business keen to provide sponsorship (in any form)?
- ☐ Are you keen to be part of the PTA?



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