

Taupo Primary School Newsletter Thursday 17 October 2019, Week 1 'Ko te ako te maneatanga' or 'Hooked on Learning'

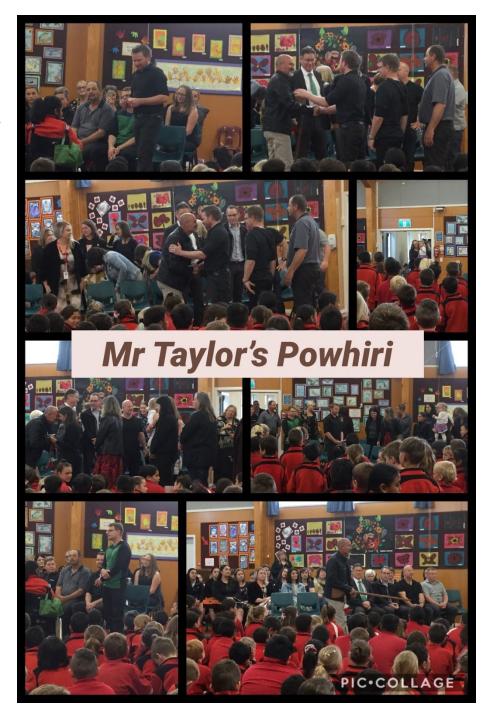


Kia ora e te whānau.

Welcome back to term 4!

The last 15 weeks have been like a blur in the Taylor household, and for me at my former school. However the many many 'to do's' including selling and buying a house, supporting my former school in appointing a new Principal, farewells, moving etc HAVE ALL BEEN DONE and we are here

We were welcomed by an amazing Powhiri. It was a very special time for my family and for the colleagues that travelled from Waihi to hand me over. It is a real honour and privilege to be welcomed in such a special way. Thank you so much to everyone involved in making this happen and those that came along to support the school or to welcome us, including board members, Principals and staff from other schools and parents. Thank you especially to Matua Snow, Dinny and Teiria for your support and kind words of welcome.



I have got a massive job ahead of me in getting to know the students (your children), the teachers and community and learning how things are done the Taupo Primary way. To help start that off I would like to take the time in our first newsletter for term 4 to introduce myself and let you get to know me a little.

My family and I have relocated here from Waihi, a small town north of Tauranga. I have two small children who attended the powhiri, a son Tobias (Tobi) and a daughter Ariella. My wife Rebekah, who is a speech and language therapist, is currently at home being a Mum, but is looking forward to getting back into work at some point in the not so distant future.

Meet the Taylor Whanau!









I have been in education from the early 2000's, and have taught at all levels in a range of schools over the course of my career. I have worked in schools of 30 students to schools of 400+ students. I have been in senior leadership for over a decade and on school boards for 15 years. This will be my third Principalship, with my previous position being at Waihi East School. I am excited about really getting to know how things are done at Taupo Primary and then continuing to build on the awesome stuff that is very clearly happening here at school. As part of this I will be taking time to gather information, thoughts and opinions of our whanau and community, keep your eyes out in the coming weeks and months for those opportunities.

Zac Taylor Principal

Important Board Of Trustee Survey

Alongside other schools in Taupo, the Board of Trustees are considering fixed date entry for our new entrant children in 2020. We would appreciate feedback from our community about this initiative. Please click on the link to fill in this form. It should only take a few minutes of your time.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHTNHGR

National Shake Out

Today is New Zealand's National Shake Out day. School from all around the country took part in an earthquake drill. We practice earthquake, fire and lock down drills almost every term. So todays drill went smoothly and our students knew exactly what to do.







Ski Elective

The ski elective has come to a close for 2019. It was a challenging season due to mother nature not always playing ball on Friday's however the students still made amazing progress with their skiing. A huge thank you to all of the parents who helped out during the season.

Ski Team

A big thank you also to Charlotte Dickie for her organisation of the first-ever Taupo Primary Ski Team this year. Five of our students had the opportunity to compete in the Central Plateau Ski Champs. We are hoping to extend this to 10 (Year 5/6) students for 2020. If you think your child would be interested please let the office know and we will pass on to Charlotte.

Kelly Club Reminder



Kelly Club will be in **room 5** next **Wednesday 23rd** October.

Upcoming Events

Term 4

Weeks 2-5 Basketball skill sessions

Week 3 Tuesday 29 October - 9.15am Year 6 students visit Taupo Intermediate

Tuesday 29 October - 5.30pm meeting for parents of Year 6 students, staffroom

Week 6 Interschool swimming sports

Week 5 Monday 11 November, 9.15am Powhiri to welcome all our new students

Last day Term 4: Friday 13 December 2019

First day Term 1, 2020: Monday 3 February 2020

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 9.1 am and finish at around 9.45am **every Friday**. Please see below for rooms hosting this terms assemblies.

Term 4 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: Wiremu Wall

Black Jelly Bands: Hadley Dingle, Kaylee Graham

Room 15 White Jelly Bands: Vito Salvacion, Jai McGougan, Michael Hadgson, Haidee Milne

> We would like to welcome our new student Sadev to Taupo Primary School

















Library News





Issue 7 is out now. If you have not received your copy, please get your child to ask their teacher for a brochure or pop into the school library. Please have orders for Issue 7 to the school library by the 1st November. There are some amazing books in there! Payments must be in cash or cheque to school, or you can order through the LOOP system by using the link below.

https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/

If you do not wish your child to receive the order in their classroom (if it is a gift etc.) please mark the order form clearly or email me on kimh@taupoprimary.school.nz

We have a number of library books not returned from previous terms. Please have a hunt at home and return any you find. We love them back so others can enjoy them.

Wood Offcuts Wanted

The Nga Kakano team have recently purchased three woodwork tables. If anyone has any offcuts of wood that could be used by the children could you please let their teachers know or drop them off at school.



Sunhats Term 4

Be Sun Safe - Because we are not in to Term 4, please remember to send your child to school with their red Taupo Primary School hat everyday. Hats will be compulsory for children playing outside from next week. Students who do not bring a hat will need to play in the shade at break times. The school sunhat is available from Brandfuel, 32 Oruanui Street. The cost is \$15.50 for either a bucket hat or cricket hat.

Notice from Hilltop School Pre-enrolments for "Out of Zone" placements 2020 Year 7/8 places available



The Board of Trustees has determined that a small number of **Year** 7/8 places are likely to be available for students living "Out of Zone".

Applications can be made by completing an enrolment form, which is available from the Hilltop School Office, or by emailing info@hilltop.org.nz

Ballots will be drawn on Tuesday 19th November and if places are still available there will be a final ballot held on Friday 29th November.

Ballots will be held under police supervision, and parents will be informed of the outcome within three school days of the ballot being held.

We will be holding an open afternoon for Year 6 students and an information evening for parents and caregivers of Year 6 students on **Wednesday 30th October** at 6 pm.

Please contact the office if your child will be attending the open afternoon or if you will be attending the information evening on Wednesday 30th October. Should you require further information please feel free to contact the Hilltop School office **07 3787583**.

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 25th October . 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.

Nade by Double Bubble - For any further info on the scap please contact Foye at foyebs Egmail.com

Student Name: _____

of soaps required :______@\$6 each
Total due :_____

Contact Ph :





Taupo RC Car Club

Taupo RC Car Club is for all ages and all cars. We are about building community and family spirit. No one is excluded, and everyone is welcome to come and watch or have a go. The off-road track is located at the entrance to Spa Park, Taupo.

There are fun days (drag races, tug of war, sausage sizzle)

Tuesday evening sprints (5:30pm – 8:00pm light permitting)

Championship points day (one Sunday a month).

We have a timing system that records your lap positions and times.

To race in the monthly Championship Points races you must be a club member and have a timing transponder.

Membership Fees Single: \$30

Family: \$50 (2 Adults and 3 Children) Transponder Buy: \$40

Track fee for Points day

Single: \$5 Family: \$10 (2 Adults and 3 Children) Transponder Rental: \$5

Further details, videos, pictures, event dates and times at http://facebook.com/tauporccarclub
Or contact us by Email at treec2017@gmail.com

