

Taupo Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 7 November 2019, Week 4

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



Kia ora e te whānau,

Yesterday we sent a formal letter home to all families conveying the sad news that our former Principal Cushla Seamer has passed away. Below are some **excerpts** of the letter that will remain relevant this week and into next. *(If you did not receive your letter, it may be in your child's bag or you can pick another one up from the office).*

To Our Taupo Primary School Family, Friends and Community,

It is with a sense of great sadness that I am letting you know that our former long serving Principal, Mrs Cushla Seamer has peacefully passed away surrounded by her loved ones.

The news and response to the passing of loved ones or those close to us is a very personal journey, and approached differently in every home.

A supervised and quiet space (most likely the Library) will be made available for teachers and students to take time out if needed. Teachers will do their best to support every child as they need it, but will try to defer questions regarding bereavement and beliefs. Where appropriate they will encourage your child to talk more about this at home, as we acknowledge each family will have their own understandings and beliefs.

We think it is very important to acknowledge Mrs Seamer's time in our school in a special way. The school staff and Board of Trustees, in consultation with Mrs Seamer's family, will make plans on when and how we will honour Cushla. We will communicate these plans as we receive more information.

As you can imagine this is a sad and difficult time, particularly for our staff who have walked many years alongside her, we appreciate your ongoing support and understanding over the coming days.

Our thoughts and best wishes remain with Cushla's family.

Sincerely

Zac Taylor - Principal
Taupo Primary Board of Trustees
Taupo Primary School Staff



Further to this we can now confirm that, we as a school community, will be holding a **‘Memorial Celebration Assembly’** on **Friday 15th November, starting at 2pm** in our school hall.

For many this will be an emotional time, we invite parents and whanau to attend alongside our students. We would love for you to **come along and be part of reflecting and celebrating** the time Mrs Seamer has had at Taupo Primary.

We also understand and invite you as parents to **pick up your child/ren** at lunchtime on Friday **if you do not wish for them to attend** or be part of this process. If this is the case please sign them out at the office when you pick them up.

Tamariki Panui - Here's what our student leaders Kiwen, Asha and Meadow have to say about our Kura this week...some short snippets from several rooms...

Room 1 has rapidly ballooned in size and are developing their creativity and inquiry skills through play based learning.

Room 12 have made Hokey Pokey and slime out of cornflower with a focus on watching things change.

Room 13 have been reading and learning a few bits about Diwali. They all know the legend about Rama and Sita and why they have little lights during Diwali. The Year 4's had a basketball taster with room 12's year 4's.

Room 16 have been designing their own passion projects. They have based their designs on what they dream about then relating this to what they can do at school. Some students are writing books, building 3D Hogwarts, a 3D map of NZ, and building digital castles with a quidditch arena. They have also done a Taupo history tour of the town visiting the settlers cemetery, cenotaph, redoubt and the old courthouse.

POWHIRI

We warmly invite you to attend the

Taupō Primary School Powhiri

We will be welcoming all new students and whānau

Monday 11th November

We hope you can join us for some morning tea in the staffroom

following the powhiri

Please meet outside the hall at 9:15am



‘Memorial Celebration Assembly’

We would like to invite you to attend our

Memorial Celebration Assembly

Friday 15 November at 2pm

Upcoming Events

Term 4

Weeks 2-5 Basketball skill sessions

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

Week 5 Trout Centre trip for Rooms 12, 13, 14, 15

Week 6 Interschool swimming sports

Week 7 PTA grocery raffle drawn on Monday 25 November

Week 8 and Week 9 Swimming for Rooms 12, 13, 14, 15

Week 8 Thursday 5 December, Year 6 Graduation Dinner

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 9.15am and finish at around 9.45am every Friday. Please see below for rooms hosting this terms assemblies.

Term 4 FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Week 4 Room 12

Week 5 Powhiri (Monday 9.15am) 'Memorial Celebration Assembly' (Friday 2pm)

Week 6 Room 11

Week 7 Room 10

Week 8 Room 9

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 1 **Red jelly bands: Karlos Ward, Mia Jamieson, Elijah Malin-Tapuke, Chris Lammonde**

Room 2 **Black Jelly Band: Cooper Elers**

Room 8 **Black Jelly Bands: Luca Harmer-Lowndes, Rashi Prasad, Ollie Foden**

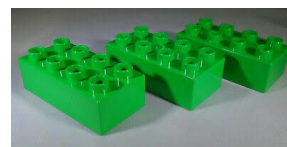
Room 9 **Black Jelly Band: Liam Dunbar**

DUPLO Bricks needed

If you have sets of Duplo you no longer need, could you please share these with the school? We would love to introduce a new programme into the Junior School called "Six Bricks". We especially need lots of 4 x 2 Duplo pieces. Drop them off at the office.

Thank you very much.

Sue Forsyth



Massage Cushion for on chair

If you have an old massage cushion (that can be attached to a chair) that you no longer use, we would love to have 1 or 2 of these in the school. They are very good at helping to calm students. Drop it off at the office. Thank you very much.

Sue Forsyth

Grocery Hamper

If you have groceries for our hamper, these can be dropped into the boxes in the admin foyer. Thank you for all the items we have received so far - the response has been awesome.

All tickets (sold and unsold) must be returned to the office by Friday 22 November.

Sunhats

Remember hats are compulsory for Term 1 and Term 4.

Understanding Change, Loss & Grief

A seminar designed for people with an interest in learning about change, loss and grief, the factors that influence our response, the different manifestations of grief, strategies for coping and living with change, loss and grief, and how we can best support those we love and care for in difficult times.

I feel empowered now to be less judgemental and better able to respond to people's grief symptoms more sympathetically. (Early Childhood Teacher)



When: Tuesday 19th November 2019 from 9.30am — 12.30pm

Where: St Andrews Church Lounge, Titiraupenga Street, Taupō

(Morning tea provided)

For more information or to register please:

Email: jilly.stevens@seasons.org.nz or

Phone: 021 756 905

There is a \$15 charge for this seminar to cover the cost of the workbook supplied.

Taupo Swimming Club



**INVITES
YOU TO
CLUB
NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 15/11/19
REGISTRATION
5:45PM
6PM - 7PM**

**INDOOR 25 METRE
POOL**

NO CHARGE FOR CLUB NIGHT (NORMAL ENTRY FEE TO POOL APPLIES)

**DO YOU WANT TO GET THE FEEL OF RACING
BEFORE THE INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING
COMPETITION?**

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OF RACING!

Also a great chance for AC Baths Swim
Academy kids
nearing the end of their swimming lessons to see what our Swimming
Club is all about!!