



Tena koutou katoa,

Just over a week left in the 2019 school year and things certainly are not slowing down for us at school. We are in full swing of celebrating the 2019 school year.



A huge thank you to the Board of Trustees who provided the staff with an amazing Christmas family breakfast to acknowledge the mahi of the staff and celebrate christmas with us.



The PTA hit a home run with the amazing job they did organising and providing our year 6 students the opportunity to hang out, chill at a movie and come back to an absolutely amazing dinner hall!

What a cool way for our leavers to celebrate a great final year at TPS and reflect on their time here. Thank you so much to all the PTA members that made this amazing event possible, so much work and time went into the celebration. Our tamariki and staff had a great evening.

Room 19, as a student volunteer army have been through an amazing process of learning to establish a new garden at the back field. Planting was just a small part of the project and learning. The communications, letters, planning and much more have really paid off to provide the community and our school with a lovely feature to enjoy for years to come. Ka pai. Thank you to the parents that came down and helped out with the project and to the council for supporting the project and providing resources and manpower.



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!

Ehara taku toa
i te toa takitahi
Engari, he toa
takitini

Success is not the work of one,
but the work of many

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Taupo YoungGunz Under 11 touch rugby team. After an awesome game they came out on top as the under 11 Champions for 2019. Well done to the team and to Ray their coach. Thanks to the parents that turn up to support from the sidelines.

The success our tamariki have in learning is due to many people. I want to take the time to acknowledge a special group of educators that have been working in the school this year.

Our Volunteers

Over the year we have many parents, grandparents and whanau volunteering on a regular basis. This is a truly valued by our staff and students. The time you are giving so freely is investing into the future of Taupo and New Zealand. Thank You so much.



2020 Class Structures and Teachers

As a result of some classroom upgrades some classes will be starting the year in one classroom space then moving with their teacher into one of the newly upgraded spaces when the builders have finished up.

Room	Year Group	Teacher	Room	Year Group	Teacher
1	Y1	Robyn Rutherford	12	Y3/4	Jo Dundas
2	Y1	Clare O'Connor	13	Y3	Sarah Keehan
3	Y1	Jo Oates	14	Y3/4	Sarah Lightfoot Kate Pearce (Friday)
4	Y2/3	Jessica Devonport Catherine Kearins	15	Y4	Liz France
5	Y2/3	Lisa Pellowe	16	Y5/6	Mel Mathews
6		Upgrade Term 1	17	Y4/5	Mandy Woodcock
7		Upgrade Term 1	18	Y5/6	Karen Watson
8	Y1/2	Helen Beijemin	19	Y5/6	Cynthia McCarthy
9	Y1/2	Trevor Harvey	20	Y5/6	Amy Webster Jax Bothamely (1 day a week)
10	Y2/3	Upgrade Term 1 Room 5 move back Term 2	21	Y5/6	Jenny Bohan Jax Bothamely (1 day a week)
11	Y2/3	Upgrade Term 1 Room 4 move back Term 2	Release teacher around the school Janice Bowman		

Class Placement and Visits

Many many hours from teachers and the leadership team have gone into creating, reviewing and amending 2020 class lists. Minor adjustments are still being made as we do last checks to try and ensure students are placed with other students they are friends with or work well with. These lists have been well considered and next Tuesday afternoon letters from the new class teachers will be sent home introducing themselves and confirming class and teacher placement. On Tuesday students will be getting to visit their new teacher with everyone else that will be in their class next year.

Students that have been identified by teachers or parents as needing a couple more visits as part of a transition plan (due to being shy or anxious) have already begun visiting the new teachers class and having chats and getting to know their new teacher. If you feel your child may be a student that needs some extra visits please email Mrs Forsyth - suef@taupoprimary.school.nz.

Stationery for 2020

Teachers are finalising stationery lists for 2020. When these are completed they will be available online and will also be sent home with the letters from the new class teachers. Office Depot will be making up packs again this year, you can pop up and order a pack. Or go shopping yourself for everything on the list.

School Donations

The board have opted into the Ministry of Education Donation Scheme, which means we will not be asking for the normal annual school donation next year, the Ministry will be compensating the school with additional money in our operation grant. Within the Scheme parents are still required to supply all stationery and uniform. Depending on the activities next year, there may still be a requirement to contribute to certain trips or events ie overnight camps, opt in activities, such as skiing, etc.

[Click here for more info.](#)

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 10th December at 11.30am in the Hall.

Whanau and siblings are welcome to attend with their parents.



Last School Assembly Friday 13th - 9.15am

This is our final assembly run by our student leaders to thank and farewell certain staff members and share any last holidays notice with our tamariki.

Pictures - Room 18's day out on the lake learning about our location and history.

- Room 15's completed patchwork quilt - created by students with the help of many mums and grandparents.
- Room 2, 15 and 16 working together.



Student Panui...Thanks Flynn Harrington

Rm 18 have been studying and evaluating facts about Lake Taupo

- The Oruanui Eruption took place 26,500 years ago
- The deepest part of lake Taupo is 186 m

A science experiment has taken place in Rm 17 who are studying absorbent materials. They have been mixing plant matter to learn how oil is formed.

Rm 16 have been preparing for the holiday season with their christmas collaborative writing. We look forward to reading these.

Rm 15 have been making and mixing playdough to make different colours and patterns to share with their junior buddies, this should be interesting. They have also had a visit with Rm 14 and Rm 13 to the Tongariro Trout Centre and saw some massive trout! Upon return they got a visit from Krysia & Ardy who shared with them the intricate web that connects the rivers and marine life. They have been making rainbow trout art, writing and studying fishing lures.

Rm 12 also went trout centre and have been using their sewing skills to make worry dolls as well as making Xmas trees out of pellets.

Rm 11 arranged flowers for kindness week and presented them in bunches at the assembly along with appreciation cards for the teachers, student leaders and teacher aides. This was after they were inspired by a play based learning flower shop.



Taupo Primary School would like to thank Ian Walker, Gary McCarthy and the group of men at Taupo Community Men's Shed for our new Friendship seat. We would also like to acknowledge Justin from Justin Harris Joinery who very kindly used his machine to produce the wording on this seat free of charge.

Upcoming Events

Term 4

Week 8 and Week 9 Swimming for Rooms 10, 12, 13, 14, 15

Week 9 Tuesday 10 December, Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 11.30am, in the hall

Last day Term 4: Friday 13 December 2019

First day Term 1, 2020: Monday 3 February 2020

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 Band:** Oscar Pearce

Room 2 **Black Jelly Bands:** Paige Rangikataua, Charlotte Barnett, Oscar Devonport
Red Jelly Band: Keira Duncan

Room 16 **Black Jelly Bands:** Acacia Ngamotu-Tahana, Lance Wharehinga,
Duncan Williams, Nina Jagger-Bell, Ollie MacLachlan

Board of Trustees, School Policy Term 4 Review

There are two main policies being reviewed this term. Education outside the classroom and Sun Protection. If you would like to review these and have your say, follow the instructions below.

1. Visit the website <https://taupoprimary.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (taupoprimary) and password (hookedon).
3. Click the 'Current Review Tap' at the top of the page.
4. Follow the links to the policy. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



A big thank you to the PTA who supplied a pizza lunch to Room 2 as a reward for selling the most raffle tickets. They were very yummy.

Taupo Primary Cohort Entry

We are passionate about ensuring our students have a successful transition from Early Childhood Education to Taupō Primary School. For this reason we are implementing cohort entry in 2020. This means that children will be able to start school in cohorts but only **after** they have turned 5.

There will be **2 entry points per term**, one on the first day of term, and one at a mid-point during a term. Cohort entry is about helping children settle better in school. There is evidence that starting school alongside other children helps build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life.

Parents will continue to have the option of not starting their child in school until their 6th birthday. It is a legal requirement that a child enrolls at a registered school from age 6. Therefore, if not already enrolled, a child can start school on their 6th birthday regardless of a school's cohort entry policy, but must start school no later than their 6th birthday.

If a child needs an extension on their WINZ due to Cohort entry at the school a Change of Circumstances Form needs to be completed by the parent and ECE centre. The following needs to be written on the form:

"An extension is needed as this child _____ is starting at _____ School which has cohort entry their start date at school will be _____."

This will enable WINZ to check that this school is cohort entry and then override the automatic stopping of WINZ payments.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/your-child-at-school/cohort-entry/>

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Week 1	Monday 3 February 2020	Tuesday 28 April 2020	Monday 20 July 2020	Monday 12 October 2020
Week 5	Monday 2nd of March 2020	Monday 25 May 2020	Monday 17 August 2020	Monday 9 November 2020





KELLY CLUB Summer **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Contact
REBECCA ROBERTSON

taupo@kellyclub.co.nz
021 195 0139
BOOK ONLINE AT
www.kellyclub.co.nz

Taupo Tennis Club

Join us for three weeks of fun tennis camps. All levels welcome. All equipment provided. Ages 6-12.

Week 1 Mon 13th of Jan to Fri 17th 2020

Week 2 Mon 20th of Jan to Fri 25th 2020

Week 3 Mon 28th of Jan to Fri 31st 2020

Members \$160 per week. Non-Members \$180 per week. Contact coach kris at clubcoach@taupotennis.org.nz for further details. Places are limited so book early



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Summer Holidays for
Secondary School Students

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Thanks to
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**Youth Hub
Activity Sessions**

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS
YOUTH HUB**

22 January 10am - 3.30pm
Outdoor Adventures
(includes archery and a hike)

23 January 10am - 3.30pm
Paddleboard & Kayaking

24 January 8.30am - 5pm
Mt Maunganui Adventures

**CUP CAKES
LIKE A PRO**
21 January

FREE
Thanks to
Break-Away

**Work
shops**

CAMP
17 - 18 Dec:
at National Park
Leave 8.30am,
back 4pm.
(includes hiking,
swimming &
Christmas dinner!)

**Camps &
Tramps**

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Break-Away &
Taupo BlueLight

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project you're
passionate about,
including
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Support safer swimmers in Taupo by advertising on the back page of our newsletter next year?



ALL proceeds go towards providing swimming lessons for ALL students at Taupo Primary

Email the office to book your space (office@taupoprimary.school.nz) - \$500 to advertise for one year (approximately 38 publications). Bookings will be taken on a first in, first served basis. There will be 10 slots available.

