



We will be sending a form home to all families to update the details we currently have on file. Please update with any changes, fill in the short survey on the back and send back to school as soon as possible so we can keep you in the loop. Students or siblings who return their form will receive a chocolate bar. Come together as a family to the office.



Well done to all our students who participated in the Interschool Athletics on Tuesday



Ukulele Club with Mrs Bohan



Students from Room 20 taking part in the TDC cycle skills programme today



Room 13 have been in awe of how large their crystals have grown...

Dispensing and Administering Medication at school

The school will only administer prescription medication to students whose parents have made a formal request. Parents/caregivers need to complete a medicine authority form, available from the school office. Medication is only dispensed through the school office.

Hand Sanitiser

We have purchased a hand sanitiser that has 24 hour cover. This should arrive at the end of next week. Please send your child to school each day with washed hands and every morning students will apply the hand sanitiser.

If you do not wish your child to use hand sanitiser at school please let your child's teacher know.

Appointments with Teachers

At all times we want to foster great relationships between our school and our whanau, historically it has been acceptable to pop in for a quick chat with teachers before and after school. However in the current climate, we are navigating we ask that if you need to chat with your child's class teacher, PLEASE E-MAIL, TEXT OR CALL TO SET UP A TIME. This will ensure teachers do their best to ensure social distancing and a sanitised area to meet.

Upcoming Events

Term 1

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| 30 March | Camp meeting for parents going to camp, 5.15pm |
| 6 April | School Interviews |
| 8 April | School Interviews <u>(school finishes at 12.30pm on Wednesday only)</u> |
| 9 April | Last day Term 1 |

Term 2

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| 28 April | Term 2 starts |
| 4-6 May | Rooms 16, 17, 18 Senior Camp Cost \$165 per student |
| 6-8 May | Rooms 19, 20, 21 Senior Camp Cost \$165 per student |
| 15 May | Teacher only day |
| 29 May | Teacher only day |
| 21 May | School Photo Day |

Assemblies

At this point in time, we will not be holding assemblies for the remainder of the term.

Welcome to our new students: Brylee, Cayden, Frankie, Hunter, Jackson, Jasmine, Luka and Odin



First Credit Union is proud to support the Taupo Iron Kidz event that was held on Sunday 1st March. Well done to all the children who took part, our team loved seeing you sprinting to the finish line and supporting each other on the way! CONGRATULATIONS to EMILY PEPPER who has won a \$100 Rebel Sport Voucher with our Word Find Competition.



Our holiday programmes give children opportunities to do the things they love in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are trained in delivering fun activities, first aid and behaviour management. Book online today to make Kelly Club your home away from home these holidays.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12.30pm to 1.00pm each day.

Programme activities: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice depending on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details: Pay before the holiday programme begins to secure your child's place. You will receive an invoice once you have completed your booking. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Some parents and caregivers may be eligible for a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained by your child or any loss or damage to their property while at the programme. If your child is collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$15 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

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APRIL 2020 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME TAUPO PRIMARY SCHOOL

| WEEK 1 | Mon 13 April | Tues 14 April | Wed 15 April | Thurs 16 April | Fri 17 April |
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| | EASTER MONDAY NO PROGRAMME TODAY | RAINBOW DAY Wear your favourite colour and step inside the rainbow with prism science and rainbow fruit kebabs. If you're lucky you might just find a pot of gold. | TRIP DAY - SURVIVAL DAY Get in touch with your inner Bear Grylls as we learn to survive off the land with Peter from Chris Jolly Outdoors. \$15 extra for the day. (Included in Full Week). Please remember a big lunch, drink bottles, shoes and a hat. | BRING RETRO BACK Let's show the parents how it's done! Share your secrets through a paper cup phone or take out our epic marble tournament. Time to dig out the knuckle bones and chatter rings! | CRAZY DAY Wear your craziest clothes and try out a wacky hairstyle. There'll be plenty of time to perfect your outfit for our crazy fashion show with some Kelly Club crafting. |
| WEEK 2 | Mon 20 April | Tues 21 April | Wed 22 April | Thurs 23 April | Fri 24 April |
| | SPORTS MASHUP Two sports are better than one so combine your favourites to create a whole new game! Make up the rules to 'basketfootball' or 'rippa-tennis' and teach them to your friends. | GLADIATOR GAMES Who will come out on top in our gladiator games? Complete your training on the gladiator obstacle course then craft your weapons for a cardboard battle. | TRIP DAY - MOVIE TIME Join us for an awesome trip day to Starlight Cinema Centre. \$15 extra for the day. (Included in Full Week). Please remember a big lunch, drink bottles, shoes and a hat. | HUMAN BODY Bodies can do some incredible things! Test your body's limit with the beep test, make a skeleton hand, and if you're feeling brave eat some marshmallow earwax swabs. | ANZAC REMEMBRANCE Take some time to remember all of the brave New Zealanders and Australians who have served their countries by making red poppy crafts and ANZAC biscuits for your local RSA. |
| FULL WEEK: \$230 Mon-Fri, 7.30-6pm FULL DAY: \$46 7.30am-6pm SCHOOL DAY: \$36 9am-3pm HALF DAY: \$26 8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm TRIP DAY: Extra \$15 (Included in Full Week) | | | | | |

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COVID -19 (Coronavirus) Taupo Primary Update and Information

At this point in time we have no confirmed or even suspected cases of Covid-19 within our school community.

We are all in uncharted territory and as we learn more and get more advice from the Ministry of Education around Covid-19 we will be communicating with you as best we can. In light of this, having up to date **lines of communication** with our community is essential. We will be sending all families a form with the details we have on file, please update, fill in the short survey on the back and send back to school as soon as possible so we can keep you in the loop. Please make sure you are using our school app, following our facebook page and checking your emails.

Be rest assured if a case was confirmed within our school, we would be following Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health guidelines, directions and requirements. For the school, the most likely scenario is if a student or staff member is confirmed with COVID-19, the Ministry of Health may require the school to close for a few days, to undertake tracking and tracing of close contacts.

This week the Ministry of Education published information to schools in regards to COVID-19 requesting the halt of large group gatherings and to maintain a safe distance from each other. For us, at school, this would be 1.5 metres and for immune-compromised people, 2 metres from others. By following these directives from the Ministry, we have decided to postpone many school extracurricular related events until the end of the term. For all events we are considering the risk of exposure and ability to maintain social distancing. This will minimize the amount of large group contact or unknown contacts within our school. Where possible we will reschedule events for a later date.

We are not making any decisions lightly, based on the information given to the school at this time we feel we need to be proactive and reduce the possibility of the spread of COVID -19, this directly supports the initiatives of the Government to stop its spread.

If your child is unwell to keep them home. This has always been our schools practice and advice.

If your child is well send them to school. The government still believes that schools and Early Childhood Centres are the best place for them.

At this point in time we all need to consider

- good hygiene at all times – hand washing, coughing etiquette etc
- reducing the number of events with large numbers
- thinking about current practices that breach social distancing – ie handshakes, hugs etc.

The Ministry of Education asks us to consider the school's capability to provide suitable learning should students be required to stay at home for a short time. We are looking at our communities online access and capabilities for digital learning experiences, the capability of accessing tasks via email etc. This is on the back of the contact detail update sheet.

Term 2 Year 5/6 Camp

We have set criteria to consider before students attend camp. We have communicated with the camp we are attending and they have cancelled all term 1 camps, but as of yesterday they would still like to proceed with term 2 camps, they may be in a better position to hold camps that fulfill the Ministry criteria in term 2. But like all things this is not a guarantee and could change at anytime. As a school we will give ourselves another week or two before we make any decision regarding camp. If camp is cancelled and cannot be rebooked this year a full refund will be given for those already paying or paid.

Parent / Teacher Interviews in week 10

At this point in time we will keep these on the calendar and consider this event closer to the time with any information that is available at the time.

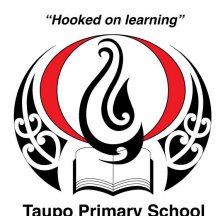
Like everyone in the country, we are in uncharted territory. I am following the best advice given to me by the Ministry of Education and Health.

Further updates will come in newsletters, emails, facebook and our school app.

I have attached excerpts from the latest Ministry of Education Bulletin from **Iona Holsted - Secretary for Education**

This includes links to more information and a video by Dr Michelle Dickinson (Nanogirl) which is a great informational video for kids about COVID-19.

Thank you for your support and understanding in these interesting times.
Zac Taylor (Principal) and Catriona Eagles (Board Chair)



COVID-19 update 18 March

You will be aware the Ministry of Health's Director-General has confirmed a case of COVID-19 in a Dunedin school following a student testing positive for coronavirus.

On advice from the Southern District Health Board the school will now remain closed until Tuesday (Monday being Otago Anniversary Day). Close contacts have been identified and are being tested for the virus. [The letter to the community from SDHB provides further information](#)

The Ministries of Education and Health are working closely with Public Health services in Dunedin and the school leadership to help minimise disruption, progress contact tracing and reduce the possibility of spread.

Reminder – schools remain open

At this stage, we are not expecting widespread school closures. We are planning for temporary closures, like what is happening at Logan Park School but as the World Health Organisation has confirmed, the risk to children remains low and parents should continue to send their kids to schools and early learning centres.

Consequently any decisions about school closures will be made on a case by case basis. In the meantime, unless students are unwell themselves, then parents should keep sending them to schools and early learning centres as these environments continue to be safe and the best place for them to continue their learning.

Talking to children and young people about COVID-19

Given the rise in the number of reported cases, there may be children or young people in your life who experience distress. As a trusted adult, you can help reassure and educate them about COVID-19 – it can be good to talk to them now, so they can understand the illness and be reassured.

[A useful resource for parents, caregivers, whānau and teachers talking about the virus with children and young people can be found here](#)

This can also be downloaded as an [information sheet](#).

Up-to-date information and advice

A reminder that information and advice for students, whānau and the education sector is [available here](#). While the website is being regularly updated with education-related content, the [Ministry of Health is the Government agency leading the response to COVID-19](#)

The Secretary for Education joined the Director-General of Health for the Ministry of Health's COVID 19 update today. You can view that, and all [Ministry of Health updates here](#).

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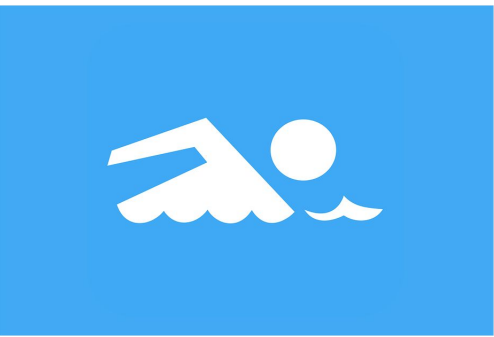


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