



**Taupo Primary School
Newsletter
Thursday 21 May, Week 6
'Ko te ako te maneatanga'
'Hooked on Learning'**



A huge and happy welcome back to everyone!

We have had a calm and relatively smooth transition back to school, despite the many restrictions and extra protocols we are having to implement and maintain.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding at this time and thank you for taking the time to read our updates and signs around the school. Your understandings and preparation of the students has certainly added to the smooth transition back.

We have had almost all our staff and 86% of our students back onsite this week. It has been fantastic to see their smiling faces as they come in the gate each morning (despite the cold!).

The classes and atmosphere on the whole has been very calm and students are getting back into a routine. Many are seeming tired today, however that is to be expected, this is like week 1 of the year again, it takes times to build up school stamina. **If you feel your child is just 'too tired' tomorrow, keep them home and aim for a full week next week. If this is the case, let the office know and we will mark this as a justified absence this week.**

Please take note of the reminders of our protocol in this newsletter, more detailed info is in last weeks updates (online and emailed out last week).



Tracking and Tracing - Parents can help by not coming into School.

While we want to operate as 'normal' as possible, during level 2 we are encouraged to limit the number of unnecessary people on school site. For this reason we are asking **parents / caregivers to avoid coming onsite if possible.**

ALL parents (apart from new entrant parents) will be required to be clear of the school site by 9.05am

Drop Off / Arriving At School

School **starts for all students** at the normal time of **8.55am.**

Students are welcome onsite from **8.15am** however classes will not be open until **8.30pm.** (Kelly Club will be operating for students that need care prior to 8.15).

Gate 1 (Main Office Gate - Tamamutu Street) will be the only gate open at **8.15am.**

Gate 3 (Ruapehu Street - Town Gate) will be open at **8.45**

Gate 5 (Titiraupenga Street - Bus Gate) will be open to allow bus students through then open for other students at **8.45.**

If an **adult** is coming onsite (please try and avoid doing so) please **enter and exit by the same gate.**

The large service (car) gate on Tamamutu Street will now be opened at 3pm for students to leave through. Parents MUST NOT ENTER through this gate.

Message from the Taupo Primary School Board of Trustees

The TPS Board is sincerely thankful to our amazing teachers and leaders for their dedication and professionalism in teaching our tamariki.

The weeks of Level 4 lockdown illustrated to us all their skill and enthusiasm for our school. They quickly learnt new skills to develop fantastic and regular online learning whilst being at home with their own families.

Online class meetings were held, links to reading, maths programs and science videos came regularly developing new knowledge and making connections with the class.

A huge thanks to the teachers and staff who moved out of their bubbles early returning to school to support our Level 3 whanau.

We are immensely proud of our TPS team in adapting to new Covid-19 requirements at Level 3 & 2, with a large number of new procedures developed quickly. We have amazing teachers and leadership.

Thank you from all of us.

TPS Board of Trustees.



Handwashing and Hand Sanitiser

This will be **COMPULSORY** for all students, staff and adults onsite.

The school has a range of sanitisers being used. If your child has sensitivities or will be bringing their own, please communicate this directly with your class teacher.

Anyone moving from one space into another will be expected to sanitise on entry and exit.



Stay home if you are sick

Call your GP before visiting them.
Or call Healthline on 0800 358 5453.

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[Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

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Sick Students

If students present with any illness symptoms, particularly any flu or cold like symptoms, we have been directed we **must send them home** and recommend that you seek further medical advice. Students are to stay home until they are no longer symptomatic. If your medical advice is to get a covid 19 test, your child is required to stay away from school until test results are back.



Upcoming Events

27 May

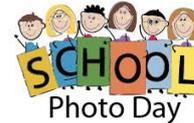
Life Education in school

29 May

Cancelled Community Wide Teacher only Day **Cancelled**

22 October

New date for School Photo Day



Drinking Fountains Remain Closed

Please send a **NAMED** water bottle to school.



Sick Teachers = Relievers

Be be aware that teachers are under the same protocols as students with regards to presenting with any flu or cold like symptoms. They are asked to stay at home and seek advice. This is very different for our dedicated staff, as in this profession you 'battle through' for the sake of your class. This can no longer be the case. For this reason you may start to notices that you child's class has more relievers than 'normal'. We ask for you patience and understanding as this will be an ongoing 'covid effect'.



HELP! HELP! HELP! Netball Coordinator/s Wanted

Is there a parent or caregiver that could help coordinate our school netball teams? This would entail sorting and registering all of our teams with the Taupo Netball Centre, engaging Managers and Coaches for each team and sorting out uniforms for our players. If you can help please contact the office by phone 378 4389 or email office@taupoprimary.school.nz ASAP.

Thank you.



COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY
ON SATURDAY
MAY 23
WITH THE VEGETATOR
VENNELL TEAM

We're allowed out of the house and it's planting season!

Our first planting of the year is planned along Wairakei Drive near Wairakei Golf and Sanctuary.

In light of COVID-19 Level 2, we will require social distancing during the event (the trees are pretty far apart!), and will have other guidelines in place to keep everyone safe. Join us at any time between 9am and 3pm. If you feel unwell, we ask you do not participate for the safety of the community.

Wear your gumboots and bring your own gardening gloves & spades. We'll be planting rain or shine so bring wet weather gear if required.

For more information, visit our website and like us on Facebook.

 www.greeningtaupo.org.nz

GREENING TAUPO
*Kia tangi ai te tiri parirau
to hear the sound of many wings*

JOIN US BETWEEN 9AM-3PM
On Wairakei Drive

Please park your vehicle at Wairakei Golf and Sanctuary, and walk north to the planting site.

Look out for the Greening Taupo signs.

Listen to More FM 93.6 for postponement & live updates

After school care options



- Before and after school care
- Held in our school hall

Register online

www.kellyclub.co.nz or email

taupo@kellyclub.co.nz



At School's Out Lakeside we have introduced a special rate of **just \$12 per day** for those only needing up to one hour of care for their child after school.

The usual sessional rate will apply if your child is collected after 4pm.

Contact Belinda now on 022 160 3117 for more information or to make a new booking!

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