



Taupo Primary School Newsletter Thursday 11 June, Week 9 'Ko te ako te maneatanga' 'Hooked on Learning'



TOP EXCITEMENT - WE ARE OPERATING WITHIN COVID-19 LEVEL 1!!!

I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Alert Level 1 early this week! We send out a parent update on Tuesday, this page contains much of that information and a few new things to know.

For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and how we are doing it. Our school continues to be safe to attend (including for any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID). Covid-19 is no longer a valid reason to be away from school. We have good cleaning routines in place, sanitiser will remain available, hand washing will still be encouraged. **Anyone** who is sick will still be required to stay at home, if symptoms present during the school day they will still be sent home.

We will not have clip board contact tracing for parents but we are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances – so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that. Parents onsite during the school day are required under our normal health and safety procedures, to sign in at the office and get a visitors sticker.

We are looking forward to inter-school and community sport, cultural events and performances and to welcoming all of our school community on site for these activities.

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding throughout this lengthy and challenging time. Together we got it done!



Drinking Fountains will get a good clean this week and be back in operation next week. We still recommend using a named drink bottle.

MORNING DROP OFF TIMES REMAIN THE SAME

Our three current pedestrian gates (Main office gate - Gate 1, The town gate - Gate 3, Bus Gate - gate 5) will be **unlocked at 8.15** for students. Classes will be open at 8.30.

We recommend not dropping off until 8.30, particularly over winter. **Horomatangi Gate - Gate 4 remains closed while construction is happening onsite.**

Kelly club is available in the hall for before school care from 7.30am.

Gates 3 and 5 will be locked through the day and unlocked for students to leave at 3pm.

Staffing and Class Updates

Next term we are super excited about **opening another new entrant room**. This is a term earlier than we anticipated, however in light of the Covid disruptions to the year, we have decided to absorb some additional cost and open early so that we can keep class numbers lower across the other NE classes for longer.

Due to building disruptions we will be locating this new class in the library. The library will be mostly relocated into another area.

To enable us to open this new class, Mrs Devonport will be leaving Room 4 and will work as the full time class teacher for the new new entrant class - 'Room 7'.

Mrs Kearins will remain in Room 4 and become their full time teacher.

Sadly, we farewell Mrs Lightfoot from Room 14, who is taking on a new adventure. We are working through a recruitment process to find an amazing replacement for the class.



Taupo Primary

Level 1 - Entry Protocol
We suggest you use the QR code to track your locations.



If you are onsite for any reason between 9.05am and 2.55pm
SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE
You will be issued with a visitors sticker prior to entering the grounds.

If you arrive for student pick up **before 2.55** and intend to wait until the bell, you need to sign in at the office. Please **wait OUTSIDE** the classroom, unless invited in by the teacher. Often, parents waiting in classrooms is causing disruption and a less settled environment for students to end the day in.

We Have Hit The Ground Running In Level 1

This week we have had a lot happening already for our students and staff!

- Youth Town have been in doing sport.
- Life Education Trust and Harold have been here doing a variety of health studies with students.
- Sport Waikato have been doing basketball sessions.
- Puppies and kittens have been to visit.
- Experts in Oral Language have been in classes working alongside teachers.
- Bike Taupo have been with us teaching students bike safety.
- The dental unit is up and running.
- Our construction crew is back!!!

Parents Supporting Learning In Classes

Nau Mai Haere Mai - Welcome, come on in!

While we have asked parents to stay out of the classrooms at the end of the day, we do not want to discourage you from being part of the class and learning environment.

Student learning is a partnership. If you would like to help out and be part of your child's journey, we invite you to communicate with the teacher and arrange times that are appropriate and beneficial for you to join your child/ren in their learning and in the classroom.



Tired Students

We have noticed that many of our students are tired and wired, including some of our senior students. Most of our senior students are falling asleep in class. Please help the school by getting your child to bed at a reasonable hour and by turning devices off.

Welcome to our new students Brooklyn, Ezra, Mason, Nathaniel, Olivia, Rhiannon and Riley



Upcoming Events

3 August

Whanau Korero (parent interviews) 3.30pm to 7.30pm

6 August

Whanau Korero 9am to 5.30pm (School closed)



KIDS' HOME AWAY FROM HOME! **JOIN THE CLUB**

Kelly Club Taupo is welcoming enrolments for term 2, 2020.

BOOK IN NOW TO SECURE YOUR CHILDS PLACE!

Kelly Club prides itself on our wide range of activities including cooking, arts and craft, sport and discovery.

Before - School - Care:
7.00am - 8.30am - \$10
7.30am - 8.30am - \$6
After - School - Care:
3.00pm - 4.30pm - \$13
3.00pm - 6.00pm - \$20

BOOK ONLINE TODAY

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LAKE TAUPO BASKETBALL

Kia ora.

Our Taupo Basketball 2020 Primary School leagues will begin on Friday 19 June.

This year we have two Primary Leagues; Junior Primary (Year 3&4) and Senior Primary (Years 5 & 6), they will run for 10 weeks (19 June to 3 July and 24 July to 4 September), cost is \$55 for the season with all games played at the AC Baths Events Centre.

There is still time to register, our registrations are open until 12 June 2020 – head to the Lake Taupo Basketball Facebook page for details of how to register online.

If you have any questions please email us on taupobasketball@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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