

Taupo Primary School
Newsletter
Thursday 20 August, Week 5
'Ko te ako te maneatanga'
'Hooked on Learning'



Taupo Primary School

2020 / 2021 Local Curriculum Review / Development Stage 1 - Broad Consultation

The Taupo Primary School Board of Trustees and Staff have an ongoing commitment to ensure the school is offering students learning experiences and approaches that reflect our community, place, people, history and future. This is called a local curriculum.

The local curriculum is the how, what and when we teach and learn, specific to Taupo Primary School. It is underpinned and directed largely by the New Zealand Curriculum, however the NZ Curriculum is designed in such a way that schools can teach its contents but to it in their own contexts.

Over the next 18 months the Board has committed to carrying out an in depth review of our local curriculum with the intention of developing, fine tuning or introducing anything that we need to, as we undertake this massive task.

Some of the key things we hope to achieve in this undertaking are:

- Ensure our foundational statements (Vision, Mission and Values) are still valid.
- Ensure we have a local curriculum that reflects our place, people and the learning opportunities available in our area.
- Simplify, streamline and achieve more cohesiveness throughout the many different aspects in a local curriculum.
- Make it Parent Friendly and easy to read and understand.
- Develop a series of graduate profiles (what we want for our learners by the time they leave our school or move from one area to another within our school).



This is a big piece of work and over the coming months we will be asking for your voice, your opinions, your feedback and ideas relating to different aspects within the curriculum design.

Our initial piece of consultation, to get the ball rolling, appears very simple, however it is designed to have results that can be used in a variety of ways that impact the curriculum design. It will help us begin to review at least 4 key aspects in a local curriculum.

It also gives us an broad overview of the communities thinking and will give us a springboard to tackle some more in depth consultation at a later date.



Keep your eye out for the link to the survey coming out next week. Paper copies will also available on request at the office.



Our initial survey will have at least 3 main spot prizes (\$100 gift card, 2 x \$50 gift cards), and a collection of smaller prizes (chocolate and treats). To enter simply add your name (or an identification code - *instructions for this will be in the survey*) at the bottom of the survey.

We thank you in advance for your time, thoughts and ideas. We look forward to getting stuck into the work that will come from your contributions.

Covid 19 - Level 2 Continues

A huge **thank you** for your ongoing support as we continue to navigate and operate under level two requirements. As much as possible, for the students, we are school as normal and most learning programmes have been unaffected.

It seems the most affected area is community or interschool sports. At this time of year we have a number of students representing our school by playing team sports organised by an association. As a school we will support each organisation in the decisions that are made, and if they continue to run observing appropriate safety measures, we will encourage our students to participate, however, it is ultimately up to each parent to decide if they wish for their child to participate.

We are allowing onsite training to continue with appropriate physical distancing from the coaches.

We have a couple of school events coming up, Junior cross country and senior school swimming - we will make a decision about these events closer to the time.



Attendance is Expected

At this point in time, the government information clearly states schools are a safe place to be. Students are expected to attend unless they are in isolation or unwell.



Drink Bottles

We encourage all students to bring their own named drink bottles.



Parents can help by not coming into School.

We will be going back to contact tracking and tracing in level 2. 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.**

Any parents coming onsite will need to sanitise and sign in then sign out (or scan the tracking code). Student tracking will happen through our digital school roll.

ALL parents (apart from new entrant parents) will be required to be clear of the school site by 9.05am or have come to the office for a visitors sticker.



Drop Off / Arriving At School

School will **start for all students** at the normal time of **9am**

Students are welcome onsite from **8.15am** (Kelly Club will be operating for students that need care prior to this).

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 **8.45am.**

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 and sign in and sign out.**



Pick Up / Leaving School

School will finish for all students at **3pm.** **Please ensure students are picked up promptly.**

Gate 1, 2, 3 and 5 will be in use. We encourage you to arrange a predetermined gate and meet your child at the gate as opposed to coming in to collect them. **If coming onsite to collect you will be required to sanitise and sign in, then out again.**

If Sick, Stay at Home

If children or staff are unwell or presenting unwell, they need to stay at home and ideally seek and follow medical advice from the health line or a GP. This may mean we see an increased number of relievers in classes.



Remember to social distance.



Upcoming Events

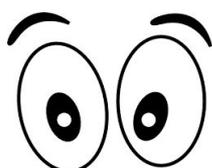
- 31 August Swimming starts for Rooms 16-21, \$20 per student for Transport
- 1st Sept Junior Cross Country, 11:30am start - Back Field
Postponement Thurs 3rd September
Order approximately: Year 1 girls / boys, Year 0 girls/ boys, Year 2, Year 3
- 2nd Sept Interschool Cross Country
- 14 Sept Stay Safe September through St Johns (all classes)

**Welcome to our
new students
Viraaj and Isobel**



Celebrating being Hooked On Learning!

We hope you enjoyed seeing what was happening in our middle school team in the last newsletter. We look forward to sharing a glimpse into what our senior school is up to in next week's newsletter!
Watch this space.



FUN FIRST FOOTBALL

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