

‘Ko te ako te maneatanga’ ‘Hooked on Learning’ Week 9 Celebrating being **HOOKED ON LEARNING** Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Kia ora e te whanau,

Te Whakauru i te kapa i tenei tau. Introducing the team this year...

Room 14 **Karen Watson**
Room 15 **Liz France**

Room 16 **Danielle Collard** (Team Leader)
Room 17 **Mandy Woodcock**

Room 18 **Jo Dundas**
Sarah Sade Deputy Principal

We are one of two senior school teams. As a school we are currently looking at new team names and hope to have this out to our community soon. In the meantime welcome to the year 4 and 5 ohu or community...



Liz France, Karen Watson, Sarah Sade, Mandy Woodcock, Jo Dundas and Danielle Collard



Akoranga Koiri Inter School Athletics

Our interschool athletes had a very successful day. Our school came third overall which is a fantastic achievement as there is a lot of talent in our Taupō community. More importantly, we won the Sportsmanship trophy of which they are very proud. Congratulations to everyone who participated and helped out on the day!

Results

Girls

Heidi Westerman (Yr 5) 3rd Vortex, 2nd 400m
Ashleigh Pettman (Yr 5) - 1st High Jump, 1st Sprints
Alyssa Hemopo (Yr 6) 1st Vortex
Saphire Hammond (Yr 6) - 3rd High Jump
Shyan Wickliffe (Yr 6) - 1st Long Jump
Sophie Jones (Yr 6) - 2nd Long Jump
Haidee Milne (Yr 6) - 3rd 400m, 2nd 800m

Boys

Angus Eyre (Yr 4) - 2nd Vortex
Degan Asher (Yr 4) - 2nd High Jump, 3rd Long Jump, 2nd Sprints
Pablo Stewart (Yr 4) - 3rd 400m, 1st 800m
Caleb Foster (Yr 4) - 3rd 800m
Finn Dunbar (Yr 5) - 2nd Long Jump
Taylor Keremete (Yr 5) - 3rd Vortex
Daezon Hooper (Yr 6) - 1st High Jump
Jackson Wilks (Yr 6) - 3rd Long Jump, 2nd 800m
Kohara Devundara (Yr 6) - 3rd 800m

Boys Relay Team (Yr 5 & 6) - 2nd - Daezon Hooper, Tidus Hooper, Jackson Wilks, Finn Dunbar



Floating Classroom

Our experience with the floating classroom on the Chris Jolly boat was interesting and amazing. Whaea Kristy told us about some of the Tuwharetoa Maori histories, legends and the importance of our significant sights.



Orokohanga

The Creation story of Ngati Tuwharetoa through the Visual Arts with Kristy Northcroft



We learnt about telling a story through art (whakapapa) and using colour to represent a meaning or an idea. We used colour boldly and brightly to fill the space completely. We commented on the works of others and our own art.



Year 5 Cycle Skills

On Thursday last week, the Year 5 students took part in a cycle skills session with four instructors. We learnt how to adjust our helmets, check our bikes, hop on our bikes safely, have our pedals ready to ride and indicate if we wanted to turn left, right or stop. We had to practice how to balance on our bikes and ride with one hand. We really enjoyed learning these new cycle skills.



Working Collaboratively

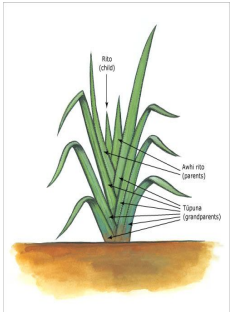
The senior school have been doing daily fitness together. We love working with our buddy class on STEAM activities. Our Purple Day was lots of fun. We help each other with our learning.



Whakapapa



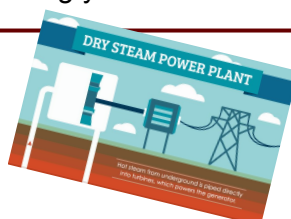
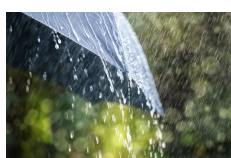
We have been researching our Whakapapa and the Connections we have throughout Te Ao - The World. We are very lucky to have links to; *Brazil, Fiji, Scotland, England, South Africa, Germany, Ireland, Rarotonga, as well as our own beautiful Maori culture here in Aotearoa New Zealand.* Through Research and Art we have had some great learning conversations and made some special connections about ourselves and our families. We have been learning to say our Pepeha confidently and with mana.



Coming Up in Term 2 Y4-6 Senior School Learning...

We are going to learn the stories of two significant Tuwharetoa chiefs Ngatoroirangi and Tia who arrived from Hawaiki on the Te Arawa waka. Learn the stories of how they journeyed into "Te puku o te ika a Maui" or into the belly of Maui's fish. Along the way we are going to learn and discover the stories of how the region and places in our beautiful community were named by our two chiefs...and where wai or the waters of the lake came from and how we see them today.

Next term the senior school will be continuing with a focus on localised learning through our beautiful community or hāpori...a geothermal wonderland as it once was described to us. Our overall arching theme will be Wai or water. We hope to discover, visit, challenge and create our thinking about wai. We hope to explore how our Maori culture uses storytelling to explain their world, why we need to protect our Taupō treasures...stories, environment, water... Look at local and global issues and consider...Is the world today better than the world in the past? What happens when water is a solid, gas or liquid? We aim to venture into all our beautiful curriculum areas with this theme. We look forward to working within our community and we hope you come along and learn alongside us...we love having you here.



Our Learning and Whanau Hui

This term as a senior school we have been looking at student agency. This means that our learners know what they are learning, why they are learning it and more importantly how they know they have learnt it. In the senior school we have introduced reading, writing and math scorecards. These scorecards have all the learning goals that a child needs to be successful at their level of ability. This allows our learners to know what the next level of learning looks like for them. This is then unpacked with all our learners.

Children are being exposed and are starting to use these scorecards to create their own learning goals and next steps. As part of whanau hui or interviews this year we would like all our learners to share with their whanau what they have been learning and what they need to work on next. This will give our learners an audience and build our partnership with all. We believe that partnerships include your child, you and the teacher. All three need to work and walk alongside one another. Please bring your child to the whanau hui or interviews with you.

How to Book an Interview or Time for a Whanau Hui? This Term Week 11...

To book your time please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Enter Event Code: **73y9x**

Select Go and follow instructions

Always feel free to pop in and let us help you

When ERO or the Education Review Office visited Taupo Primary School (October 2019) one of their recommendations was to ensure that standardised testing was included. We introduced math last year with PAT testing. This has continued again in 2021. However, to improve this for some of our learners we have started using adaptive testing. This is where artificial intelligence measures a child response and adapts the test to make sure it is not too challenging and not too hard. This form of testing has been used with some learners who need extending in their maths or learners who are working above their expected level. Some of these learners are working at level 5 of the NZ Curriculum or years 9-10. Exciting news for our math programs, but challenging to ensure we cater for all our learners. We are lucky to be working again with Vince Wright who lives in our community and is a well known math expert in New Zealand and Australia. Part of the work we are doing is working with Vince for these high level math learners. In 2021 we have also introduced PAT reading. The results of these have not yet been looked at but we are excited to see what the data tells us.

Does your child have dyslexia or dyspraxia?

Early next term the senior school will be working on introducing a Text Help program. This is like an app that can be used on devices across all platforms that we learn in (all classes in Y4-6 are now digital learners). We plan on running some workshops with our learners on how to use this app more efficiently. We have a large number of students who have dyslexia, dyspraxia, auditory processing disorders or find the physical task of typing or writing mentally draining. This app will help support our learner to talk to their devices and record their work or mahi. Removing some of the challenges our learners face. We as teachers look forward to using the app too and making it part of our normalised program. It is predicted that key boards eventually will be obsolete.

The great news is that your child will be able to use this app at home on a home device too. This is simple by logging in through their school email address. How cool is that! This year will be a trial year and we hope it will form part of our long term systemic planning for learners with dyslexia, auditory processing disorder, dyspraxia, and many other barriers our learners face on a daily challenge at school.

I know staff are looking forward to using the app as a tool to...our devices will be able to read back our reports...we will be able to say or orally talk into our device to write up a unit of work for tamariki...much faster to talk than it is to write!

Diary Dates

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| Week 9 | Friday 2 April | School Closed Good Friday |
| Week 10 | Monday 5 April | School Closed Easter Monday |
| Week 10 | Tuesday 6 April | School Closed Easter Tuesday |
| Week 10 | Wednesday 7 April | Go Girls Cricket |
| Week 11 | Monday 12 April | Parent Interviews - <u>school closed from 12.30pm</u> |
| Week 11 | Wednesday 14 April | Parents Interviews from 3.30pm |
| Week 11 | | Football Taster Sessions Y1-2 |
| Week 11 | | Cycle Safety Year 4 |
| Week 11 | Friday 16 April | Last day of Term 1 |
| Term 2, Week 1 | Monday 3 May | First day of Term 2 |

Year 6 Camp

New dates have now been confirmed for our Year 6 camp at Whakaipo Bay.

Tuesday 30th November - Thursday 2nd December



SECOND-HAND BIKE SALE

SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2021 - 9AM TO 1PM
NORTHGROFT RESERVE (NEXT TO MARKET CENTRAL)

Cash up that old bike or hunt for a pre-loved bargain.

Take anything you want to sell and register on-site from 9:00am.

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All proceeds from the \$5 bike selling fee goes to support the work of Kids Bike Taupō.
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KELLY CLUB

KIDS' HOME AWAY FROM HOME Parent Interview 1/2 Day

Building, sewing, crafting, games and sports.

ALL WRAPPED UP IN ONE AFTERNOON

Parent Interview Day Monday 12th April the school is closed from 12:30, so join us for a great afternoon at Kelly Club Taupo.

Look forward to seeing you there!!

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| Before School Session 7:30-8:30 \$10.00 8:00-8:30 \$4.00 | Intermediate Session 12:30-2:00pm \$13.00 | Half Session 12:30-3:00pm \$20.00 | After Pick up Session 12:30-4:00pm \$25.00 | Open Pick up Session 12:30-5:00pm \$30.00 | After Pick up Session 12:30-6:00pm \$35.00 |
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