

'Ko te ako te maneatanga' 'Hooked on Learning' Newsletter Term 1, Week 10

Kia ora e te whānau,
I hope everyone enjoyed, what has become a very occasional, mid term easter break. It has left us with a very short week, but like all this term it has been packed with lots of actions, activities, adventures and learning.

We are looking forward to having you in next week for meetings with the teachers. This is a chance to discuss how the year is progressing, where your child is at within aspects of their learning, how you can help or support them at home and within the programmes at school and much much more. You will have noted in previous newsletters that we are **finishing early on Monday (12.30pm)**, this is to allow enough time for all interviews across two afternoon / evenings.

Next week is the last week of term 1, our newsletter will be a celebration of learning for our Year 2 students. We are looking forward to sharing this with you.



Go Girls Cricket

On Wednesday a group of girls from Taupo Primary School attended the Go Girls Cricket tournament. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Liz France for organising this and taking the girls to this event and all the parents that helped out on the day. Without your support we cannot give these opportunities to our tamariki.



Board Of Trustee Policy Review

Home Learning (Homework Policy)

You are welcome to give your feedback and thoughts about the Board's Policy / Procedure on Home Learning. To do this please follow the instructions below.

- Visit the website
<https://taupoprimary.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
- Enter the username (**taupoprimary**) and password (**hookedon**).
- Search for the 'Home Learning' Policy
- Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- Select the reviewer type "Parent".
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.
- If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



Whanau Hui

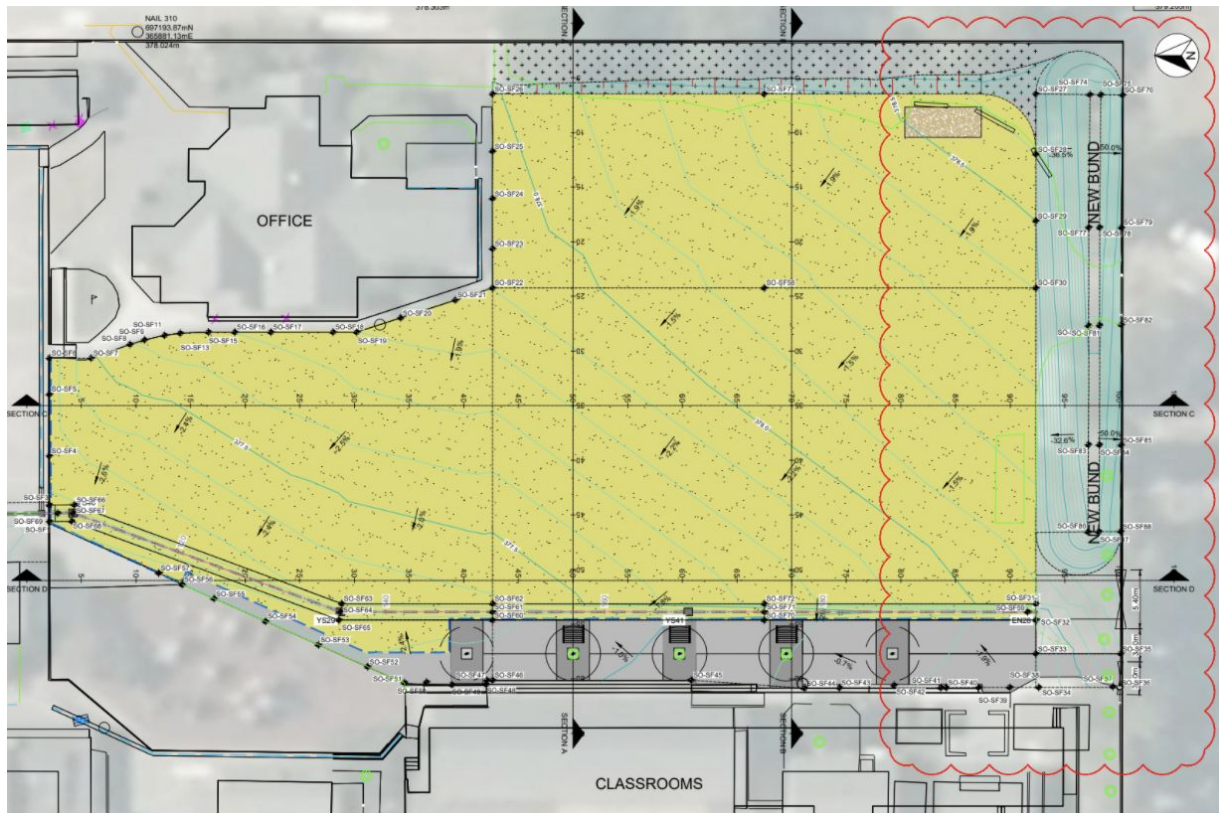
(Parent /Teacher Interviews)
Monday and Wednesday next week. If you have not made an appointment follow the instructions attached or call the office asap.

Reminder

To allow time for all interviews we have a **short day on Monday**. All students need to be picked up at **12.30**.

School Playing Field Renewal Project

You will notice work progressing well on the school field. The earth that has been excavated to make way for irrigation and new quality topsoil, has begun to be repurposed as a raised bund on Titiraupunga Street, allowing for an array of new planting and trees, while creating a barrier between the students play space and the new town bypass road system. Below is a basic plan of what is happening and the end goal.



Our contractors have been working overtime to try to get this project completed in the shortest window possible, they were here working over the statutory holiday easter break. We are anticipating at least another couple of weeks of construction and project works. After the field has been grassed we have been told to expect at least 3 months of establishment before we can begin to utilise the space again. We look forward to sharing with you some of the new and exciting ways we have planned for our tamariki to keep them entertained, energized and exercised next term, from juggling, skipping, gymnastics and more!



Changes To Road Systems Around The School

You may also have seen the plans for road changes announced by the council. There will be some impact on the school. The board have been working closely with the council to understand, have a say in, and work together towards ways of minimising these effects. For example, providing a push button crossing, safer crossing points on side roads, easier access to our back field, noise mitigation etc. More information about what the council is doing can be found on the council website (on the above photo).

Anzac Day Service

We would love the school to be represented at one of the Anzac Day Services on Sunday 25 April at the Cenotaph. If you and your child are interested in coming to a service please email mandyw@taupoprimary.school.nz Further information will come home in next week's newsletter.

Hockey and Netball

Hockey and netball fees are due in this week. There are still a number of outstanding fees. We are unable to register our teams until everyone's fees are paid. We are also asking for any netball, hockey or basketball uniforms to be returned to school ASAP. Please hunt around at home and drop these into the school office. Thank you.



Diary Dates

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 and 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

PRINTMAKING WORKSHOPS



CREATIVE FUN THESE HOLIDAYS

Wednesday, April 21st, 10 - 12 pm

Wednesday, April 28th, 10 - 12 pm

Taupō Intermediate School

Cost - \$20 - bookings essential

Contact Sally-Ann Davies

sally@sallyanndavies.com or 0276869993

For more information check out
www.sallyanndavies.com/workshops

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WEEK 1



TUESDAY APRIL 20, 10.30-11.30AM CORE SAMPLING WITH SAND

Make your own core sample, then head over to Taupō Museum to see the Te Awa Reo exhibition which features a core sample from the Whanganui River!



THURSDAY APRIL 22, 10.30-11.30AM PEA CONSTRUCTION

Build amazing structures using the humble pea. Will it be a hap-pes ending, or a catastro-pees?



FRIDAY APRIL 23, 10.30-11.30AM BALLOON ROCKET

Design your own rocket made from a balloon.

WEEK 2



THURSDAY APRIL 29, 10.30-11.30AM GEODESIC DOMES

Spheroids from triangles? Preposterous! Build your very own geodesic dome and work an engineering marvel!



FRIDAY APRIL 30, 10.30-11.30AM ROBOTIC HANDS

The robot revolution draws near. You can help it along by creating a robotic version of your own hand.

LITTLE SCIENTISTS SCAVENGER HUNT

Throughout the holidays, both Taupō and Turangi libraries are running a STEMenger hunt (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics scavenger hunt) where children can learn about these wonderful worlds through our libraries.

Children just need to pick up a STEMenger hunt sheet from either library and then find facts and information about eight scientific masterminds to learn about their discoveries. After answering all the questions on the sheet, it can be returned to the front desk to redeem a small prize!

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