

# Taupo Primary School

# 'Ko te ako te maneatanga' 'Hooked on Learning' Newsletter Term 2, Week 1

Cooler Weather is Upon Us. We have lots of second hand school polar fleeces available. Contact the office for more info.

#### Welcome to term 2,

We certainly began the term with a bit of a chilly start!

Welcome to all our new students and their families that started this week. With our new entrant numbers growing slightly faster than anticipated, we have opened our third new entrant space a term earlier than expected, so welcome to Mrs Kate Pearce, who is the teacher in room 1.

We also welcome Mrs Andrea Howard, who is covering a class in the senior school for a few weeks.

We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of exciting and engaging learning planned out across the school. Alongside this we have winter sports beginning, Kapa Haka underway, Dance NZ Made starting to train, bush school for some of our junior classes to name a few! We try to communicate all our school happenings on multiple platforms. These include seesaw, facebook, school app, newsletters and emails. If you think you may not be connected via any of these platforms get in touch with the office so we can help you out. Please take note of the important reminders within this newsletter.

#### **Morning Drop Off**

Please DO NOT drop students off before 8.15am.

Classroom are not open to students until 8.30am.

#### **Afternoon Pick Up**

School finishes at 3pm. Students need to be picked up by 3.10pm. If you will be late please let the office know.

Please do not be offended if we send you a personal reminder text or letter about drop off times.

## **Emergency Evacuations**

While the field is out of action, our evacuation meeting point is the courts closest to the dental building. During emergencies, parents not already onsite, are expected to wait outside the gates until further advice is given from emergency services.





**Our School Gates** 

You will notice that we have 5 pedestrian gates available for students to come and go from school. We endeavour to have these gates all open around 8.30am for drop off and then again just before 3pm for pick up.

The gates within close vicinity to town (gates 2, 3, 4) are all locked through the day. This is for student safety, ie ensuring students cannot wander into town when parents come in and leave the gate ajar. It also helps ensuring we are monitoring adults that come onsite and should be signing in and out at the office etc.

At times, the adults in charge of unlocking the gates may get held up, if you come across a locked gate, it is not very far to walk to find the next gate. If you would like to be onsite before 2.55pm, please use the office gate, it is always unlocked.

### **School Field Update**

You will be able to see that the bulk of the work has been completed on our school field renewal project. The new playing, eating and learning spaces outside room 16-21 look fantastic and are already being well utilized.

We are all eagerly awaiting the arrival of the first shoots of grass to appear! There has been plenty of fascination with the watering system (which has a little bit of tweaking left to ensure water is going where it needs to go... apologies to room 21 who got a little wet doing a science experiment on their new concrete area).





Diary Dates		
Week 2	11 May	Biking Rooms 1, 3 and 7, 2pm Backfield
Week 2	12 May	Structured Literacy Parent Information Session - New Entrant/ Year 1 parents, (Room 1,2,3,6 and 7), 6-7pm, staffroom
Week 2	12 May	Biking Rooms 2 and 6, 2pm Backfield
Week 3	19 May	Structured Literacy Parent Information Session - Year 2 and 3 (Rooms 8 -13) 6-7pm, staffroom
Week 3	21 May	Pink Day for anti-bullying awareness (no gold coin)
Week 5	4 June	Arbor day and green dress-up day for Greening Taupo, gold coin
Week 6	11 June	Cycle Skills Room 18
Week 9	8 July	Mid Year Reports come home
Week 10	9 July	Last day of Term 2
Term 3	26 July	First day of Term 3

# Taupō Primary Structured Literacy Parent Information Session New Entrant/ Year 1 parents (Room 1,2,3,6 and 7)

Wednesday 12th May 6 - 7 pm (Staffroom)

Please note the session times for Year 2 and 3 whanau below.

Year 2 and 3 (Rooms 8 -13) Wednesday 19th May 6-7 pm

Kia ora whānau

All New Entrant and Year 1 whānau are invited to attend an information session to learn more about the structured literacy approach that we are beginning to use at Taupō Primary.

Ros Thompson, our Taupō based Resource Teacher for Literacy alongside our Classroom Teachers will share information about the approach and how it works. We will provide information and tips on how you can help support your children at home. Childcare will be available in the library should you require it.

A form will be sent out via seesaw/ school app for you to fill out if you would like to attend. Alternatively there will be paper forms at the office. Please email if you have any queries <a href="mailto:kirstyt@taupoprimarv.school.nz">kirstyt@taupoprimarv.school.nz</a>

We look forward to seeing you there.



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