

"Hooked on learning"



Taupo Primary School

# 'Ko te ako te maneātanga' 'Hooked on Learning' Newsletter Term 2, Week 5

## Green Day tomorrow - Friday 4th June

Gold coin donation for Greening Taupo



Taupo Primary School

go green  
with us!

We are super excited to be participating in  
**#GreeningTaupoDay**

[www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/greeningtaupoday](http://www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/greeningtaupoday)



### Playing Field Update

You may have noticed that our field is rapidly turning green! But this week you may also have noticed some machinery and soil back on the school field.

An unexpected drainage issue is being rectified. Once this is completed the contractors will be spreading hydro mulch over the whole field. We have been told this will cover our existing grass growth for a short time, but will not interrupt its growth. It will also give the new seed being laid more warmth and insulation to germinate.

All in all the field and bund is taking shape nicely and we are excited to see it continue to grow green!



# Taupō Primary Pōwhiri

You are invited to Taupō Primary on Friday 11th June to attend a pōwhiri to welcome our new tamariki (children), whanau (families) and kaiako (teachers).

If you would like to speak on behalf of the manuhiri (visitors) please email Sarah Sade [sarahs@taupoprimary.school.nz](mailto:sarahs@taupoprimary.school.nz)

Please meet outside the school hall at 9:10 am

We look forward to seeing you there

Ngā mihi nui  
Taupō Primary Staff



## Evacuation and Emergency Procedures

We have been working with consultants to update and renew our emergency procedures.

Next Tuesday they will be at school running some training assemblies with students and training sessions with staff. On Wednesday morning, as part of the training, the consultants will come and facilitate a drill with the whole school.



## Volunteers, Helpers and Visitors - Amendment to Policy / Procedures

We LOVE having volunteers and visitors at school supporting students and learning. You will note we have a bunch of people onsite at different times supporting in different ways. Many of these adults are **volunteers or visitors** to the school.

The board has carried out an assurance process on Police vetting and Student Safety, as a result it has been decided that all volunteers or visitors that are spending time in classrooms or interacting with students (that are here on a **regular or frequent basis**) should be police vetted. This has been decided at a board level to help ensure any adult having regular interactions with your child/ren (in a position to build a relationship with students) is safe to do so. This is a slight change to the police vetting criteria in our school.

Over the coming weeks we will be asking many of our amazing helpers, volunteers and frequent/regular visitors, to carry out a police vet.

Please do not be offended or feel put off if we ask for you to be police vetted.

Further and more detailed information on this process will be available from the office from the 9th of June (this is later than originally posted due to our Principal being away on medical leave).



## Diary Dates

Week 5	4 June	Arbor day and green dress-up day for Greening Taupo, gold coin
Week 6	8 -10 June	Biking, Junior School (notice below)
Week 6	9 June	PTA/AGM Meeting, 6.30pm, school staffroom
Week 6	11 June	Powhiri for New Students and Families 9.15am
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
Term 3	9 August	Teacher Only Day - Parent Teacher Interviews



Each week 5 of our students visit the RDA centre once a week. RDA provides a therapeutic horse riding programme call Riding for Development to increase confidence, self esteem, muscle strength and coordination in the children who participate. The students build strong relationships with the horses and volunteers they work with. Our students are very lucky to be included in this programme and love to attend. Students in this photo, from left to right: AJ, Paige, Landon and Neco

### Taupo Primary School PTA/AGM Meeting

Wednesday 9 June 2021  
6.30pm - School Staffroom

We are also calling for new members to join the PTA. If you are interesting in joining please contact Amanda on 02202321154

To Parents and Caregivers,

Cath from Bike Taupo is coming to work with our children.

### Biking

**Tuesday 8th June**

**\*Room's 3 and 7 at 2pm**  
(Back field)

**Wednesday 9th June**

**\*Room's 2 and 6 at 2pm**  
(Back field)

**Thursday 10th June**

**\*Room 1 at 2pm**  
(School courts)

Please bring your child's helmet / bike (with freshly pumped up tyres) and park them outside your child's classroom. Covered shoes also please.

Caregivers are welcome to come and help.

Many thanks for your ongoing support. Nga Kakano teachers.

Taupo Primary School is committed to ensuring that all our tamariki get the most out of their education and wants to support our tamariki to maintain regular attendance. Students who attend school regularly learn more and achieve better results. Sustained absence affects educational achievement and can lead to significantly reduced opportunities later in life, including becoming the victim or offender of crime.

As parents, you have an important role in ensuring that your child attends school whenever it is open, unless there is a good reason for their absence. Acceptable reasons for absence include sickness or serious family circumstances, such as bereavement. Where there is a good reason for absence, please contact the school on 07 3784389 or 0221046176 to let us know as soon as possible.

Taupo Primary School takes a holistic approach to attendance and while we will be monitoring all unexplained absences, we take the view that any day missed, whether unexplained or not, is a missed opportunity. Therefore, if your young person is expected to be away for a period through illness or otherwise, please make contact so we can ensure your young person's learning continues.

We understand that it's not always that easy to get your young person to school every day. If you need support or advice, please contact us so we can work with you to find a solution early.

If students frequently miss school, we will be contacting parents to request a meeting and to work with you to encourage better attendance. If the unexplained absences persist, we will send a formal warning letter, and may involve other agencies, such as the District Truancy Service, to follow up on the reason for the absence.

If ongoing unexplained absence continues, a formal notice of prosecution and court action may follow.

Please work with us to ensure that prosecutions can be avoided and help support your child to attend school regularly this year.

Attendance is important and every day counts.



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