"Hooked on learning"



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Thurs 22 Sept

Yr 0-4 5-6pm Yr 4-6 6:30-7:30 (Yr 4 only attend 1 disco)

Gold coin

Sausage Sizzle Drinks, chips, glow sticks



'Ko te ako te maneatanga'
'Hooked on Learning'
Thursday 22 September,
Term 3, Week 9



All the best to our DanceNZ Made team going to the Nationals this weekend.

REMINDER



Passion Projects Open Day for Whanau Tuesday 27th September 11.30-1.00 In the school HALL Week 10...

The Senior School are nearly at the end of their Passion Projects and now it's time to share what we have been working on with our community and whanau. Do you have a child in year 3 this year joining the senior school in 2023 and would like to get a small glimpse of what learning looks like? Nau mai haere mai everyone to our open day being held in the hall **Tuesday 27th September from 11.30-1.00 pm...**completely student driven.

What are Passion Projects?

This term, the Senior School students have been completing a passion project based on each student's interests. Passion Projects are investigative activities which help unlock students' passions and allow them to find joy in the learning process.

Every week, classes have spent time researching their passions and sharing their learning. Students have planned and managed their own learning project - gathering information, developing learning skills, creating, discussing and refining their work.

Teachers become mentors and coaches, who facilitate in-depth learning and support students in each step of the inquiry process.

Planting Day

Despite the weather forecast and coming and going of rain, a group of students still got to work Greening Taupo to get some of our plants into the ground, create a lizard garden and learn about different tree species.

We still have lots of grounds and gardens projects that need completing, and we will be looking for a new date for a mini garden working bee!



Thank You Greening Taupo For you support, help and education!



A local journalist - Rupert Holborow, has taken an interest in our every changing flags, he has written a wonderful article featuring our school and the flags we fly.

https://www.taupo.info/news/there-something-fascinating-about-flagsand-taupo-primary-school-tapping-best-these-powerful-0

There is something fascinating about flags...and Taupo Primary School is tapping into the best of these powerful symbols

According to the United Nations there are, today, 193 countries in the world and, notwithstanding the levelling effect in recent decades of easy travel and instant communication, their diversity remains astounding...countries vary in size from over 1 billion to as small as 11,000 (Nauru); there are countries of significant wealth and those suffering abject poverty; secular states and states which follow a strict religious code...there are democracies and autocracies and everything in between.

Notwithstanding this incredible diversity, almost all of them share one thing in common - they adopt a national flag as a symbol of recognition, of statehood. And this is where flags begin to get fascinating and warrant more reflection than perhaps we give them. We often just accept them as a given...without appropriately reflecting on how powerful they are as symbols variously of goodness, stress, newness or, least appealingly, aggression or threat.

I suspect all of us would regard what is often recorded as the world's oldest flag (the red and white flag of Denmark - dating back to 1219) as a flag representative of a region generally, namely Scandinavia, which inclines to 'goodness' - liberalism, tolerance and inclusion. And, of course, today the proud blue and yellow flag of the Ukraine is recognised everywhere as the symbol of a country under terrible, unwarranted, stress. Similarly new flags, which have emerged in recent decades variously as a result of decolonization, the collapse of the former USSR or individual struggles for independence (such as Timor Leste), are a constant reminder of the fragility and fluidity of nation states. And it is worthy of us to keep commending Germany (today a good country) for its vigilance in enforcing the ban on the swastika - a horrific symbol of the most awful period in that country's history.

All this to suggest that flags are extremely powerful symbols but are not uniformly good or bad...their character and how we view them always wants to be seen within the context of their use. And this brings me to the charm of the story to hand...the constantly changing flags flying over Taupo Primary School.







Diary Dates					
Week 5-10	KoS	Keeping Ourselves Safe Program Starts School Wide (working alongside Police and community Constable Tash)			
Week 9	TONIGHT (22 September)	PTA Disco, Year 0-4, 5-6pm, Year 4-6, 6.30pm to 7.30pm NB Year 4's can only attend one disco			
Week 9-10	19-30 Sep	Swimming Year 0/1 Classes and Room 14			
Week 10	29 September	Final Auditions for Taupō Primary School Talent Show Being Held in Term 4			
Week 10	27 September	Passion Projects Open Day Whanau Welcome 11.30-1.00 Y4-6 Classes			
Term 4, Week 1	17 & 21 October	Cricket Tasters Y5/6			
Week 2	18 October	PTA Meeting, 6.30 pm in the staffroom. New members welcome.			
Week 2	27 October	Senior School Athletics, Owen Delany Park			
Week 2	28 October	Y6 Visit Taupō Intermediate			
Week 3	3 November	Taupō Talent Show			
Week 5	16 November	Interschool Athletics Y4-6			
Week 7-8	28 Nov- 9 Dec	Swimming Y2/3 Classes			
Week 7	1 December	Y6 Graduation Dinner PTA			
Week 9	12 December	End of Year Reports Come Home and Class Placements 2023			
Week 9	14 December	SCHOOL CLOSES			

	¥ 3		eek Let's Dan	ce!	Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Taupo
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 - 8:15 am	Craft Samples & Structured Free Time	Dancing Sensory Bottle & Structured Free Time	Paper Plane Competition & Structured Free Time	Dance Ribbons & Structured Free Time	Muffins & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Chicken Tag	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Musical Status	Game: Stuck in the Mud	Game: Captions Coming
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Soup, Garlic Bread & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Muffins & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Zip Zap Boing	Game: Rainbow Rush	Game: Crab Football	Game: Tug O War	Game: Musical Statues
	CRAFT Paper Doll Dancer	GAME Dance Battle	DISCOVERY Spinning Top Challenge	SPORT Musical Basketball	COOKING Spinning Pinwheels
3:45 - 4:30 pm					
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Baking
	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
4:50 - 5:15 pm					Game: Zombie Tag

See what's happening at kelly club next week (week 10)

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