

# TAUPŌ SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER - TERM 1, 2019

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We welcome students and families to Taupo Syndicate in 2019!



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## Leadership Focus

Each student will look into their own inquiry on how they can be an effective leader.

In class we will be scaffolding students to help them construct an inquiry that attempts to answer their investigative questions.

Students will look at:

What is the past? (Legacy - what we leave behind)

What do I want to be remembered for?

What makes a good leader?

How do I influence people? (By being a leader)

What are the traits of a good leader?

## Meet the Teacher

Interviews will be held with your child's new teacher to discuss any information between you and the teacher that you feel is important and informative. It's also a chance for you to make sure your parent contact details are correct, sign up to your child's Seesaw account and find out about what's coming up in Taupo Syndicate during Term 1.

## Meet the Teacher (Thursday 7th February 3.10pm - 8pm)

## Camp

There is still more room for any parents that want to attend as a parent helper. Also, if you haven't yet filled out the form to give your child permission yet then please click on this [link](#) and complete it. Please pay by using your parent account or in at the school office.

## Taupo Bike Camp Meeting For Camp Parents (Monday 11th February @ 7pm in Staffroom)

A gear list and information about camp will be sent home in the first week back at school and students will inform families of their meal plans they are expected to organise early in the second week of school.

Taupo Bike Camp 2019 to be held at Kaitoke Regional Park on:

<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Camp 1: Room 17 &amp; 18</b>	<b>18th - 20th February 2019</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Camp 2: Room 14, 15 &amp; 16</b>	<b>20th - 22nd February 2019</b>

Postponement Dates:

<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Camp 1: Room 17 &amp; 18</b>	<b>4th - 6th March 2019</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Camp 2: Room 14, 15 &amp; 16</b>	<b>6th - 8th March 2019</b>

## Languages

This year students will undergo learning an introduction to three different languages. In Term 1, starting in Week 5 on Wednesday's, students will again learn Sign Language from a Deaf Tutor. These lessons will finish half way through Term 2.

## Hoodies

Taupo Hoodies will be available just like in 2018 at the same price of \$55. Sample hoodies are available at the office to try on for sizing only. Check out the hoodie [notice](#) on how you can order a hoodie. Hoodies are ordered in lots of 10 to keep costs down. The samples in the office are only here for 1 month only so get ordering!

In Term 2 we will be introducing **learning badges** (Eg Netball, Community Leadership, School Councillor TBD) that will be able to be sewed onto a students hoodies. So it's worthwhile getting one this term!



## Swimming

Swimming is an important part of the school programme and all pupils are expected to swim. Notes/emails are required from those unable to participate and we ask parents to be diligent with this as we don't want to have to deal with students opting out of school activities.

**Week 4 - Beginning 25th February**

**Week 5 - Beginning 4th March**

**Week 8 - Beginning 25th March**

**Week 9 - Beginning 4th April**

**Taupo Swimming Sports (Wednesday 10th April @ Cannons Creek Pool)**

## Homework

Students are expected to complete a Mathematics task, practice spelling words handed out at school and provide proof of what they are reading at home.

Homework will be on a two week cycle and students will need to upload maths, spelling and proof of reading to the Homework Google Classroom site which they will sign up to early in the term. All students in Taupo will receive the same homework so it's the same among students across the syndicate. Students not completing homework will miss out on the opportunities provided by teachers (sport, art, technology etc on Friday mornings)

### Student to Upload to Homework Google Classroom site:

- 1 Mathematics task (Students can do more if they want to)
- Proof a student has practised 15 spelling words (Photo/Screenshot of spelling written words/Quizlet)
- Proof a student is reading a book (Photo/Screenshot of text)

### Homework Cycle in Term 1

Week 5 - 6 (Fri week 6 for first hand in)

Week 7 - 8 (Fri week 8 for hand in)

Week 9 - 10 (Fri week 10 for hand in)

### Homework begins in Week 5, Term 1 (After Camp)

## Sport

Our Syndicate Sports programme will operate each Monday (all day split into 45min blocks per class) & Friday afternoon 2.00-2.50 pm. Pupils will require clothing appropriate to the sports activity they are involved in, especially sports footwear and sunhats during summer. Our first sporting focus will look at throwing and catching skills, as well as offensive and defensive running patterns. Like 2018 we will employ the services of YouthTown (educational services group), to run 1 session each week per class. Students will also participate in a 20 minute sport time three times a week in the morning involving a highly engaging active game. Students of Year 7/8 work more effectively back in class after participating in a competitive game.

**All students are expected to fully participate in the sports programme that Taupo Syndicate provides. We will contact parents if students repeatedly choose to opt out of sport time.**

**Brain Break:**

During the day students may have an opportunity to have a short snack and water break. I would like to remind parents that food during this time should be healthy and could include - fruit, vegetables or nuts. Other snacks should be kept for interval and lunch times.

**Electives**

This term we are introducing some electives within 'The Arts' curriculum for students to choose from. The electives have not yet been decided on but will likely include singing, media, artwork and workshop.

**Phones**

If pupils need to bring a cell phone to school these must be put away during school hours. We are unable to accept responsibility in case of damage or loss of any personal valuables. If phones are seen or heard during school hours then they will be sent to the office where they will need to be collected by the student at the end of the day. However, we do accept student may check their phones soon after school to organise meeting up with parents or another family member. If incidents involving phones are repeated more than three times we will communicate with parents and it may mean that the student involved will be unable to bring a phone to school for the rest of the year.

**Communicating with Parents/ Seesaw**

It means a great deal to us and your child when you sign up to Seesaw as this a good way for you to see your child's learning and what's going on in class and syndicate wide. Please make sure you sign up when your child's teacher sends an email with the instructions. We want you to be kept well informed about what is happening in your child's class and the syndicate. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher at any stage.

**Thanks, the Taupo Team**