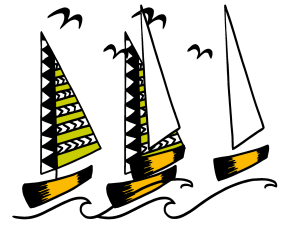


## TAUPŌ SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER - TERM 2, 2019



We welcome students and families back to what will be an exciting term !

### Organisation:

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### Leadership Focus

Each student will look into how they can be an effective leader in a practical capacity. Students will have a chance to serve others within our school. This maybe helping younger students in the cross country, running a lunchtime club or coaching a sports team.

**PE/Cross Country:** On **Tuesday** mornings and **Friday** afternoons students will be having practice runs **inside** the school grounds. Students will need to bring their gear everyday. Students are required to change into appropriate clothing - shorts, trackpants, t-shirts, and sports shoes. This year we are allowing students to listen to music while they do practices. However, they will need to be responsible for their listening device, earphones and listen to school appropriate music.

Students will also participate in a 20 minute sport time two 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.**

**Homework:** Will be the same as Term 1. Students are expected to do four Mathletics tasks at home for maths practice. For spelling they need to practice the 20 words handed out by their teacher and practice on Quizlet. Finally, they need to show evidence of reading. Maths, spelling and reading homework needs to be uploaded to Google Classroom as well as be ready for a spelling test, every second Friday. (First homework hand/spelling test is Friday 10th May)

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

- 4 Mathletics tasks (Students can do more if they want too)
- Evidence of practising 20 spelling words (Photo/Screenshot of spelling written words/Quizlet)
- Evidence of reading a book (Photo/Screenshot of text)

### Homework Cycle in Term 2

Week 1 - 2 (Fri week 2 for hand in)  
Week 3 - 4 (Fri week 4 for hand in)  
Week 5 - 6 (Fri week 6 for hand in)  
Week 7 - 8 (Fri week 8 for hand in)  
Week 9 - 10 (Fri week 10 for hand in)

### The Sexuality Road - DISCOVERING ME

For information on the material we will be covering, please click on this [link](#).

### College Visits:

- Kapiti Open Days: Tuesday 25 June 2019 (Hall) 930am - 1030am and 1230pm - 230pm  
Wednesday 26 June (Hall) 930am - 1030am and 1230pm - 230pm  
Parent Evening will be on Wednesday 26 June in the Hall 7pm and finish by 9pm.

### Languages

This term students will again learn Sign Language from a Deaf Tutor. These lessons will finish in week 6 of Term 2. We will announce which language we will do next later in the term.

### Hoodies

Taupo Hoodies are still available just like in Term 1 at the same price of \$55. Checkout the hoodie [notice](#) on how you can order a hoodie. Hoodies are ordered in lots of 10 to keep costs down.

This term we will be introducing **learning badges** that will be able to be sewn onto students hoodies. So it's worth getting one this term!



### 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 will continue with our electives focussing on activities within 'The Arts' curriculum.

Jo: Photography

Mr T: Movie Making

Miss J: Water Colours

Whaea Rebecca: Dance

Tim: Tournament of the Minds

Carolyn: Singing

### 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.

### The Taupo Syndicate Team