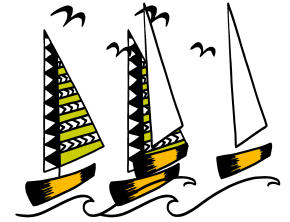


TAUPŌ SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER - TERM 3, 2019



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

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Leadership Focus

We continue our leadership focus by beginning our 'Taupo Job' initiative this term. Students are encouraged to work with younger students in sporting, cultural and academic areas. Students are also encouraged to organise lunchtime clubs and tournaments and take a proactive serving attitude to our school.

Rm 18 - Welcome Jill and Trish!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We welcome Jill and Trish to teaching in Taupo, taking over from Tim. Rm 18 are very lucky to have an exciting and experienced couple of teachers taking over. We wish them all the best :)

Mid Year Interviews: Please come to interviews on **Tuesday 30th July @ 3.15 - 7.30pm** or **Thursday 1st August @ 3.15 - 7.30pm**. Teachers will hand out your child's mid year report and discuss their learning progression and next steps.

Homework: Will be the same as Term 2. 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 2nd August)

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 3

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)

Careers Unit

This term we will focus on students career pathways. Children of this age are learning to make connections between their own strengths and interests and the jobs that they see and learn about. Don't worry, they don't have to decide on a permanent career just yet !

Languages

This term students will again learn Samoan from our tutor Ramona. These lessons will finish in the middle of Term 3. We will announce which language we will do early next term.

Credits

This year we have introduced our students to a system where they can gain credits by completing activities within each area, seen below. The credits cover four areas:

- Academic
- Cultural and Arts
- Sport
- Service



Above is an example Year 8 Academic Excellence award. Students can achieve an 'Excellent' or 'Achievement' award for the four different areas depending on how many credits they achieve. We have found that our students are very motivated to work towards a leadership badge. Currently students are working on how many credits they have and what they need to do to achieve a badge.

PE

Students will participate in a 20 minute sport time two to 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 physical activity.

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.

Friday Electives

This term we will continue with our electives focussing on activities within 'The Arts' curriculum.

Jo: Photography

Mr T: Movie Making

Miss J: Pottery

Whaea Rebecca: Dance

Mr Schimanski: Technology Challenges

Caroline: 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 students 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