

## TAUPŌ SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER - TERM 4, 2019



We welcome students and families back for our final term of 2019!

### Organisation:

<b>Jo Verran</b>	Room 14	jov@plimmerton.school.nz
<b>Andy Tate</b>	Room 15	andyt@plimmerton.school.nz
<b>Chelsea Jennings</b>	Room 16	chelseaj@plimmerton.school.nz
<b>Clayton Schimanski</b>	Room 17	claytons@plimmerton.school.nz
<b>Jill Symonds/Trish Kolston</b>	Room 18	jills@plimmerton.school.nz trishk@plimmerton.school.nz

### Leadership Inquiry

Our focus on leadership will be continuing this term and will be incorporated in everything we do. During our languages time we will be working with Whaea Gaye on developing our leadership in Te Reo and Tikanga. The Year 7 Noho will be happening at Hongoeka Marae in Week 6 and we will have a Taupo Leadership Week in Week 9 of the term. (More info below)

**Sun Smart Policy:** Students are expected to bring a brimmed hat and wear it whenever they are outside this term. Sorry, no caps allowed :)

**Swimming: Please encourage your child to participate in swimming this term as they can earn credits. You need to email your child's teacher if they cannot swim for any reason.**

Swimming games & swimming safety at Plimmerton School pool is in **weeks 1 - 2 & 5 - 6.**

**Volvo Sailing:** Weather permitting :)

*The half day programme is \$18 per child. Notice to come.*

*Monday 25th November: Rm 14*

*Tuesday 26th November: Rm 15*

*Wednesday 27th November: Rm 16*

*Thursday 28th November: Rm 17*

*Friday 29th November: Rm 18*



**Year 7 Noho:** at Hongoeka Marae. Date to be confirmed. **Notice to come.**

**Year 8 Leavers Function:** Monday 16th December 2019 at the school hall. More info TBA.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to support the teachers with this.

**Homework:** Will be the same as in Term 3. Students are expected to do four Mathletics tasks, practice the words handed out by their teacher and show evidence of daily reading over a two week period.

**At the end of each fortnight students need to upload evidence of the following to their Homework Google Classroom site by 9am:**

- 4 Mathletics tasks (students can do more if they want to)
- Evidence of practising spelling words (photo/screenshot of spelling written words/Quizlet)
- Evidence of reading at least 4 times a week (photo/screenshot of text/reading log)

### Homework Cycle in Term 4

Week 1 - 2 ( hand in Fri 25 October )

Week 3 - 4 ( hand in Fri 8 November)

Week 5 - 6 ( hand in Fri 22 November)

Week 7 - 8 (hand in Fri 6th December)

Week 9 (hand in Fri 13 December)

## Credits/Badges/Year 8 Trophies

This year we have introduced a system where students can gain credits by completing activities within four areas:

- Academic
- Cultural and Arts
- Sport
- Service



Students can achieve an 'Excellent' or 'Achievement' badge in the four different areas depending on how many credits they achieve.

We have found that our students are very motivated to work towards getting the badges. Currently students are collating how many credits they have and what they need to do to achieve more. We are encouraging them to sew the badges they are awarded on a Taupo or school hoodie.

Year 8 students also have the chance to be awarded a trophy if they gain the highest amount of credits in each of the four areas. Year 8 trophies will be awarded at the Year 8 leavers dinner and again at the final school assembly of the year.

## PE

As well as athletics practices students will participate in highly engaging active games. We have found that Year 7/8s work more effectively back in class after participating in the physical activity. We also have syndicate sport every Friday afternoon.

**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.**

## Thursday Electives

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

Jo: Photography

Mr T: Movie Making

Miss J: Pottery

Trish: Pottery

Mr Schimanski: Technology Challenges

## Taupo Singing

Syndicate singing is on every second Monday with Carolyn Esther. All children in the syndicate participate in this.

## Taupo Leadership Week - 9th - 13th December

*Monday 9th December* - spring tramp: 8am - 3pm Wairaka Walkway (Pukerua Bay to Plimmerton along the beach) **Notice to come. WE NEED PARENT HELP!**

*Tuesday 10th December* - craft day

*Wednesday 11th December* - handing over ceremony

*Friday 12th December* - Taupo triathlon and final shared lunch

During the week we are also going to be having speakers in to talk to the syndicate about leadership/careers/motivation/well being etc. If you know of anyone who may be interested in coming in please contact Andy or Jo.

## Taupo Camp 2020

Week 4, Term 1 2020 (24th - 28th February 2020) **Notice to come. WE NEED PARENT HELP!**

## Brain Break:

During the day students have an opportunity to have a short snack and water break. We 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.

### **End of the Day**

Students need to wait for the final bell to leave school each day unless they are catching the bus or parents/guardians have emailed the teacher regarding an appointment after school.

### **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 other family members. 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.

Ngā mihi maioha,

**The Taupo Syndicate Team**