



## TAUPŌ SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER - TERM 3, 2020

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Welcome to another term in Taupō Syndicate 2020!

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### Parent/Teacher Interviews - Week 2

During Week 2 teacher-whānau interviews will be held on **Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th July, week 2 of term 3**. Bookings for these interviews are available online at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> or via the link on our website. The code for the interview bookings is **bnrey**. Interviews are 15 minutes and start at 3:15pm to 5:00pm. The second block is from 5:45pm to 7:45pm. The purpose of these interviews is to share the picture of your child's current achievement and to discuss goals for the following term. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. Due to the disruption from covid-19, there will not be a written mid year report this year.

### Taupō Film (Production)

The performing arts is our focus for the term and during the first half of the term students will be practising for their parts in this year's senior production which is a film called '**The Influencers**.' Students will be filmed for their part during Weeks 5, 7 and 8 of this term then the editors will put it together. The film will have its red carpet opening on **Friday 30th October (term 4)** and a *matinee and final evening show* on **Monday 2nd November (Term 4)**.

A notice regarding info for the film will come home early in the term.

### Languages

Our students are continuing to learn Sign Language from our deaf tutor - Paul Batten. These lessons will finish half way through term 3.

### Sexuality Education

Between week 9, term 3 and week 9, term 4 we will again take our students through a sexual education unit. You can see the lessons we will be doing with our students here. A letter with a link to the programme will be sent home closer to week 9.

## Hoodies

Hoodies are available for Taupō students. They are **\$65** and sample hoodies are available at the office to try on to check sizing. Checkout the [notice](#) on how you can order a hoodie. Hoodies are ordered in lots of 10 to keep costs down.



## Credits/ badges.

Throughout the year students have had opportunities to earn Academic, Cultural, Sporting and Service credits. When they have earned 10 credits they are awarded an achievement badge and 15 credits earn them an excellence badge. At this stage of the year many students are beginning to receive badges as they have earned enough credits.



## Homework

Over a 2 week period students are expected to complete 4 Mathletics tasks, practise spelling words and do regular reading at home. At the end of the 2 week period students need to upload evidence of the maths, spelling and reading they have done to their homework google classroom site. All students in Taupō receive the same homework. Students who have not completed the homework may miss out on the opportunities provided by teachers (sport, art, technology etc) on Friday afternoons.

If your child is unable to complete homework over the two weeks, please contact their teacher.

## Homework Cycle in Term 3

Week 1 - 2 (Fri week 2 for first 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)

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

## Sport

Our syndicate sports programme will focus on winter sports this term. Students will take part in a winter tourney at the end of term. All students are expected to fully participate in the sports programme that Taupō syndicate provides. We will contact parents if students repeatedly choose to opt out of sport time.

## Brain Break:

During the morning students may have an opportunity to have a short snack and water break. Food eaten during this time must be healthy and could include - fruit, vegetables or nuts. Other snacks should be kept for interval and lunch times.

## Chromebooks:

Children need to ensure that their chromebook is fully recharged prior to coming to school as they are unable to recharge them during school time.

**Phones**

Students are expected to put phones away in their bags with the volume down as soon as they arrive at school in the morning. They can get it out at 3pm to organise meeting up with parents or other family members. If you need to contact your child during school hours please ring the school office and they will put you through to the classroom.

If phones are seen or heard during school hours they will be sent to the office where they can be collected by the student at the end of the day. If incidents involving phones occur three or more times we will be contacting parents and it may mean that the child involved will be unable to bring a phone to school for the rest of the year.

Nga mihi,

**Taupō Teachers**