



TAUPŌ SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER - TERM 4, 2020

October 2020

Welcome to another term in Taupō Syndicate 2020!

Aiming High in Term 4

During the term Taupō Syndicate has lots of exciting things planned such as snorkeling, a summer tramp, athletics day, summer sports tournaments, Mr S's famous water day and the Year 8 Leavers Dinner. Covid has meant a lot of things have been cancelled during the year so we are excited that we are at level 1 and the activities will go ahead.

We expect every child in Taupō to continue to maintain high standards of learning and behaviour and finish this year well. If we have children who are making the wrong choices in the class and playground we will be contacting you to discuss what is happening and they may not be able to take part in some activities.

Taupō Film- The Influencers

We had a hectic term 3 filming our movie called '*The Influencers*' and students had a great time acting, dancing, singing and working behind the scenes.

The film will have its *red carpet premiere* on **Friday 30th October** and a *matinee* and *evening show* on **Monday 2nd November (Term 4)**.

Tickets to the movie showings will be **\$10** per person.

Keep an eye out in week 1 for an email with the link to purchase your tickets

Credits/Badges and hoodies

Students can gain credits by completing activities within four areas:

- Academic
- Cultural and Arts
- Sport
- Service

Throughout the year the children have been earning credits in all of the 4 areas and at the last assembly we gave out a lot of achieved and excellence badges. We are encouraging the children to sew these badges onto their Taupō or school hoodies so that others can see and celebrate their achievements.

If you would like to order a Taupō hoodie please click on this [link](#). Sample sizes are available in the office to try on.



8 Trophies

Year 8 students have the chance to be awarded a trophy in each of the four credit areas above. Year 8 trophies are awarded at the final school assembly of the year.

Languages

Our students have had a couple of Japanese lessons from our wonderful tutor - Daisuke Hayashi. These will continue until week 8 of this term.

Sexuality Education

Up until week 9, term 4 we will take our students through a sexual education unit. You can see the lessons we will be doing with our students [here](#). If you have any questions about the content we will be covering please contact your child's teacher.

Swimming:

We will have swimming and water safety in **weeks 3, 6, 7 and 8** of this term. Swimming is part of the Physical Education curriculum so please encourage your child to bring their togs during these weeks. Please email your child's teacher if they are not able to swim.

Physical Education

As well as swimming, the children will be taking part in athletics and summer sports lessons. These are on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please encourage your child to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. If your child is not able to take part in a PE lesson please email their class teacher and let them know.

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

Snorkelling: Weather permitting :)

In week 8 each class will be doing a ½ day snorkel at either Taputeranga Marine Reserve or Pukerua Bay with Mountain to Sea Wellington. Prior to this Mountain to Sea Wellington will be taking class sessions focussing on marine biodiversity, marine reserves, human impacts and taking action. Each class will also have a session at Te Rauparaha Arena learning how to use the snorkelling equipment. The cost of this will be approx \$40 per child. Please keep an eye out for the notice coming out in the next couple of weeks.

Taupō Spring Tramp

This year we will walk the Ōrongorongo Track which is the most popular walk in the Remutaka Forest Park. It consists of a 4 hour round trip with a swim in the Turere Stream during a lunch break. It's an easy grade and makes for a pleasant day trip to the Ōrongorongo Valley.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/wellington-kapiti/places/remutaka-forest-park/things-to-do/tracks/orongorongo-track/>

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Year 8 Leavers Dinner

This will be on **Monday 14th December 2020 @ 6pm** at the Plimmerton Boating Club.

If you are interested in being part of the organising committee for the Year 8 Leavers Dinner please come along to the meeting in the school staffroom at **7pm on Tuesday 20 October**.

Homework

Homework is posted into the homework google classroom at the beginning of each fortnight. It is up to the children to manage their time and get it completed.

At the end of each fortnight students need to upload evidence of the following to their homework google classroom site by 9am:

- 4 Athletics 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 8 times over the fortnight (photo/screenshot of text/reading log)

If your child is unable to complete homework, please contact their teacher.

Homework Cycle in Term 4

Week 1 - 2 (Thurs 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 - 9 (Fri week 9 for hand in)

Sun Smart Policy:

Students need to bring a brimmed hat and wear it whenever they are outside this term.

Sorry, **NO** caps allowed :)

Brain Break:

During the morning students 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 turn phones off and put them away in their bags 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. 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.

Taupō Bike Camps 2021

This will be happening during Week 4, Term1, 2021 (Monday 22nd February.) A notice will come home later in the term with more information. **WE WILL NEED PARENT HELP!**

Ngā mihi maioha,

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