



TAUPŌ SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER - TERM 2, 2021

We welcome students and families to Term 2!

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The Great Race 2022:

The start of the term will see groups construct their karts and begin testing them down the school drive. Feel free to come in and support the groups with that activity. Here are the dates:

- Testing Day 1 - **Wednesday 25th May** (Week 4) This will enable groups to see how robust their builds are.
- Groups will be timed down the drive over three time trials to get an average time before the final race. The top two karts from each class will qualify for a special champions race series.
- **Time Trial 1 - Wednesday 8th June**
Time Trial 2 - Wednesday 22nd June
Time Trial 3 - Wednesday 29th June
The Great Race 2022 - Wednesday 6th July

The Great Race day will be on **Wednesday 6th July 2022**. Info regarding the day will be shared with parents in the next few weeks. (Mark it in your calendar now - it will be a great day out!)

Literacy:

We will begin four lessons per week on Structured Literacy. This emphasizes highly explicit and the systematic teaching of all important components of literacy. Also, during literacy we are going to be playing 'The Game of Awesome.' It is a Ministry of Education resource with a focus on engaging students and encouraging an enjoyment of writing specifically within our year group.

PE/Cross Country:

This term our students will have a fitness focus in our sports programme. Each session students will participate in exercises, challenges and games to increase their fitness level. Students will need to bring appropriate gear everyday. We also have our Plimmerton School Cross Country on **Friday 20th May** and a Fun Running Event on **Friday 27th May**.

All students are expected to fully participate in the sports programme that Taupō Syndicate provides. If your child is not able to take part please let their classroom teacher know via email or note. We will contact parents if students repeatedly choose to opt out of sport time.

Sexuality Education

It is a requirement that sexuality education is taught as part of the Health and Physical Education programme. In sexuality education, students develop competencies for health and positive sexuality, build resilience, learn to demonstrate empathy, and develop skills that enhance personal relationships.

Languages

Students will learn Te reo Maori from our tutor - Gaye Mc Dowell. These lessons will begin in week 5.



Hoodies

More than half of the students in the syndicate now have hoodies and it is great to see them wearing them out in the playground. They are available for the price of **\$50** and orders are available from the office. Hoodies are ordered in lots of 20 to keep costs down. Sample hoodies are available at the office to try on for sizing only.



Credits/ badges.

This year we delayed the beginning of our Credits/Badges programme due to so many students away with COVID 19. This term we will begin. Students have opportunities to earn Academic, Cultural, Sporting and Service credits. When they have earned 10 credits they are awarded an achievement badge and 15 credits earns them an excellence badge.

At this stage of the year many students are beginning to receive badges as they have earned enough credits. (we will backdate credits from last term.) We are encouraging them to sew these on their hoodies and wear them with pride.

Arts Rotations

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

Kate:	Art
Mr T:	Movie Making
Ms Fairley:	Drama
Mr S:	Photography
Mrs O'Neil	Music/Art

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 intervals and lunch times.

Chewing Gum:

Just a reminder that chewing gum is not allowed to be eaten on school grounds. Please remind your children.

Phones

Students are expected to put phones away in their bags with the volume muted, or turned off as soon as they arrive at school in the morning. They can get it out at 3pm to organize meetings 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.

Social

As always we are very excited to run the Taupō Social which will be on Friday 17th June, 630pm - 9pm, in the hall. Information about the night will be coming home in the next few weeks.

We look forward to another great term with our bunch of fantastic students :0)

Nga mihi,

Taupō Teachers