



TAUPŌ SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER - TERM 3, 2022

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Welcome to another term in Taupō Syndicate 2022!

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Parent/Teacher Interviews

In Term 3 mid-year teacher-whānau interviews will be held on **Wednesday 3 August** and **Monday 8 August**.

These interviews will take place at school in your child's classroom, or via phone, and all parents/caregivers are encouraged to attend. The purpose of these interviews is to share a picture of your child's current achievement, discuss next steps, and how you can help at home. Mid-year reports will be emailed home on Monday 1 August. Please take the time to read these prior to your child's interview.

- Interviews are 15 minutes in length. The first block of interviews is from 3:15pm to 5:00pm and the second block is from 5:45pm to 7:45pm.
- Students are welcome to attend with their parents/caregivers.
- To ensure everyone's safety and meet the current guidance, caregivers attending an on-site interview will need to wear a mask, maintain a 1-metre distance from other families while waiting to go into their interview and sanitise as they enter/exit the classrooms.
- If you do not feel comfortable coming into school for your meeting please select the phone option when you are booking your interview(s) and your child's teacher will call you for a phone interview at the allotted time. They will also call you if you are isolating at the time of the interviews.

Bookings for appointment times are available directly at this [link](#) which will take you to "Book School Interviews Online". Enter Code **wymd5** then book your interview(s.)

Careers Unit/Financial Literacy

This term will see our students focusing on careers and financial literacy. Students will participate in a learning experience where they take on a made up family (using a fake bank account on [banger](#)) who experience living in the world over a period of several years. So what does this mean? They will be experiencing the realities of life - paying bills, tax, paying for kids, making a budget, dealing with life's problems, changing careers, investing or spending? etc. Students will focus on budgeting skills, making good choices with money, making a C.V. and learning what skills and attributes they have to offer in a future career.

The Wonder Project Power Challenge



This term ambassadors from the Wonder Project will work with students in each class learning about electricity in New Zealand. They will also work with students to make a model wind tower that powers a small model town. Our ambassadors will be working with us over a 4-5 week period.



Plimmerton Station Murals

Kiwi Rail have commissioned two new murals for the underpass at Plimmerton Station and the Residents Association have asked our students to work with an artist to complete them. Margaret Tolland is the artist. She has been an educator at Pataka and is used to working with students. She will work with 12 of our top artistic Year 7 & 8 students on the murals this term.

PE/Winter Tourney:

This term our students will focus on traditional winter sports that will lead to a class versus class tournament in week 9 of this term. Each week classes will participate in skill sessions in a different sport. (See table below) Students will participate in exercises, challenges and games to increase their fitness level. Students will need to bring appropriate gear everyday.

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.

WINTER SPORT SCHEDULE - TERM 3 2022

	Room 14	Room 15	Room 16	Room 17	Room 18
WEEK 2	Netball	Futsal	Rippa	Basketball	Unihoc
WEEK 3	Unihoc	Netball	Futsal	Rippa	Basketball
WEEK 4	Basketball	Unihoc	Netball	Futsal	Rippa
WEEK 5	Rippa	Basketball	Unihoc	Netball	Futsal
WEEK 6	Futsal	Rippa	Basketball	Unihoc	Netball
WEEK 7	Catch ups	Catch ups	Catch ups	Catch ups	Catch ups
WEEK 8	Needs based	Needs based	Needs based	Needs based	Needs based
WEEK 9 WINTER TOURNEY	MONDAY Rippa	TUESDAY Netball	WEDNESDAY Basketball	THURSDAY Unihoc	FRIDAY Futsal
VENUES	Netball Hongoeke Court	Futsal Football Field	Rippa Rugby Field	Basketball (Turf)	Unihoc (Hall)
TIMES	Monday 10:00 - 10:20	Tuesday 10:00 - 10:20	Wednesday No PE/PA	Thursday 11:20 - 12:00	Friday 12:20 - 1:00

Choir/Extreme Choir

COVID-19 restrictions thwarted our chance to do choir properly previously this year. Miss O'Neil is taking choir for all of our students this term. She is also running an Xtreme Choir for students wanting to explore singing at a more advanced level on Friday mornings each week. Students have been asked if they are interested in Xtreme Choir and sessions will begin in the next couple of weeks.

Arts Rotations

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

Miss Walker:

Mr T:

Ms Fairley:

Mr S:

Mrs O'Neil

Art

Movie Making

Drama

Photography

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.

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.

**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.

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 organise 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.

We look forward to working with our awesome students for another term!

Nga mihi,

Taupō Teachers