



1 February 2012

### Welcome



A very warm welcome to all pupils and parents to Te Puke Intermediate School, we hope your time with us will be successful, challenging and most enjoyable. Newsletters are sent home regularly (approx every 2 weeks) to keep parents up to date and are numbered for your convenience. If you believe you have missed one please give us a ring. Newsletters are also posted on our website. If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically please contact the office and provide your email address. Our website address is - [www.tepukeint.co.nz](http://www.tepukeint.co.nz)

### TIMETABLE CHANGE FOR 2012

We are required to annually review our operations and success with academic achievement. Part of this involves looking at how efficient we have been with our time during the day and how effectively we have utilised the time we have the students with us. As a result of this our staff have made some slight changes to the daily timetable to accommodate our desire for less interruption, less movement in between classes, longer teaching time for Literacy and Numeracy, less unstructured time and the opportunity to eat earlier in the morning. The timetable for 2012 has some small changes with the most noticeable ones being we will start the day at 8.40am and have Kai Time earlier. Here is the timetable for 2012.



8.40am	Roll Call/Notices
8.50am-10am	Period 1 – Maths
10am-10.10	KAI TIME in Class
10.10-11.20	Period 2 – English
11.20-11.40	INTERVAL
11.40-12.50	Period 3
12.50pm-1.40	LUNCH
1.40pm	Rubbish
1.45	Roll Call
1.50	Period 4
3pm	School Finish



Another change is that students will be taught by their homeroom teacher in Literacy and Numeracy for Term 1 – except those in extension or learning support groups.

### House Points





## STATIONERY AND SCHOOL FEES

Students who have not already purchased their packs have received their stationery list which also includes school fees.

Te Puke Intermediate sells stationery packs which are very cost effective and contain everything required by all the classes. Extra items can still be purchased throughout the year when they are required.

*School fees are not donations and therefore not optional- they cover extra items for your child in the Technology and Cultural programme.*

## FINANCES

Throughout the year there are numerous activities that your child will be involved in that requires payment of money. This can be quite stressful on families to find the extra money.

Many of our previous families have set up a regular direct credit of \$5-\$10 per week which is credited to your child's school account and it remains in credit ready for such expenses. I strongly recommend this option for anyone who has a child who likes to be fully involved in activities. To set this up simply ring our school Executive Officer – Mrs Nicole Koers on 573 9352 ext 801.

**Eftpos is available at the school office for payment of all accounts 8am – 4pm.**

## CLASS PLACEMENTS

Occasionally at the beginning of the year we have a few students who are desperately unhappy over their class placement – perhaps because they don't know anyone in the class or they wanted to be in another class. This is a perfectly normal reaction and we ask both parents and pupils to be patient and wait 2 – 3 weeks before contacting me. In almost all cases the situation fixes itself in that time and they very quickly make friends and form peer groups. This process reflects 'life' and is a situation they will come across again in the future.

Where parents have made specific requests we have on the whole been able to meet those requests. However, some were not met either due to the process not being followed correctly or they were just not possible.

## UNIFORM 2012

This year all new items of our uniform are compulsory. There have been changes made over the past two years to the polar fleece, polo shirt, boys shorts and boys winter socks. Prior to this a change was made to the girls skirt also. In order to keep prices down we are now the sole supplier of our school uniform and during the term the uniform shop is open from 2-3pm daily. Your child is expected to have all uniform requirements at school every day – this includes the hat, PE gear and uniform shoes.

Sport, PE, House Meetings or House Comp occur every day and so PE gear is required every day and should remain in your child's school bag.

Uniform shoes at this time of the year are Roman Sandals – blue, black or brown.

Our expectation is that all students will be equipped in **correct uniform by Tuesday 7 February**.

Uniform detentions will be issued for non uniform items from this day. If you need clarification of the accepted uniform or piercings please refer to your 2012 Information booklet or our website.

If for some reason your child cannot be in correct uniform then a note signed by a parent must be sent valid for the one day to the classroom teacher. Your child is responsible for giving this to the teacher at roll call at 8.40am. If the non uniform item is unacceptable to us we will loan correct uniform to your child for the day.



## STAFFING 2012

I would like to welcome all our staff back to school this year with a special welcome back to *Mrs Leonie Rika* who returns to TPI from Whakatane and *Mrs Angie Belcher* who returns from study leave.

The staff is as follows-

### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

J Weldon	Principal
J Gourlay	Deputy Principal
L Crone	Deputy Principal

### TAI TIMU SYNDICATE

S Knightly	Rm 1 (Leader)
A Tapsell	Rm 2

### AWATEA SYNDICATE

L Rika	Rm 3
B Tiopira	Rm 4 (Leader)
T Browne	Rm 5

### KAPUA SYNDICATE

K Cooper	Rm 7
T Frankland	Rm 8
Y Brown	Rm 9 (Leader)

### TAHUNA SYNDICATE

D Lowe	Rm 11 (Leader)
R Williams	Rm 13
H Tibble	Rm 14



### SPECIALIST TEACHERS

K Lum	Workshop (Snr Tchr)
D Harvey	ICT (Snr Tchr)
H Thomas	Food Technology
A Belcher	Performing Arts & ESOL
J Nixon	Science
A Arthur	SENCO
C Black	Director of Sport
L Northey	RTLB
R Barton	International Students



### STUDENT ASSISTANCE

L Jeffries	Teacher Aide
T Mouat	Teacher Aide
K Seaford	Teacher Aide
S Pitman	Teacher Aide
G Reily	Teacher Aide
K Mohi	Social Worker

### SUPPORT STAFF

N Koers	Executive Officer
C Boshier	Receptionist
J Wood	Attendance Officer
N Brown	Librarian Pupil Resources
C Neketai	Teacher Resources
R Powdrell	Canteen Manager & Uniform Custodian
B Blackburn	Property Manager



## SUNSMART

Staff at Te Puke Intermediate are committed to ensuring your child's health and safety through the Sunsmart policy. All staff and students are required to wear a school hat while outside during Term 1 and Term 4. This includes interval, lunchtime sport, class PE and team practises during the first term. I have no doubt that you will support this and ensure that your child is equipped with a school hat so they can participate in all the activities that we offer.

**Our expectation is that all students will have their hat by Tuesday 7 February. From this day on all students without hats will be supervised in the school gym during the breaks until they have a hat. The wearing of sunblock will not be sufficient by itself but is thoroughly recommended to be worn with the hat.**

During Term One we alter our timetable to accommodate the extreme heat conditions – House Comp and PE lessons will not be taken after lunch in the hottest part of the day.

## Property

We take pride in our school, school property and resources. We provide our students with the very best learning environment we can and have high expectations of student behaviour and respect for property. Absolutely no graffiti or vandalism will be tolerated – all expense arising from wilful damage at school are passed on to parents for payment.

## BUSES

All bus pupils have had a meeting today to sort students into their bus groups. The person in charge of buses at TPI is Deputy Principal – **Mrs June Gourlay** and all enquiries about buses should be directed to her or **GO BUS TE PUKE** on 573 6949.

***Bus transport is a privilege and not as of right – this has been explained to students today and in the interest of safety, misbehaviour on the buses is not tolerated. Any student misbehaving on the bus will be put off the bus.***

***Students who need to travel on a different bus to their own must do the following – bring a note to Mrs Gourlay explaining the details and receive a bus pass to travel on an alternate bus. This allows us to record exactly who is on what bus should there be an emergency or accident.***

## EXTRA CURRICULUM OPTIONS

### *After School Music Lessons*

After school guitar lessons are being offered by **Jacob Gordon** from the *School of Guitar*. Lessons in both Acoustic and Electric guitar are available on a Friday. Students can collect a notice from the school office and you can contact Jacob directly.



Regards:

**Jill Weldon** *Principal*

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