

## TERM CALENDAR

### April

- 12 ANZAC / Latimer Assembly
- 13-28 School Holidays
- TERM 2
- 29 First day Term 2
- 30 BOT Meeting 5.30pm

### May

- 2 Leaders Cake Stall
- 3 BOP/POV Bay Golf
- 7 Eco Rocky Shore Trip
- 10 BOP/POV Bay U48 Rugby
- 12 Mother's Day!
- 17 BOP/POV Bay Indoor Bowls
- 20 Leaders Trip to Wellington
- 21 Eco Trip to Zoo
- 24 BOP/POV Bay Badminton

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## CULTURAL EVENING

Thank you so much to everyone who came along and supported our Cultural Evening last week. What a fabulous evening of great food and entertainment. Fantastic to see what a diverse school population we have with some of the many cultures represented by the classes.

It's important to us that we stay connected to you and your whanau, providing you opportunities to be involved in the learning contexts each term. If you would like to be part of next terms learning please just contact your child's teacher.



Room 3 – Mr Jacob and his Mexican Crew



## LEARNING CONFERENCES

Great feedback from staff and parents regarding the learning conferences held this week. I am awaiting the final attendance data and am hoping it is close to 100%.

Attending a conference with your child is so very important – to recognise and celebrate success, set new learning steps, discover how you can support these at home and know exactly where they are achieving against the curriculum.

Attending conferences shows your child that their successes at school are important to you and that you value their achievements.

If you were unable to attend this week, please contact your child's teacher to book for early next term.

## ANZAC DAY 2019

Our school leaders will represent TPI at the Te Puke Anzac Day commemorations supported by Mr Black. All other students are welcome to join them in town as part of the proceedings and attend the service.

Our Head Girl Carmen Simmons and Head Boy Tinus Nel will be speaking at the service during commemorations. We wish them both well and know they will do an excellent job.



## WINTER UNIFORM

Autumn is here now with Winter just around the corner, so it is time to ensure your child has a jacket or polar fleece ready for next term.

Winter shoes are not compulsory – students can wear Roman Sandals all year if they wish to. However, if they want to wear winter shoes – they must be correct school shoes as per our prospectus with the correct socks depending on what they are wearing. Grey with navy stripe to be worn with the grey shorts and medium white ankle socks with the skirt.

Reminder – we do **not** have canvas shoes as part of our uniform. Black, leather shoes as per the pics in the prospectus. We do have FREE black school shoes available at school for everyone. They may not be the height of fashion, but they are FREE and perfect for school thanks to KidsCan.

### Not Acceptable



Canvas shoes of any type.

No high top boots.

## HEALTH TEACHING TERM 2 – POSITIVE PUBERTY

During Week's 1-4 of Term 2, classroom teachers will be delivering Pubertal Change lessons to students. Students will be learning to:

Develop knowledge of the changes that come with puberty;

- Demonstrate strategies to manage these changes
- Describe strategies for managing changes in relationships
- Recognise and describe their own feelings about puberty
- Recognise and describe rights and responsibilities that relate to puberty
- Identify ways in which peers, media and family shape young people's opinions, decisions and choices.

If you have further questions regarding the content of this unit of work, you are more than welcome to contact the school office and book a time to see Mr Knightly (Deputy Principal), or come in and view the resources we will be teaching from. In some cases, parents may wish to teach pubertal change at home. If this is the case, then please contact your child's classroom teacher to inform them.

## FAREWELL TO MR APPELMAN

Friday is the final day at TPI for Mr Appelman as the teacher of Workshop and Science after nearly six years at TPI. Mr A, as he is known, has been a friend and mentor to many, many students over the past six years making a significant difference to their achievement and confidence.

Mr A is not only a specialist teacher in workshop but is also the Health and Safety officer at TPI and staff have appreciated his attention to our safety and wellbeing while at work.

Mr A is leaving teaching to work in the private industry of engineering and training.

On behalf of you all – I thank Mr Appelman for his support, his teaching, his motivation and his engagement of youth in learning through vocational pathways.

Mr Appelman has been able to demonstrate to many students that they have significant skills that they can apply to a career pathway. We wish you well in your employment and hope you find it rewarding.

Next term, Mr Peter Ronalds is relieving in the workshop and science rooms alongside the rest of the Technology team. Welcome to Mr Ronalds.



## STAFF ONLY DAY TERM 2

I want to give you plenty of notice so you can be planning around this – **the last day of Term 2 – Friday 5 July** is a staff only day for all the Te Puke Schools.

As you know the Te Puke Kahui Ako – Community of Learning involves all the schools and we have several foci that we are working on together.

On Friday 5 July, all our staff members will be based at Te Puke High School for the day in a conference. More info to come on the content but I wanted to let you know in case you were booking holidays etc.

## UPDATE ON PRIMARY TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS

Just to keep you all up to date folks – as I predicted in the last newsletter – the primary Teachers and Principals have voted overwhelmingly to reject the offer from the Government.

This means that early next term (week 2 I believe) there will be paid union meetings to determine the response to this rejection. I need to prepare you for disruption to school for our attendance at these meetings and possible Strike action.

Teachers are tired of this dragging on, so we know what it feels like for you. I am sorry that we are in this position, but we cannot give up as I am sure they are hoping we will. They would like us to give up in the interests of our learners and not disrupting whanau, but we must keep the big picture in mind and not the short game.

Apologies ahead of these times next term.

## TPI RESPONSE TO THE TRAGEDY OF MARCH 15



As mentioned in the last newsletter – TPI planted a Magnolia tree in our grounds. A beautiful flowering 'Tranquility' tree which should reach 6-8 metres down on the field, providing shade, flowers and perfume. We encourage our students to denounce Racism and spread 'tranquility' instead.

Te Korowai Matauranga wrote and performed a Haka to the school as part of their assembly.

Charlie and Harry from Enrich put the clips together and made a movie of our schools' response which is on our Facebook pages – I hope you have seen it. I am proud of our students and their mature responses to this terrible event in our history.



Amber Cooper and Charlotte Winkworth enjoying tasty treats at the Cultural Evening.



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