

# Taupō Primary Bright Beginners

Welcome to Taupō Primary School. We are very excited to have you join our team!

Our Bright Beginners Programme consists of 3 visits prior to your tamariki starting school. Visits take place on Thursdays 9-10 am. Please bring a fruit/vegetable snack for your child to eat during brain break on their morning visit.



## Bright Beginners Schedule 2024

Bright Beginners Visit times 2024				
Term	Cohort Entry Date	Visit 1 9-10-am	Visit 2 9-10am	Visit 3 9-10am
1	1st February	5th Dec 2023	7th Dec 2023	<b>*only 2 visits</b>
	11th March	22nd Feb	29th Feb	7th March
2	29th April	28th March	4th April	11th April
	4th June	16th May	23rd May	30th May
3	22nd July	13th June	20th June	27th June
	26th August	8th August	15th August	22nd August
4	14th October	12th Sept	19th Sept	26th Sept
	18th November	31st Oct	7th Nov	14th Nov

We are looking forward to having you in the TPS Team!

Any queries please email or phone:

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# Taupō Primary Cohort Entry

We are passionate about ensuring our students have a successful transition from Early Childhood Education to Taupō Primary School. For this reason we implemented cohort entry in 2020. This means that children can start school in cohorts but only **after** they have turned 5.

There are **2 entry points per term**, one on the first day of term, and one at the mid-point during a term. Cohort entry is about helping children settle better in school. There is evidence that starting school alongside other children helps build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life.

Parents continue to have the option of not starting their child in school until their 6th birthday. It is a legal requirement that a child enrolls at a registered school from age 6. Therefore, if not already enrolled, a child can start school on their 6th birthday regardless of a school's cohort entry policy, but must start school no later than their 6th birthday.

If a child needs an extension on their WINZ due to Cohort entry at the school a Change of Circumstances Form needs to be completed by the parent and ECE centre. The following needs to be written on the form:

*"An extension is needed as this child \_\_\_\_\_ is starting at \_\_\_\_\_*

*School*

*which has cohort entry their start date at school will be \_\_\_\_\_."*

This will enable WINZ to check that this school is cohort entry and then override the automatic stopping of WINZ payments.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/your-child-at-school/cohort-entry/>

Cohort Entry Dates 2024		
TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID-TERM DATE
1	1 February 2024	11 March 2024
2	29 April 2024	4 June 2024 (Tuesday)
3	22 July 2024	26 August 2024
4	14 October 2024	18 November 2024
TPS Year Classification	Year 1	Year 0

