

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 2023

Bright Beginners Visit times 2023				
Term	Cohort Entry Date	Visit 1 9-10-am	Visit 2 9-10am	Visit 3 9-10am
1	1st February	1st Dec 2022	8th Dec 2022	*only 2 visits
	6th March	16th Feb	23rd Feb	2nd March
2	26th April	23rd March	30th March	6th April
	29th May	11th May	18th May	25th May
3	17th July	15th June	22nd June	29th June
	21st August	3rd August	10th August	17th August
4	9th October	7th Sept	14th Sept	21st Sept
	13th November	26th Oct	2nd Nov	9th 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 2023		
TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID-TERM DATE
1	1 Feb 2023	6 March 2023
2	24 April 2023	29 May 2023
3	17 July 2023	21 August 2023
4	9 October 2023	13 November 2023
TPS Year Classification	Year 1	Year 0

