

"Hooked on learning"



Taupo Primary School

# 'Ko te ako te maneatanga' 'Hooked on Learning' Term 1, Week 2 Friday 12 February 2021

A huge welcome back to the 2021 School Year. We at TPS have had a wonderful few days welcoming students back into the school and getting them settled into their new classrooms.

Classrooms are humming with busy and engaged students, learning and art is already hitting the walls to celebrate and share the learning already!



You may have noticed extensive digger and contractor works onsite over the summer break. The main purpose of this was to address the water drainage issues that have plagued the school for far too long. With some additional property money the government provided last year, we were finally able to address the flooding and water flow issues. The long term results will be fantastic, however you will notice the major feat of replacing 100 year old pipes has resulted in much of our grass being dug up, leaving us with many areas we cannot play on until the new grass has grown in. The students have adjusted to this quickly and we appreciate your ongoing patience and understanding with the further disruptions to our normal environment. These disruptions will continue for the remainder of the year as we finally proceed with the rectification and resurfacing / grassing of our school field. Again another long awaited project, which is much needed, but will create its own challenges to complete.

## School Timings and Gates

- 8.15am** Students welcome onsite - entering through main school gate at office or through bus gate. (**We encourage students not to arrive until after 8.30am**).
- 8.30am** Classrooms open and accessible to students. - we endeavour to have all other school gates unlocked by this time.
- 9.10am** Gates are locked for the school day. (Main office gate remains unlocked for public and parent access, **please sign in at the office if onsite after 9.10am**).
- 3.00pm** End of School day, please be on time for pick up.

## Pedestrian Crossing On Tamamutu Street

This is a full pedestrian crossing with normal crossing rules applying.

In the past at 3pm this has been operated as a kia crossing (manned by students and a teacher). Due to the confusion of motorists about 'not needing to stop if the kia crossing patrol are not there' and the number of near misses this has caused at other times of the day, the police have been looking into the matter.

As a result, we have been directed to stop manning and operating the crossing as a kia crossing. We are now to teach the students how to cross a normal crossing safely. Plans for community education around crossings are also being looked at.

We will continue to have an adult out in the afternoons helping students to cross safely.



## TAUPO PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILY FUN NIGHT & MEET THE TEACHERS MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 4.30PM - 6.00PM



We would love you and your whanau join us for a relaxed evening of fun, food and friendship!

Bring a picnic or some takeaways to enjoy while you are here. Watch the kids tire themselves out on bouncy castle slides, trying out the inflatable soccer field or joining in with the range of sports and activities that will be happening. All while listening to some live entertainment.

We anticipate having a Sausage in bread for you to snack on, followed by icecream in a cone! **Food, entertainment and activities all for free!**

At 5.15pm teachers will be in their classes for you to pop into introduce yourself briefly and have a look around your child's learning spaces. *(These are not parent interviews with bookings, it is an informal opportunity to pop in and say hi, introduce yourself and for you to start or continue building a relationship with your child's teacher).*





# Diary Dates

	Date to be confirmed	Junior Triathlon
Week 3		Across School Leaders Modelling Writing in the Senior School
Week 4	Thursday 25 February	Senior School Athletics Y4-6 Owen Delany Park 9.25am - 1.25pm
Week 5	Thursday 4 March	Senior School Y4-6 Floating Classroom Rooms 19, 20, 15 and 18
Week 5	Friday 5th March	Senior School Y4-6 Floating Classroom Rooms 14, 16, 17, and 21
Week 6		Swimming for rooms 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 at the AC Baths daily
Week 6		Cycle Safety Grades 1 and 2 rooms 19, 20, and 21
Week 6		Across School Leaders Modelling Writing in the Senior School
Week 7		Swimming for rooms 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 at the AC Baths daily
Week 7	Thursday 18 March	Interschool Athletics Y4-6 Thursday 18th March
Week 8	Thursday 25 March	Epilepsy Awareness Mufit Day, gold coin donation
Week 8		Cycle Safety Y5
Week 9		Cycle Safety Y4
Week 9	Wednesday 31 March	Go Girls Cricket Tournament Y4-5

## Taupo School of Music

### Is Your Child interested in learning an Instrument ?

Taupo School of Music is now open for enrollments for instrumental lessons at the Taupo School of Music! TSOM tutors students up to and including Year 8. Students learn in small groups and most lessons are on Tuesdays after school. Instruments such as clarinets, trumpet, trombone, Cello, violin, flute, keyboard and Alto Sax are available to hire. There is also tuition on guitar, bass guitar, ukulele (waiting list for beginners), and recorder. Expressions of interest taken for bagpipes (available to older/adult students) For more information on cost and availability etc, please email the Principal - [tsomprincipal@gmail.com](mailto:tsomprincipal@gmail.com).

Lessons start on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

## Taupo Junior Cricket resuming 12th February 2021

New and returning players welcome!  
Games/sessions start 4pm Fridays at Owen Delany Park. Spaces from age 5 through to 12. Fundamental catching, throwing and fielding skills taught. Please contact [taupocricket@gmail.com](mailto:taupocricket@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook Page 'Taupo Cricket'



## Keynotes Childrens Choir

Does your child love to sing ? Our childrens choir is for students aged 6-14yrs old. It is cost free and audition free. A willingness to attend most rehearsals on Tuesday 5.30-6.15. Rehearsals start on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. For more information please email the Principal on [tsomprincipal@gmail.com](mailto:tsomprincipal@gmail.com)



Taupo School of Music



## Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic will re-open in Week 4 and will be open on Tuesday and Wednesdays. For dental enquiries outside these times please phone the Hospital Dental Clinic 378 9470.



## WATERING EVENT

10AM-12PM  
FEBRUARY 18TH

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## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

**REMEMBER: "SAFETY IS AS SIMPLE AS ABC...  
ALWAYS BE CAREFUL"**

Parents and caregivers are the most important role models for road safety behaviour, and children will model your behaviour - good and bad. Show our children how to behave safely and lead by example.

- Please adhere to your school rules and follow any instructions given by the school patrol teams.
- Always set a good example when crossing the road. This shows your child the correct procedure which protects them when you're not there.
- If crossing the road always use the school crossing or designated crossing point.
- Drive slowly in school zones and crossing areas.
- Plan your pick up and drop off times.
- Ensure children get in and out on the footpath side of the car.
- Park safely - away from yellow lines, intersections and driveways.
- Where possible, walk your children to and from the school entrance.
- Be aware of other road users, such as buses, cyclists and pedestrians crossing the road.
- Use a Kiss and Drive/Drop Off Zone if available at your school.



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## First Credit Union School Banking 2021

School banking will resume next week. If you would like to join the school banking programme please pick up a pack from the school office.

We want to start the school banking year off with an awesome giveaway, so we are giving students the chance to **WIN 1 of 3 bikes!**

Every deposit made through our school banking programme between 16th February and 9th April 2021 puts them in the draw!



**Taupō Junior Football  
SUMMER FOOTBALL**

**Turn up and play**  
\$2 /Ages 5-12  
Thursdays 5-6pm

Teams formed on the night


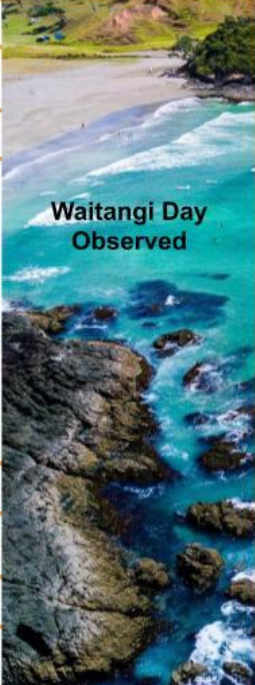




8 Weeks starting Thursday 18th Feb  
Crown Park - Invergarry Rd entrance

[www.taupofootball.org.nz](http://www.taupofootball.org.nz)

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 - 8:15 am		Fort Building & Structured Free Time	Cup Towers & Structured Free Time	Origami & Structured Free Time	Flag Making & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am		Game: Noodle Tag	Game: Rob the Nest	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Wacky Relays
3:00 - 3:10 pm	 <p>Waitangi Day Observed</p>	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm		Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pasta Pie & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm		Game: Traffic	Game: Midnight	Game: Handball	Game: Jedi Dodgeball
3:45 - 4:30 pm		<b>DISCOVERY</b> Sensory Bottle 	<b>GAME</b> Musical Hearts 	<b>COOKING</b> Fruity Yogurt Bites 	<b>CRAFT</b> Friendship Rocks 
4:30 - 4:35 pm		Pack Up	Pack Up	Pack Up	Pack Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm		Games	Games	Games	Games
4:50 - 5:15 pm		Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm		Game: Catch the Dragon Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Race & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	Game: Coin Rugby & Projects

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7:30 - 8:15 am	Card Towers & Structured Free Time	Target Practice & Structured Free Time	Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Staff Choice & Structured Free Time	Tower Building & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Kiwis & Kangaroos	Game: Kids Yoga	Game: Balloon Tag	Game: Limbo	Game: Rainbow Rush
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Muesli Bars & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Doritos & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Fruit Kebabs & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Human Paper, Scissors, Rock	Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	Game: Toilet Tag	Game: Follow the Sergeant	Game: Line Tag
3:45 - 4:30 pm	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Riddles & Bingo 	<b>SPORT</b> Table Tennis 	<b>COOKING</b> New Years Cookies 	<b>CRAFT</b> Chinese Lantern 	<b>GAME</b> Dragon Dance Relay 
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Pack Up	Pack Up	Pack Up	Pack Up	Pack Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Games	Games	Games	Games	Games
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Concentration & Projects	Game: Dance Comp & Projects	Game: Doggy Doggy & Projects	Game: Flee Chase & Projects	Game: Foot Volleyball & Projects



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