

“Hooked on learning”



Taupō Primary School

‘Ko te ako te maneatanga’ ‘Hooked on Learning’ Panui / News Letter Term 1, Week 1

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to another exciting school year! I hope you all had a fantastic summer break, filled with fun, rest, and special moments with family and friends. As we step into this new year, we are thrilled to welcome our students back—both familiar faces and those of you joining us for the first time.

The TPS team has been working hard to prepare an engaging and supportive learning environment, ensuring every child feels valued, inspired and hooked on learning. This year, we look forward to new opportunities for learning, growth, and connection within our school community.

A special welcome to our new students and their families—we are delighted to have you as part of our school whānau. We encourage everyone to get involved, whether through school events, classroom activities, or simply supporting our tamariki in their learning journey.

Thank you to everyone who managed to come down and participate in our whanau fun day. It was a beautiful day with lots of fun, laughter, excitement and smiling faces. What a great way to ease back into the school year and to get to know the teachers this year!



Sun Hats Term 4

Red School Bucket
Sun Hats Must be
Worn in Term 1 as
part of our Sun Smart
and Uniform Policy.



School Starts at 9am.

Student drop off from 8.15am.

Students are not to be dropped off
before 8.15.

School ends at 3pm.

Pick up at 3pm. Please be on time!

Whānaungatanga

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Aroha

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Kotahitanga

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Manaakitanga

TEACHER CONTACT DETAILS

You can contact your class teacher via email



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The easiest way to connect with a teacher is usually via email. They are very busy during the school day, but will endeavour to respond as soon as possible. Whilst some might clear emails in the evenings, this is not an expectation. Please do not expect responses outside of business hours.



THINGS you SHOULD KNOW

You may be aware that there are a few big changes taking place within New Zealand's education system. Including introduction of new curriculum and learning tools by the government. These changes will take time and we will keep you informed as and when this impacts us at Taupō Primary.

One nationwide change that is having immediate impact is classroom release time (CRT) for teachers. It has increased to five days per term. This is a legal entitlement designed to support teachers in their planning, assessment, and professional responsibilities. As a result, students will have a reliever in their class more frequently. Additionally, teachers who are team leaders or have other key responsibilities may be out of class for almost one day per week.



We understand that changes in teaching staff throughout the week can be disruptive for students. To minimise this, we have structured our release time so that the same teacher covers each class consistently across the term. This allows for the main class teacher to liaise and work with one key release teacher, who can maintain routines, relationships, and continuity in learning. However, in cases of teacher illness or unexpected absences, we may need to use a different reliever.



Our goal is to balance these staffing changes while ensuring that students continue to receive high-quality teaching and learning experiences. We appreciate your support and understanding as we work to manage these changes in the best way possible for our tamariki.

BE SAFE
BE SMART
BE A TEAM

