



Taupō Primary School

'Ko te ako te maneatanga' 'Hooked on Learning' Panui / News Letter Term 1, Week 2

Kia ora Whānau,

We're off to a fantastic start, and it's been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and energy your tamariki (children) are bringing to school each day. They've settled in beautifully, and it's great to see not only the mahi that is already well underway, but also the friendships forming and confidence growing.

We are so proud of how well our students are embracing new challenges and supporting each other. It's wonderful to see them celebrating their achievements and encouraging each other along the way.

We had the pleasure of Louise Upston (our local MP) visiting this week and having a look around and seeing how we get everyone Hooked On Learning! As our year 5/6 EOTC Current of learning prepared apples for stewing, they got to hear her first hand experience of wasps eating out the insides of apples and living in the hollowed out apples as they still hung on her trees!

Home Connections

Your support at home makes a big difference! Here are some ways to continue the positive momentum:

- **Ask About Their Day:** A simple "What was your favourite part of today?" can spark great conversations.
- **Encourage Reading:** A few minutes of reading each day goes a long way in building strong literacy skills.
- **Celebrate Their Efforts:** Praising their hard work and progress boosts confidence and motivation.

We're excited about what the rest of the term holds! Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's learning journey. Within this panui are a few important reminders, expectations and need to knows.





Mihi Whakatau

Taupō Primary School Term 1 2025



You are invited to Taupō Primary School on **Thursday 27th March at 9.15am** to attend a Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new tamariki/children, whānau/families and kaimahi/staff to our kura/school.

As manuhiri/visitors, you will be asked if you would like to kōrero/speak on behalf of the group. If this interests you, please email either Jasmine Griffin jasmineg@taupoprimary.school.nz or Sarah Sade sarahs@taupoprimary.school.nz. If you would like support on what to include in your kōrero, just indicate this in your email. However, if no one would like to speak, one of our students will speak on your behalf. After the kōrero, it is tikanga/protocol to sing a waiata/song, which will be **Tūtira mai ngā iwi**. The school will join in and sing along.

Please meet outside the school hall at **9.10am** to be briefed on the Mihi Whakatau process before we begin. Once the Mihi Whakatau process is completed it is tikanga to end with kai/food, so please **allow 5-10 minutes to have a cup of tea and biscuit afterwards**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ngā mihi nunui kia koutou,
Taupō Primary School

Whānaungatanga - Aroha - Kotahitanga - Manaakitanga

Save the Date

Up and Coming Events

Monday 17 February Friday 28 February	Swimming senior school Y4-6 Rooms 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21
Tuesday 18 February	Show the Plants Love Event Rm 21 -STEAM/EOTC Space Y5/6
Tuesday 4 March	Ki-O-Rahi Y5/6
Wednesday 5 March	Girls Cricket Y5/6
Thursday 13 March	PTA Annual General Meeting, 6pm, staffroom. New members welcome.
Friday 14 March	Basketball Y3/4
Thursday 27 March	Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new tamariki/children, whānau/families and kaimahi/staff to our kura/school 9.15am in the hall.
Friday 11 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 28 April	First day of Term 2

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SEND YOUR CHILDREN WITH A PACKED LUNCH

Unfortunately we do not qualify for the school lunch programme. Please ensure your child has enough food for the day. Via donation we receive a very small supply of kai to help children who have **forgotten**, dropped or on occasion cannot bring a packed lunch. We cannot guarantee the availability of this as the supply often runs out.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to everyone who has started the year in correct school uniform. Please note that the requirement for pants, shorts, skirts and skorts is **PLAIN BLACK**. Shorts with large brand labels, large / multiple white stripes, checker patterns etc do not adhere to the uniform requirements. *Very small and discrete logos / insignia may be acceptable.*

Our School Uniform



DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES

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!



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.

Volunteers wanted for the Taupo Ironman event on Saturday 1 March. This is a PTA fundraiser. You would help for approximately 4 hours in either the morning or afternoon. Email Liz France: lizf@taupoprimary.school.nz



WAIRAKEI ESTATE

IRONKIDZ TAUPŌ 2025 TRIATHLON

swim bike run

WAIRAKEI ESTATE IRONKIDZ TAUPŌ 2025 TRIATHLON

Sunday 23rd February 2025

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Parent to Parent

Navigating the system

Do you have a disabled child, a neurodivergent child, or a child with a health impairment? Learn more about what supports are available and how to access them.

Learning about the various disability support services can be overwhelming for many parents and caregivers. This workshop explores what supports are available in your region, and gives participants the opportunity to hear from professionals who work in the sector. Learn more about:

- WHO to engage with for supports
- WHAT Disability is
- WHEN is the right time to seek support
- WHY do you need the supports

Kathleen Smith, Community Liaison of Parent to Parent will be facilitating this event.

Saturday, 5th April 2025

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm | Central Plateau REAP, Reap Centre 73 Titirapunga Street, Taupo 3330 | Lunch will be provided

Cost: This workshop is free thanks to funding from Care Matters*

* Your family must be eligible for disability support services to attend this workshop. Please contact us if you are unsure of your eligibility.

[Click here to register now.](#)

Or contact Jane Ford for more information: jane.ford@parenttoparent.org.nz | 027 808 3845

In partnership with: **CARE MATTERS** LEARNING & WELLBEING

PEDAL SAFE

TRI KIDS TRAINING

An opportunity for children to learn the basics of triathlon. For children aged 7 - 15 years old. Get the best preparation for school triathlons, Ironkidz or the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon.

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY | 9AM - 11.30AM

Improve swim technique, gain bike confidence, and other running and training tips, including transitions. The training is for beginners and priority given to students who haven't attended previously.

LIMITED TO FIRST 20 REGISTRATIONS

FREE

REGISTER ONLINE AT TAUPŌ.GOV.TZ/ROADSAFETY or for more information contact s.wright@taupo.govt.nz | 07 376 0720

GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ Taupo District Council

IRONKIDZ TAUPŌ 2025 TRIATHLON

Taupo Hockey 2025

MINI HOCKEY **Nau mai ki te tākaro**

- Years 2, 3 & 4
- 10 week competition beginning Friday 9th of May & concludes Friday 8th of August
- Weekly games played between 3:30pm – 4:34pm
- Cost is \$70 per player

MAXI HOCKEY **Players each need a hockey stick, shin pads, sneakers & mouth guard**

- Years 5 & 6
- 12 week competition beginning Friday 9th of May & concludes Friday the 22nd of August
- Weekly games played between 4:45pm – 8:00pm
- Cost is \$90 per player

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY

- Year 7 & 8
- 14 week competition beginning Wednesday 7th May & concludes Wednesday 20th of August
- Weekly games played between 3:45pm – 7:15pm
- Cost is \$110 per player

Registrations are through your school and children play in a school team

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KELLY CLUB

THEME: Staff Choice!

Term 1 Week 3, 17 February 2025

Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Taupo

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30- 8:15 am	Colouring & Structured Free Time	Paint & Structured Free Time	Drawing & Structured Free Time	Crafts & Structured Free Time	Movies & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Tag	Game: Badminton	Game: noodle hockey	Game: leapfrog	Game: sleeping lion
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Noodles and Popcorn	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies and fruits	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pasta and crackers	Intro & Afternoon Tea yoghurt and fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Crackers and Fruits
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: DodgeBall	Game: Musical chairs	Game: Blind Man buff	Game: Desert Island	Game: Leap tag
3:45 - 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY Kinetic Slime	SPORT Badminton	COOKING Fairy Bread	CRAFT Hot glue gun Monsters	GAME Board Games
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Fruit	Snack Time cookies	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time popcorn
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: board games & Projects	Game: board games & Projects	Game: Card games & Projects	Game: keepy uppy & Projects	Game: paper scissors rock & Projects

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WELCOME

BACK TO

SCHOOL

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BE SMART
BE A TEAM**

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