



# 'Ko te ako te maneatanga' 'Hooked on Learning' Panui / Newsletter Term 1, Week 4

**Please note the change of date for our Mihi Whakatau**



## Mihi Whakatau



**Taupō Primary School Term 1 2025**

You are invited to Taupō Primary School on **Thursday 13th 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@taupopprimary.school.nz](mailto:jasmineg@taupopprimary.school.nz) or Sarah Sade [sarahs@taupopprimary.school.nz](mailto:sarahs@taupopprimary.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

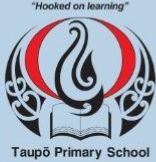
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## Save the Date - Up and Coming Events

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.
Thursday 13 March	Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new tamariki/children, whānau/families and kaimahi/staff to our kura/school 9.15am in the hall.
Friday 14 March	Basketball Y3/4
Friday 11 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 28 April	First day of Term 2

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# KO TE AKO TE MANEATANGA ~ HOOKED ON LEARNING



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

### MAKE 100% ATTENDANCE YOUR FAMILY'S GOAL

For optimal learning it is important that children attend school regularly. The Ministry of Education defines 'regularly' as being 90% and over. We absolutely understand that 'things' happen and sometimes absence is unavoidable. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can support you with to get your children to school.

#### AROHA

Love, compassion, empathy and concern for others and the things we do...



Attendance everyday matters. It is really important that we show our tamariki that we, as a team, care about their education and wellbeing.



#### KOTAHITANGA

Unity, togetherness working as a team and collaborating with others...

Communication is the key...

- Phone (leave a message) or text the school in the morning if your child is going to be away. Please tell us your name, room number and reason for absence.
- We need to know the reason that your child is away and that they are safe.
- Reply to the text we send out.



#### MANAAKITANGA

Showing kindness, respect, generosity and care for others...

Work with us to manage attendance concerns. We have ideas about how to support your child to attend school and we want to work with you and your child to ensure they attend school regularly. If you have concerns that are impacting on your child's attendance please contact us.

#### WHANAUNGATANGA

Forming relationships, unity and working together to achieve success with the things we are meant to do...

- Do your best by trying to schedule appointments out of school hours and not taking holidays in term time.
- Birthdays are not justified reasons for being away from school.
- Anything more than 5 days off school in one term will put attendance into the 'irregular attendance' category.
- Please note if your child has 5 days unjustified absence in one term you will receive notification of this.
- Thank you for working with us.



90-100%  
REGULAR ATTENDANCE

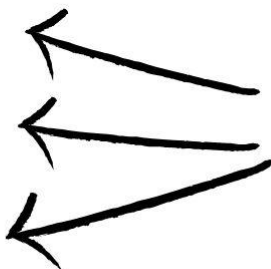
81-90%  
IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

71-80%  
MODERATE ATTENDANCE

70% AND BELOW  
CHRONIC ABSENCE

### ATTENDANCE RATES

If your child's attendance falls within these three categories they will be included in our monitoring group.





# Music in the Gardens

**WAIPAHIHI BOTANICAL**

**Sunday 9 March 2025**  
11am - 1pm

Waipahihi Botanical Gardens  
Shepherd Road, Taupo

Local musicians – a variety of music – and nature activities for children, organised by Kids Greening Taupo.

Bring a rug or a deckchair, a picnic and your family and friends.

**WAIPAHIHI BOTANICAL SOCIETY INC**  
TAUPO New Zealand  
waipahihigardens.nz  
Join us on facebook  
Waipahihi Botanical Reserve

**LM LITTLE MISS Party Planner COLOUR RUN 14 MARCH**

COME IN WHITE, LEAVE A WALKING RAINBOW!

## WIN A PIZZA LUNCH!

Calling all students, teachers, and families!  
WIN a pizza lunch for your entire class just by signing up for the Trail Colour Run at the Taupo Trail Festival!

**HOW TO ENTER:**

- Sign up for the Trail Colour Run at [taupotrailfestival.co.nz](http://taupotrailfestival.co.nz)
- Follow the prompts during registration entering your school and class number.
- The class with the most entries wins an epic pizza lunch!

**TAUPO TRAIL FESTIVAL**  
14-16 MARCH 2025  
[taupotrailfestival.co.nz](http://taupotrailfestival.co.nz)

## EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY

**KAIMANAWA RESERVE | SUNDAY 9 MARCH | 9AM TO 1PM**

Witness Fire and Emergency NZ, NZ Police, Greenlee Rescue Helicopter, and Mato Hone St John Ambulance in action as they perform a real-time vehicle extrication!

Meet the teams from LANDSAR, Coastguard, Taupo District Civil Defence, and the Harbourmaster.

Grab a sausage from our gold coin donation BBQ, supporting the Greenlee Rescue Helicopter's new winch. Coffee cart will also be there!

Don't miss this exciting and educational day for the whole family!

**SPONSORS:** GREAT LAKE TAUPO, FIRE, Mato Hone St John, NZ POLICE, LANDSEARCH & RESCUE, COASTGUARD, TAUPO DISTRICT CIVIL DEFENCE, NZ TRAFFIC, KENNARDS HIRE.

### Netball, Hockey, Basketball

Netball and hockey information notices have gone out this week. If your child / children are wanting to play and haven't received a copy, please collect a notice from the office foyer. Basketball notices will go out next week. Look out for these.



<b>KELLY CLUB</b>		<b>THEME: Colourful Autumn</b>				Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Taupo	
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7:00 - 8:15 am		Card Games & Structured Free Time	Ploydough & Structured Free Time	Autumn Placemat & Structured Free Time	Charades & Structured Free Time	Homemade Cupcakes & Structured Free Time	
8:15 - 8:30 am		Game: Bean Bag Toss	Game: Balloon Stomp	Game: Boss of the Balls	Game: Rainbow Rush	Game: Football	
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 Corn Thins & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheerios & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Cupcakes & Fruit	
3:30 - 3:45 pm		Game: Staff Choice	Game: Master	Game: Space Invaders	Game: Scatter Ball	Game: Lonely Ghost	
		GAME Pie Eater Tag	DISCOVERY Oobleck	SPORT Cricket Tee-Ball	COOKING Caramel Apples	CRAFT Nature Postcard	
3:45 - 4:30 pm							
4:30 - 4:35 pm		Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	
4:35 - 4:50 pm		Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Crackers	
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: Hornet Tag & Projects	Game: King of the Ring & Projects	Game: Mexican Kickball & Projects	Game: Pirates Basketball & Projects	Game: Mortal Enemies & Projects	
E: <a href="mailto:taupo@kellyclub.co.nz">taupo@kellyclub.co.nz</a>		kellyclub.co.nz/taupo				P: 021 195 0139	

**BE SAFE  
BE SMART  
BE A TEAM**

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