

"Hooked on learning"



Taupō Primary School

'Ko te ako te maneatanga' 'Hooked on Learning' Term 1, Wiki 5 Celebrating being HOOKED ON LEARNING

Meet Our Amazing Year 4-6 Teaching Team!

Kia ora whānau,

We are excited to introduce our passionate and dedicated Year 4-6 teaching team for this year!

A key focus this year has been our **Currents**—learning pathways that allow students to explore their passions through **Sports, The Arts, STEAM, and Te Reo Māori and Mātauranga Māori**. It has been fantastic to see our ākonga (students) engaging deeply, making connections across subjects, and showing enthusiasm for their chosen areas of interest. The creativity, teamwork, and critical thinking emerging from these learning experiences have been inspiring!

Room 21 **Mandy Woodcock** STEAM/EOTC

Room 19 **Jo Dundas** STEAM/Mātauranga Māori

Room 17 **Leanne Curtis** Sports/The Arts

Room 16 **Hannah Simpson** Sports/The Arts (*Team Leader*)

Room 15 **Jasmine Griffin** Te Reo Māori Level 2 (*Team Leader*)

Senior School Deputy Principal: **Sarah Sade**

Room 20 **Fallan Zander** EOTC/Sports

Room 18 **Jennifer Johns** STEAM

Room 5 **Jenny Bohan** STEAM

Room 4 **Kasey Izzet** STEAM



Whānaungatanga

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Aroha

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Kotahitanga

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Manaakitanga

Te Reo Māori (Level 2)


Our Reo Māori space has had a powerful and meaningful start to the year, opening with karakia, a blessing, and a mihi whakatau


We have also launched into learning through **Ki o Rahi**, a dynamic and kaupapa-driven game that not only strengthens our tamariki in te reo Māori but also deepens their understanding of pūrākau, teamwork, and strategy.


It was a privilege to welcome our **Bright Beginners** with a mihi whakatau, embracing them into our learning community with warmth and manaakitanga.



Sports and The Arts

 **Swimming & Water Safety** – Our students have been making great progress in the pool, developing their swimming skills and learning essential water safety techniques to keep them confident in and around the water.

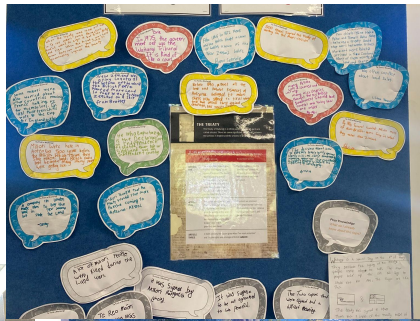
 **Cycle Safety** – Our senior students have been taking part in a fantastic cycle safety program, learning how to ride safely, navigate roads, and build their confidence on two wheels.

 **Cricket Smash** – The excitement of **Cricket Smash** has been a highlight, with students getting stuck into batting, bowling, and fielding while developing their coordination and teamwork.




EOTC


Our **Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)** programme is in full swing, with our tamariki getting hands-on with nature! Recently, our students have been **examining soil quality** before planting lettuce, learning about what makes healthy soil and why it's important for growing kai.




STEAM

Our **STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)** sessions are in full swing, with our tamariki exploring a range of engaging learning experiences across different classes.

 **3D Portraits** – Students have been diving into the world of art and technology, creating incredible **3D portraits** that bring their creativity to life in new and exciting ways.

 **Structured Literacy** – In another focus, students have been strengthening their reading and writing skills through **structured literacy**, building strong foundations in language while engaging with meaningful texts.

 **Treaty of Waitangi** – Some classes have been delving into the **Treaty of Waitangi**, unpacking its significance, learning about its history, and making connections to how it shapes Aotearoa today.

Save the Date - Up and Coming Events

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	School is open but there will be no bus service available. Please make alternative arrangements if your child/children catch the bus.
Friday 11 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 28 April	First day of Term 2
Friday 6 June	TEACHER ONLY DAY



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@taupoprimarieschool.nz or Sarah Sade sarahs@taupoprimarieschool.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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Taupo Family Centre Inc **'Kidz 4 Life'**™ **TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI CHILDREN'S DAY**

Children's Day 2025 Teddy Bear Picnic

Building Futures, Dare 2 Dream

THURSDAY APRIL 3RD
HICKLING PARK | 3:00PM - 6:00PM

- For the whole whānau
- Games
- Entertainment
- Food
- Special Guests
- Gift Bags
- Spot Prizes
- Lucky Draws
- Sausage Sizzle
- Fun Competitions

Build A Bear House Comp
Build a cozy little house for your teddy using recyclable materials you can find at home. Bring your Teddy's new home on the day and be entered into a lucky draw for a chance to win a prize! Let your imagination run wild!

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KELLY CLUB **What's Up AT YOUR CLUB**

KELLY CLUB {VENUE} UPDATE

What's been happening...

It's been a fun-filled week of creativity and friendly competition, as we experiment with oobleck, play entertaining games and showcasing our artistic skills in our own colouring competition. We hope you join us next week.

What's happening next week!

THEME: Wildlife Week
Term 1 Week 6, 10th March 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Air Dry Clay Ladybugs & Structured Free Time	Colourful Tuna Pizzas & Structured Free Time	Finger Creatives & Structured Free Time	Board Games & Structured Free Time	Homemade Cookies & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Handball	Game: Fly Swat/Fly	Game: Line Tag	Game: Connect Four/Hide & Seek	Game: Traffic
9:00 - 9:10 pm	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time
9:10 - 9:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea (Crisp Chips, Salsa & Fruit)	Intro & Afternoon Tea (Samosas & Fruit)	Intro & Afternoon Tea (Cheese Toasties & Fruit)	Intro & Afternoon Tea (Samosas & Fruit)	Intro & Afternoon Tea (Noodles & Fruit)
9:30 - 9:45 pm	Game: Top Ball	Game: Scavenger Tag	Game: Stick in the Mud	Game: Quick Fire Cricket	Game: Capture the Flag
SENIORS 9:45 - 4:30 pm	CRAFT: Balloon Animal	GAME: Squeak Piggy Squeak	DISCOVERY: Scavenger Hunt	SPORT: Bull Tail Rush	COOKING: Chocolate Nests
JUNIORS 9:45 - 4:30 pm	SPORT: Wildlife Movement Dice	DISCOVERY: Scavenger Hunt	CRAFT: Clay Animals	GAME: Squeak Piggy Squeak	COOKING: Chocolate Nests
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 (Biscuits)	Snack Time (Crackers)	Snack Time (Veggie Chips)	Snack Time (Baking)
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: Mother May I? & Projects	Game: Where's Wally? & Projects	Game: Sharks, Islands & Fish & Projects	Game: Sheep & Wolves & Projects	Game: Slide Tag & Projects

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Well done to one of our Year 5 students, **Murphy**, who participated in the **KartSport NZ Karting Grand Prix** last weekend.

- Murphy is in the Cadet ROK category
- 13 of the fastest kids in NZ competing (South Island incl)
- Qualified 1st place
- Overall placing after 2 days of racing = 6th place



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