

"Hooked on learning"



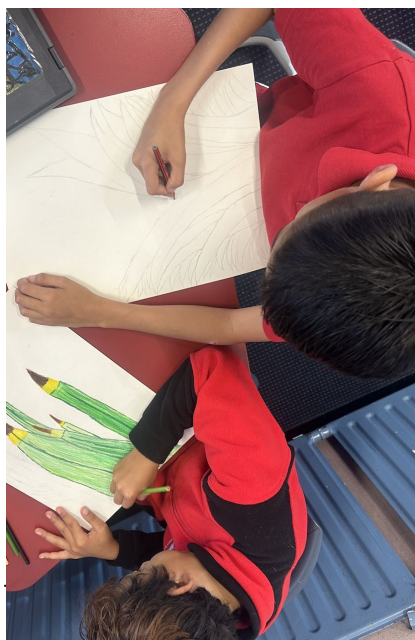
Taupō Primary School

'Ko te ako te maneatanga' 'Hooked on Learning' Term 2, Wiki 4 Celebrating being HOOKED ON LEARNING

The Senior School has hit the ground running this term with an exciting mix of learning, sports, and preparation for upcoming events. Our **kapa haka rūpū** are already hard at work, lifting their voices and spirits as they begin their journey towards performing at the **Tūwharetoa Taioenga Festival** next term — a chance to stand proud in our culture and mahi.

We're excited to welcome **Kids Greening Taupō** into school next week to teach us about **invasive clams and biosecurity** — an important kaupapa as we continue to learn how to protect and care for our environment.

Finally, **Matariki**. We are preparing to honour this special time with learning, reflection, and celebration. Ka mau te wehi, seniors — let's keep the momentum strong!



Hutia te rito o te harakeke
kei hea te kōmako e ko?
Ki mai ki au, he aha te mea nui i te ao?
Maku e ki atu, He tangata, he tangata,
he tangata!

If you cut out the centre of the flax,
where will the bellbird sing?
Say to me, what is the most important
thing in the world?
I will reply, the people, the people, the
people!



Te Reo Māori (Level 2)

This term, Room 15 has been deepening their understanding of **harakeke**, a taonga with great significance in **te ao Māori**. Our ākonga have been learning about the **tikanga** of working with harakeke — understanding the sacred connection it holds to **whānau**, and the respect needed when harvesting and weaving. Guided by this mātauranga, they carefully created **putiputi** to gift with aroha for **Mother's Day** — each one a reflection of their learning and manaaki.

Now, our tamariki are continuing their journey by **observing and sketching harakeke from different angles and perspectives**, learning to see it not just as a plant, but as a living symbol of whakapapa and wairua. Through their eyes, pencils, and hearts, harakeke continues to teach.

Whānaungatanga

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Aroha

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Kotahitanga

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Manaakitanga



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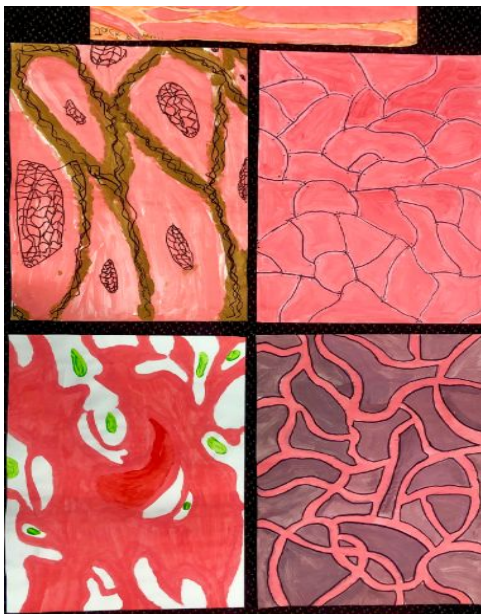
Room 21 are participating in the Young Pioneers programme at the Taupō Timebank. The first two sessions have been a lot of fun, including building bivouacs that could provide shelter from wind and rain. Interacting with the chickens has quickly become a firm favourite with the whole class. Upcoming lessons will include gardening, cooking, inventing and making games, building, and sowing seeds...



Sports and The Arts

From tuakana-teina activities to creative expression in Sports and Arts, our learners have been making the most of our current learning programme. Students have stepped into the role of tuakana, guiding and supporting their teina in a range of rich learning experiences. In the Arts, learners have retold pūrākau through drama, dance, music and visual arts, then worked collaboratively to design engaging sporting activities inspired by these stories – tailor-made for their junior buddy classes. This connection between movement, storytelling, and leadership has brought our learning to life.

In Sports, students have proudly represented Taupo Primary at inter school events, upholding our school values of Kotahitanga, Aroha, Whanaungatanga and Manaakitanga. These events continue to be a highlight for many. We're excited for the upcoming Tackle 5 tasters and our school swimming sports, both leading into inter school competitions. The term will finish strong with an orienteering challenge to round out an active and creative 9 weeks.



The Athlete Within: Where Science Meets Sport and Art!

Our Sports and Arts classes have been diving deep into the science of the human body as part of our unit The Athlete Within. Students have explored the fascinating world of muscles — discovering the unique functions of smooth, skeletal, and cardiac muscle types. But this learning hasn't been limited to the classroom or the sports field!

Through hands-on research and creative exploration, students are not only understanding how muscles work and the role nutrition plays in keeping our bodies performing at their best, but they are also expressing this knowledge through bold, macroscopic pieces of art. These stunning visual representations bring science to life in colourful, powerful ways — showcasing the intersection between physical performance and creative expression. Ka mau te wehi!

STEAM

This term, Room 5 is taking part in a nationwide project called Rocket Lab. Rocket Lab is provided by The Wonder Project, who are in turn run by Engineering New Zealand. We are learning about different kinds of rockets and what forces are necessary to make them fly. We are designing and making water rockets that use water and compressed air to make them fly. Our House of Science rocket kit has taught us heaps about lift, thrust, weight, and drag, through different exciting experiments.



Room 18 has been getting their hands dirty in the best way possible! Connecting directly to our recent exploration of earthquakes, students creatively used clay to model the different layers of the Earth. This hands-on approach not only brought the Earth's structure to life but also provided a tangible understanding of the forces at play beneath our feet. What a brilliant way to visualize the science behind earthquakes!





Save the Date - Up and Coming Events

Monday 26 May	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm staffroom
Wed-Fri 28, 29, 30 May	Kids Greening Taupō Sessions
Wednesday 28 May	Tackle 5 Tasters Y5/6
Thursday 29 May	Senior School Y4-6 Swimming Sports ACBaths
Monday 2 June	King's Birthday - no school SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 4 June	Orienteering Tasters Y5/6
Thursday 5 June	Mihi Whakatau 9.05
Thursday 5 June	Greening Taupō Day Rms 5, 18, 19, 20, 21
Friday 6 June	TEACHER ONLY DAY - Ministry of Education Curriculum Implementation PLD Day 1 SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 11 June	Interschool Swimming Sports Y4-6 ACBaths
Thursday 19 June	Matariki Day - Join us from 11.30 to 2.00 See Attached Flyer
Friday 20 June	Matariki - no school SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 27 June	Last day Term 2
Monday 14 July	First day Term 3



Taupo Primary PTA update



Cupcake Day was a great success!

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and caregivers who donated cupcakes for Cupcake Day a few weeks ago, as well as the parent volunteers on the day - we couldn't have done it without you. Also, a big thank you to the lovely office ladies for helping to spread the message far and wide, and of course the teachers - for having classrooms full of excited children on such a wet day.

We raised \$1,364, which is a great amount to go towards a few other projects we've got planned this year. Our next fundraiser is going to be the Mid-Winter Christmas Raffle, of which we ask for donated items to turn into a bunch of amazing food and home goods baskets. Once tickets have been sold by the students, the prize winners will be drawn and given away just before the next school holidays. Your child/ren should get a flyer in their bag this week, but it's also attached to this week's newsletter.

As always, if you're keen to join the PTA (or help out at events like Cupcake Day), we're always looking for new people to come on board. Please email taupoprimarypta@gmail - our meetings are once a term and only an hour long.



TAUPO PRIMARY PTA



MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Help the PTA raise funds for our Taupo Primary whanau by donating a grocery item to our mid-winter Christmas grocery raffle. And you can win!

GROCERY DONATIONS

WHAT: Check out the list of classrooms over the page & send a grocery item from the category allocated to your child's classroom.

WHEN: We're receiving grocery donations between now & Tuesday 24th of June. Send these along to school with your child or drop them in the box in the office foyer.

DON'T: Please DO NOT SEND PERISHABLES (like fresh fruit or vegetables or anything that needs refrigeration)

TICKETS

WHAT: Each child has been allocated 10 tickets to sell for \$2.00 each. Please check your child's school bag for your bundle of tickets - coming out in the next week. If you'd like more tickets to sell, please ask the friendly team in the school office.

WHEN: Get selling as soon as you receive your tickets, but money & tickets (sold & unsold) are **due back to school by Wednesday 18th June**. Please return both money & tickets with your child or directly to the 'postbox' in the Taupo Primary School office foyer.

THE DRAW

WINNERS: The winning tickets will be drawn on **Wednesday 25th June** & winners notified the same day. Please make sure you pick your prizes up before the last day of term (Friday 5th of July)



WHAT TO DONATE

Here's a suggestion of what you might like to donate to the mid winter Christmas raffle. But anything is much appreciated!

Room 1, 2 & 3 - Tinned food OR party food like chips or reduced cream/onion soup, nuts, crackers, pretzels, fizzy drinks.

Room 4, 5, 6 - Breakfast products - non-perishable like jam, spreads, cereals or porridge.

Room 7, 8 & 9 - Sweet tooth products like lollies, biscuits, chocolate.

Room 10 & 11 & 12 - Lunchbox food - packaged like muesli bars, multi packs chippies, ie snaks, raisins, dried apricots.

Room 13 - laundry/cleaning - could be pegs, laundry powder, fabric softener, scrubbing brush, laundry basket or even a bucket!

Room 14 & 15 - Bathroom/toilet products - cleaning products like Jif, bar of soap, foaming soap, smellies for toilet, toilet paper, tissues, spray & wipe, toilet duck.

Room 16 & 17 - Health & beauty products ranging from hair ties to moisturiser, shampoo, conditioner, hairbrushes, toothpaste or toothbrushes.

Room 18 & 19 - Kitchen cleaning products - could be anything from a dishcloth, tea towel, dishwasher tablets to spray in wipe, dishwasher liquid or handy towels.

Room 20 & 21 - Staples & baking like flour, salt, pepper, oil, tea, coffee, sugar, Milo, baking powder, cocoa, brown sugar, coconut, noodles, herbs & spices, cup of soup.

THANKS FOR HELPING THE PTA TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR AWESOME SCHOOL!

Taupo DeBretts SPA RESORT
2025 TAUPO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
ANNUAL FAMILY PASS SPECIAL
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Access includes Outdoor and Indoor Pools, Cold Pools and Spa Pools.
 (Valid for 2 Adults and up to 4 Children under the age of 18).
 Hydro slides are an additional cost.
 Valid until 31st of July 2025
NO EXTENTIONS

To be eligible to purchase the School fundraiser, you must have children attending a local school

Nominate your Taupo School >>>

ADULT 1

ADULT 2

CHILD 1 AGE

CHILD 2 AGE

CHILD 3 AGE

CHILD 4 AGE

ADDRESS

PHONE EMAIL

Bank Account: 01-0427-0143377-000
 TAUPO HOT SPRINGS LTD >>> For Payments, use the name of ADULT 1 as reference.

BIG BAKE OFF
Fundraiser
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
STARSHIP HOSPITAL
SAT • MAY 31 • 9 am - 12 pm
Taupo Primary School Hall

FREE "Introduction to Mentoring" Workshop
 Hosted by He Kāhui Tangata Trust
 Facilitated by Heart 4 Youth trust

*Do you have one hour spare a week to spend with a young person?
 *Have you always wanted to make a difference in a young persons life?
 *Do you want to feel inspired and challenged?
 *Must be aged 18+

Where: Central Plateau REAP Centre
73 Titirapunga St, Taupo
When: Saturday, 5th July 2025
Time: 9am-4pm
 (Registrations open from 8.30am)
 Morning/Afternoon tea, Lunch and course materials included

Note: There is no obligation to mentor post course. All willing mentors must pass suitability criteria, references and police vet checks post workshop

Register Now
 RSVP by 30th June 2025
 Spaces are limited

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KELLY CLUB TAUPO UPDATE

What's been happening...

This week marks Peacemakers Week and we've had a blast participating in various fun-filled activities including island hopping, card house construction, and the creation of one-of-a-kind dye plates with a dash of creativity.

What's happening next week!

THEME: A Sea of Royals
 Term 2 Week 5, 5th May 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Card Games & Structured Free Time (Games: Snap, King of the Hill)	Chess: Ancient Art & Structured Free Time (Games: Chess, King of the Hill)	Penmanship: Sea Creatures & Structured Free Time (Games: Snap of the Ball)	Chess: Chess & Structured Free Time (Games: King of the Hill)	Homework: Capabilities & Structured Free Time (Games: Snap of the Ball)
8:15 - 8:30 am					
8:30 - 9:15 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
9:15 - 9:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea (Games: Snap, King of the Hill)	Intro & Afternoon Tea (Games: Snap, King of the Hill)	Intro & Afternoon Tea (Games: Snap, King of the Hill)	Intro & Afternoon Tea (Games: Snap, King of the Hill)	Intro & Afternoon Tea (Games: Snap, King of the Hill)
9:30 - 9:45 pm	Games: Snap, King of the Hill	Games: Snap, King of the Hill	Games: Snap, King of the Hill	Games: Snap, King of the Hill	Games: Snap, King of the Hill
9:45 - 10:30 pm	DISCOVERY: Ocean Stone Cannon Ball Pop	DISCOVERY: Ocean Stone Cannon Ball Pop	DISCOVERY: Ocean Stone Cannon Ball Pop	DISCOVERY: Ocean Stone Cannon Ball Pop	DISCOVERY: Ocean Stone Cannon Ball Pop
10:30 - 10:45 pm	Take Up	Take Up	Take Up	Take Up	Take Up
10:45 - 11:00 pm	Snack Time Recap	Snack Time Recap	Snack Time Recap	Snack Time Recap	Snack Time Recap
11:00 - 11:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
11:15 - 11:30 pm	Games: Homelap Top & Projects	Games: King of the Hill & Projects	Games: Reaction Kickball & Projects	Games: Pirates Backball & Projects	Games: Mental Exercises & Projects

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