

"Hooked on learning"



Taupō Primary School

# **'Ko te ako te maneatanga'** **'Hooked on Learning'** **Panui / Newsletter** **Term 2, Wiki 5**

**SHORT SCHOOL WEEK NEXT WEEK - TUESDAY TO THURSDAY**



## Reminders For Next Week

Monday next week is a public holiday. School will be closed, enjoy the long weekend - we are all hoping the sun will come out to play!

**As advertised all year in our up and coming events, the School is closed Friday next week.**

This is a Ministry Of Education Provided Teacher Only Day for Professional Development for Teachers around the new Maths Curriculum that the Government has introduced.

We have very little say on the dates as they are based around the PLD providers availability.

## Staffing Update

We are currently dealing with a high level of teacher illness and absence. On top of that, there's a nationwide shortage of teachers and relievers, which means it's not always easy to find someone to step in when needed.

We want to reassure you that we're doing our very best to keep things running smoothly – you'll often see our senior leadership team jumping into classrooms to help out wherever we can.

Thanks so much for your continued support and understanding – it really does make a difference.

👉 On the next page, you'll find an open letter from Taupō schools. Please feel free to have a read and share it with others.

## To the Taupō Community – From Your Local School Principals

Kia ora Taupō whānau,

Like you, we all want Taupō to continue being the best place it can be to live, work, and go to school. Our schools play a vital role in that vision — shaping the futures of our young people and strengthening our community. As the Principals and Boards of schools across the Taupō rohe, we write together to share an urgent issue affecting all our kura — the national shortage of qualified teachers.

Despite our ongoing efforts to recruit and support new staff, there is an increasing teacher supply challenge to meet the growing needs of our schools. This is putting a real strain on our ability to deliver the quality education our ākonga deserve.

Across the rohe, some schools are having to make difficult decisions: collapsing classes, combining year levels, or rostering students home. These measures are temporary and only taken when absolutely necessary, but we know they cause disruption for students, whānau, and staff.

Still, our commitment remains strong — to provide safe, high-quality learning environments for all. Yet at times, the staffing shortage means we cannot meet even our own expectations.

To give context:

- The average number of NZ-trained applicants per vacancy has halved since 2019.
- Around one-third of school vacancies remain unfilled.
- 33% of advertised roles in 2023 had no NZ-trained applicants; 31% had only one.
- Relief teacher availability is at record lows for our community.
- References-
  - (2024). *2025 Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement – FAQ and Claim Summary*
  - *Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA). (2023). Secondary School Staffing Survey Report 2023*

We are calling on the collective strength of our Taupō community—because it takes all of us to shape the future our tamariki deserve. Your continued support and understanding are deeply appreciated.

If you or someone you know holds a degree and wants to make a difference, we encourage you to consider teaching. It's a rewarding career, and now more than ever, your skills are needed.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we will continue to do our best for every learner in our community.

Ngā manaakitanga,

**Central Plateau Principals**

*On behalf of the schools of the Taupō rohe*



## Save the Date - Up and Coming Events

Wed-Fri 28, 29, 30 May	Kids Greening Taupō Sessions
Monday 2 June	King's Birthday - no school <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 4 June	Orienteering Tasters Y5/6
Thursday 5 June	Mihi Whakatau 9.05am
Thursday 5 June	Greening Taupō Day Rms 5, 18, 19, 20, 21 Dress in "GREEN" Greening Taupo. Please bring along a koha, all donations go to GREENING Taupō
Friday 6 June	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY - Ministry of Education Curriculum Implementation PLD Day 1 SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
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 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Friday 27 June	Last day Term 2
Monday 14 July	First day Term 3



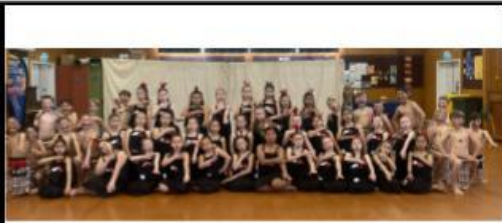
### Green Dress Up Day

Some students will be attending events off site, others will be planting around the school. **Everyone** can wear Green to show our support for the awesome mahi, education and restoration that Greening Taupō carry out.

We still have mulch to spread around the school, if you want to pop down with a shovel to help out after morning tea (11.20am) you are more than welcome.

**If** you can spare a gold coin please send it in, donation go to the work Greening Taupō carry out.





## Mihi Whakatau

### Taupō Primary School Term 2 2025



You are invited to Taupō Primary School on **Thursday 5th June 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](mailto:jasmineg@taupoprimarieschool.nz) or Sarah Sade [sarahs@taupoprimarieschool.nz](mailto: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

**Whānaungatanga - Aroha - Kotahitanga - Manaakitanga**

## Mihi Whakatau process



Meet outside the school hall at **9.10am**. You will then walk in as a roopu/group—wahine/females at the front and tane/males behind.

When inside, tane are seated at the front and wahine behind (our tamariki will be with their teacher on the floor).

There will be a kaikorero/speaker from the tangata whenua side, followed by a waiata. Then, a kaikorero will reply from the manuhiri side with a waiata. This may repeat until all speakers have finished.

Manuhiri will then greet tangata whenua with a hariu (*hongi, handshake, etc*) and make their way to the staffroom for a shared kai.

Tūtira mai ngā iwi,	Line up together, people
tātou tātou e	All of us, all of us.
Tūtira mai ngā iwi,	Stand in rows, people
tātou tātou e	All of us, all of us.
Whai-a te marama-tanga,	Seek after knowledge
me te aroha - e ngā iwi!	and love of others - everybody!
Ki-a ko tapa tahi,	Be really virtuous
Ki-a ko-tahi rā	And stay united.
Tātou tātou e	All of us, all of us.
(Repeat)	
Tā-tou tā-tou e !!	All of us, all of us!!
Hi aue hei !!!	Hi aue hei !!!



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# Taupo Primary PTA update



## Time for the Mid-Winter Christmas Raffle!

This week your child/ren will have brought home a flyer about our Mid-Winter Christmas Raffle along with their ten yellow tickets to sell.

All the information is on the flyer, but if you have any questions - please email [taupoprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:taupoprimarypta@gmail.com). This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, so we really appreciate your support. And if you have plenty of friends and family who would like to buy tickets, you can get more from the office. Remember, the class who sells the most tickets will win a delicious treat to enjoy in Term 3! Last year we were able to give away 22 prizes, and this year we hope to go even better - just before the school holidays is the perfect time to win one of the awesome tubs of food, snacks and home supplies. Thank you!

*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.com](mailto:taupoprimarypta@gmail.com) - 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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)

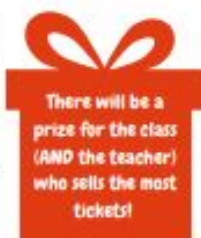
### TICKETS

**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 18<sup>th</sup> June. Please return both money & tickets with your child or directly to the 'postbox' in the Taupō Primary School office foyer.

### THE DRAW

**WINNERS:** The winning tickets will be drawn on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June & winners notified the same day. Please make sure you pick your prizes up before the last day of term (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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, le snacks, 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!



TWO MILE BAY

# PILLAR TO POU

JOIN THE MOVEMENT | SATURDAY 7 JUNE | TAUPŌ LAKEFRONT

## + KIDS FUN RUN

A CHALLENGE FOR KIDS AGED 4-15  
— EXPERIENCE THE SPIRIT OF  
PILLAR TO POU IN AN  
AGE-APPROPRIATE FORMAT.

CHOOSE FROM THREE DISTANCES:

- QUARTER LOOP — 1.8KM
- HALF LOOP — 3.65KM
- FULL LOOP — 7.3KM

EVERY PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE:

- A PILLAR TO POU MEDAL
- EVENT T-SHIRT
- RACE PACK AND BIB

A CELEBRATION OF MOVEMENT,  
COMMUNITY, AND CHALLENGE  
— MADE JUST FOR THEM.

8AM SATURDAY 7 JUNE



## + MAIN EVENT

PILLAR TO POU IS A 6-HOUR  
ENDURANCE EVENT ALONG THE  
TAUPŌ LAKEFRONT.

RUN OR WALK SOLO, OR  
IN A TEAM OF 2-6, COMPLETING  
AS MANY 7.3KM LOOPS  
AS YOU CAN IN 6 HOURS BETWEEN  
THE TWO MILE BAY SAILING CLUB  
AND TE ĀTEA TAPUAERURU.

EVERY ENTRY INCLUDES A MEDAL,  
FUEL AND HYDRATION SUPPORT,  
AND ACCESS TO WARM-UP  
AND RECOVERY ZONES.

\$1,000 FASTEST LAP PRIZE.  
FULL-DAY FESTIVAL FEEL.

10AM SATURDAY 7 JUNE

SUPPORT TAUPŌ PRIMARY — AND SAVE.

USE CODE TAUPOPRIMARY10 FOR 10% OFF YOUR ENTRY  
10% FROM EVERY KIDS ENTRY WILL BE DONATED  
BACK TO THE SCHOOL.  
THE SCHOOL WITH THE MOST ENTRIES WILL HAVE  
THEIR DONATION DOUBLED.

ENTER NOW AT: [WWW.PILLARTOPOU.COM](http://WWW.PILLARTOPOU.COM)

# BIG BAKE OFF

## Fundraiser

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
STARSHIP HOSPITAL

SAT • MAY 31 • 9 am - 12 pm

Taupo Primary School Hall

Greetings  
ISLAND



**Taupo-nui-a-Tia**  
COLLEGE

### Become a host family!!

Your spare room can earn  
\$320 per week, hosting an  
international student!!



Lovely German girl  
who loves younger children  
is looking for a  
host family from  
mid July to mid September!

Can you host?!

#### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For more information please contact:

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