

Taupiri School

Toi te kupu, toi te mana, toi te whenua
Our stories, our mana, our place



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Te Paanui oo Te Kura oo Taupiri

Kia Ora Whaanau and Taupiri School Community

Another school year has come to completion. They continue to disappear at a faster rate than the year before.

I would like to thank you all for making this year another incredible year at our kura. It definitely takes a village and this village is one that works hard for every single one of our tamariki.

Thank you to our PTA for their support and hard work this year. It is wonderful to see events starting to return that involve all our school and wider community.

Thank you to our Taupiri School Board. Again there has been lots to work through this year and your hard work and support of our kura and our tamariki is appreciated.

To our hard working, dedicated and passionate staff... Thank you for all you do each and every day. We can laugh together, problem solve through situations, and learn with and from each other to make our kura the best it can be. This is the true strength of a great team!!!

Unfortunately, every year we lose some of our tamariki and whaanau. Although you won't be here physically, you will also remain in the heart and soul of our kura. Good luck with your new adventures!

To our Year 8's... thank you for the joy and fun that you have shared with our kura. Thank you for your leadership and stepping up when required. We wish you all the best with high school and into the future. Take with you the lessons you have learned here at Taupiri School.

We say farewell to the Smith-Hall, Leigh, Hepi, Andrew, and Scott Whaanau with their last child leaving us. Thank you for being a wonderful part of our school community.

Christmas Raffle

The winners are:

1st Arun Kumer 2nd The Neilson Family 3rd Jazz Halford

Stationery for 2025

Stationery lists are now on our website. The cost of stationery packs from school will be \$30 for all year levels (\$40 if you need a new book bag and Portfolio). Stationery packs will be available from the office as normal. All that whaanau need to do is either make an online payment with your child's name as the reference and stationery as the detail, and we will put their box away. Or you can pop in on Tuesday 28th January from 9am - 1pm to pay in person.

2024 Money

If you still have outstanding money to pay on your account, please get this cleared by the end of the year. We have a few whaanau who have outstanding amounts that are larger than we would like, or overdue for longer than is acceptable. Having to chase you for money is not our core job as a kura.

2024

The School office will be open for stationery and uniform purchases on the 28th January from 9am - 1pm

First day back for 2025 is Wednesday 29th January

Ngaa Mihi Nui
Judith Gribble

End of Year prizegiving Top Awards

House winner for 2024

Weka

Citizenship Cup

Rosealeigh Barakat

Duffy Excellence in Attitude

Junior: Charlie Harris
Senior: Chelsie Smith-Hall

Edwards Cultural Cup

Anahera Miller and Latrell Henry

Toi te Kupu : Our Stories

Latrell Henry

Matariki Leadership Award

Maddie Down

Toi te Whenua : Our Place

Cruz Middleton-Puru

Whanaungatanga Award

Mahira Barton-Toia

Toi te Mana : Our Mana

Rowan Ashley

All Round Excellence

Year 0: Lea Dreadon
Year 1: Native Halford
Year 2: Maddie Down
Year 3: Adriane Abapo
Year 4: Logan Vincent
Year 5: Emily Svorai
Year 6: Yash Patel
Year 7: Amariya Christy

Relationships/Resilience and Resilience

Wolfe Harper

All Round Excellence

Year 8: Alexis Scott

Relationships/Resilience and Resilience in

Sports

Yash Patel

Most Outstanding Sport Person

Cruz Middleton-Puru

Sportsmanship Cup

Latrell Henry

Kia Kaha Cup

Te Ariki Haimona



Te Paanui oo Te Kura oo Taupiri *Kia Ora Whaanau and Taupiri School Community*

2024 has been another fantastic year. We, as the Taupiri School Board, would like to thank everyone for their continued support and hard work this year.

It has been wonderful to have been able to give our tamariki a wider range of learning experiences this year, including a large number of sporting events, camps/adventure day for all ages. A huge thank you to Whaea Sam for working diligently on this aspect of our school annual plan.

The Board would also like to extend our appreciation to Mrs Down for the hard work that she has put into the grounds this year. This was another area the Board had identified as an aspect of our school annual plan, and it is lovely to see it come to fruition.

As you will be aware there have been a lot of changes in Education. Specifically of note are the added expectations around addressing attendance, reporting attendance data and intervention information, and the rewriting of the revised Mathematics and English curriculums. These changes have meant that a lot of hard work has had to go on in the background understanding what is expected of us, making decisions about how best to fit these into our school local curriculum, and making sure it is all documented. A huge thank you to Mrs McKenzie, Whaea Sam, and Mrs Gribble for your work in this area. We know at times it has been frustrating as changes seem to have come thick and fast, but we do appreciate the work that you put in behind the scenes to make our kura what it is.

The staff of Taupiri School - We are incredibly thankful to all staff members who have worked so hard this year. We appreciate the time, effort and commitment you have made to our tamariki and kura.

To our teaching staff - It is evident how much hard work has gone into learning the new curriculum and government expectations, and making that match our kura and tamariki. This hard work has not gone unnoticed and is truly appreciated. We wish you a lovely break resting and recuperating, before you head back into school preparing for 2025.

To Judith - Thank you once again for your hard work and leadership. We know that you always have our children at the centre of your decision making and trust that you will always do what is best for them and the staff.

Of note a few of the highlights from the year:

- The Junior camp, Year 5 and 6 Big Day Out, Senior camp. These gave every single child the opportunity to enjoy Education Outside of the Classroom
- The large number of sporting opportunities our tamariki had including Year 1 and 2 touch, tag rugby, touch rugby, tackle rugby, squash, swimming and water safety lessons, soccer, cross country, kopapa....
- The wonderful Colour Run that raised a large amount of money for our kura and the fun we had during the event

- Whaanau events - Whaanau Day, Colour Run, Gumboot Friday, Matariki celebrations, to name a few
- Ngaa Art and the Choir for those who enjoy that area of the curriculum
- Battle of the Books, Tough Girl and Guy Challenge, hot air balloon visit, Taupiri School Olympics
- The amazing addition to the front garden, the garden at the end of the soccer field, the work on the garden by the rugby field
- Working with Pare Kore to support our kaitiaki believe and reducing our waste
- The introduction of the "Goofy Gardeners" who have worked diligently with Mrs Down in all things related to the environment
- Increased roll and number of whaanau who are choosing Taupiri School as their educational choice for their tamariki
- PTA Picnic in the Park, and their raffles
- The children that have represented our kura at a higher level - Brock O'Neill, Cruz Middleton-Puru, Keiran and Josh Dobbs
- Staff development in Te Reo Māori - especially Mrs McKenzie, Miss Brannagan and Whaea Sam who have worked in their own time upskilling themselves.
- Mrs Gribble heading back to study part-time and working towards completing her Masters of Educational Leadership

Let's hope 2025 adds to the list of adventures inside and outside of the classroom our tamariki experience. It's important to focus on the exciting opportunities and the progress being made to enhance the learning environment that your tamariki are working within.

It is also important for us to share information based upon the governments and therefore the Taupiri School Boards priorities.

Attendance has been a big push for the Government this year and is only set to become more of a focus in 2025. The Ministry of Education set a target of 70% of children attending 90% or more of the school week - 4.5 out of 5 days a week in 2023, and increased it to 75% this year.

We appreciate the ongoing support and communication that we receive from whaanau in the area of attendance. It is a difficult balance between keeping unwell children at home and following through on the expectations set upon us. We understand the balancing act that the families as well as staff work through and know it is not always easy.

This year we reached 72/115 (63% of the school population) attending 90% or more of the week. This means we still have work to do!! The only way to achieve the goal set is for whaanau to ensure their child comes to school EVERYDAY.

Our achievement results for this year are very pleasing. We know Judith and the teachers have been creating wonderful learning environments and experiences for the children to help them along the way. It is important that you support your child in the school holidays, by encouraging them to read or reading to them, having lots of conversations to help support correct sentence structure, and lots of 'doing' that could relate to maths - lots of games for our younger tamariki.

This years achievement rates are:

Reading: 91% of students are achieving at or above curriculum expectation
87.5% of Maaori Students are achieving at or above curriculum expectation

Writing: 89% of students are achieving at or above curriculum expectation
81% of Maaori Students are achieving at or above curriculum expectation

Mathematics: 93% of students are achieving at or above curriculum expectation
87.5% of Maaori Students are achieving at or above curriculum expectation

Thank you to all our new whaanau that chose to make our kura your child's place of learning. We hope that you have felt welcomed and your child has enjoyed their time this year with us. It has been an absolute pleasure to have you as our school community. Your tamariki are amazing and are a delight to have as part of our school whaanau..

To the Year 8 students who are leaving us. Thank you for being great ambassadors for Taupiri School during your time with us. Best of luck with College and we are excited about hearing of your successes. Keep humble but work hard!

To those whanau who have their last child leaving us, thank you for your support over your time at Taupiri School. It has been a great adventure that we have been lucky enough to go on with you.

To our whanau that are leaving us for whatever reasons. Please remember that you will still hold a special place in our hearts. We wish you the very best for your future endeavours and hope that Taupiri School will forever leave a positive mark on your lives.

We wish you a very happy holiday season and hope that you are able to have a restful and relaxing time with family. Be safe and we'll see you all back in 2025 with renewed vigour and energy.

2025

Brighter and even more Brilliant!!!

Taupiri School Board

*Whaia te iti Kahurangi Ki te tuohu Koe me he maunga teitei.
Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty
mountain*

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