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

Thank you to all of our whaanau for the continued support you show your tamariki, our staff, and our kura. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive and committed school community, and we truly value the part you play in making Taupiri School the special place it is.

We have a very busy and exciting Term 4 ahead of us, with lots of learning, activities and events planned. This makes it especially important that our tamariki are at school every day, ready to learn and take part in everything the term has to offer.

Whaanau, we need your help too! With so much happening, please make sure you are keeping up to date by reading our newsletters, checking Skool Loop for notices and updates, and following our Facebook page. This will help ensure you know what is happening, what your child may need, and when notices, permission slips or other information need to be returned.

Term 4 is always a busy one, and by working together we can make sure our tamariki don't miss out on any of the learning, opportunities and fun ahead.

Celebration Assembly

Thank you to everyone who attended today's Celebration Assembly. Your support is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to all of those who presented their learning to our whaaanau - you did a fantastic job!

Well done to those who received certificates of recognition for your effort and progress this term.

Rural Hockey Tournament

What a fantastic week of hockey for Taupiri School! We were proud to have our **Year 3/4, Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 teams** take to the turf, representing our school with enthusiasm, teamwork and great sportsmanship.

Across all three teams, it was awesome to see students encouraging one another, developing their skills and giving hockey a go. For some students, this was their first experience playing hockey, while others enjoyed the opportunity to build on their skills and take on the challenge of playing as part of a team.

A huge **thank you to our parents and whaanau** who helped with transport, supported from the sidelines and made these opportunities possible. We really appreciate the time and support you give to our students and our school.

Most of all, we are proud of our students for getting involved, trying something new and representing Taupiri School so positively.

Ka rawe, team — a great day of hockey!

Hockey Report

On Tuesday 22 September, the Year 5/6 hockey team went to the Gallagher Hockey Centre to play in the rural school hockey competition. We had to bring a mouthguard, shin pads, and long socks. Our team played 4 games with 3 rolling subs. Each half was 13 minutes, with 2-minute breaks. We had half an hour between games; we only had a couple of training sessions, but I thought some of us did well for our first time playing. We would like to thank Scott, Kovo, and Whaea Naomi for transporting us to the event. It was a fun, challenging day, but we worked as a team to make the day great.

Teagan MacDonald

Our Year 7&8 Hockey Team

- Rowan Ashely,
- Braxton Edwards,
- Saibon Wilson, Cocup Hughes
- Zac Neilson,
- Aanvi Sharma,
- Maverick Swale
- Ocean Hughes
- Oliver Priest
- Latrell Henry

Our Year 5&6 Hockey Team

- Teagan MacDonald
- Bella Ashley
- Logan Vincent
- Rozay Paul
- Jerry Huang
- Wolfe Harper
- Dorothy Shortland
- Ivy Burton
- Krisha Kumar

Our Year 2&3 Hockey Team

- Konrad Hardie
- Aditya Jahku
- Tessa MacDonald
- Isabella Hansen
- Bohdi Finlay
- Havanah Smith
- Artemis Paul
- Maddie Down
- Cora Vincent

Crossing

Please make sure you are using the crossing at the beginning and end of the day. This is a safety requirement, and our tamariki are aware of it. Please model good habits to them, by doing the right thing!
If your child is walking to and from school on their own, please talk with them about crossing the street correctly. We are hearing of a few near misses at the dairy crossing!!

Touch

Thanks to those who have submitted their touch rugby forms for the Ngaruawahia Touch Module in Term 4. We've set a cut-off date to ensure we can register teams on time. We'll send more details about this module early in Term 4.

Spring Sports Day:

Our Year 7/8 students had a fantastic day at **Spring Sports Day**, enjoying the opportunity to get active, work together, and represent Taupiri School. Students took part in **Volleyball and Rippa Rugby**, with plenty of teamwork, encouragement and friendly competition throughout the day. It was great to see everyone getting involved, giving each sport a go and supporting their teammates. A big **thank you to our wonderful supporters** who helped us on the day. By transporting us or staying to cheer us on. Your support makes it possible for our students to enjoy these experiences outside the classroom, and we really appreciate you giving up your time to help.

Ka rawe, Year 7/8 — a brilliant day of sport, teamwork and fun!

Our Rippa Team

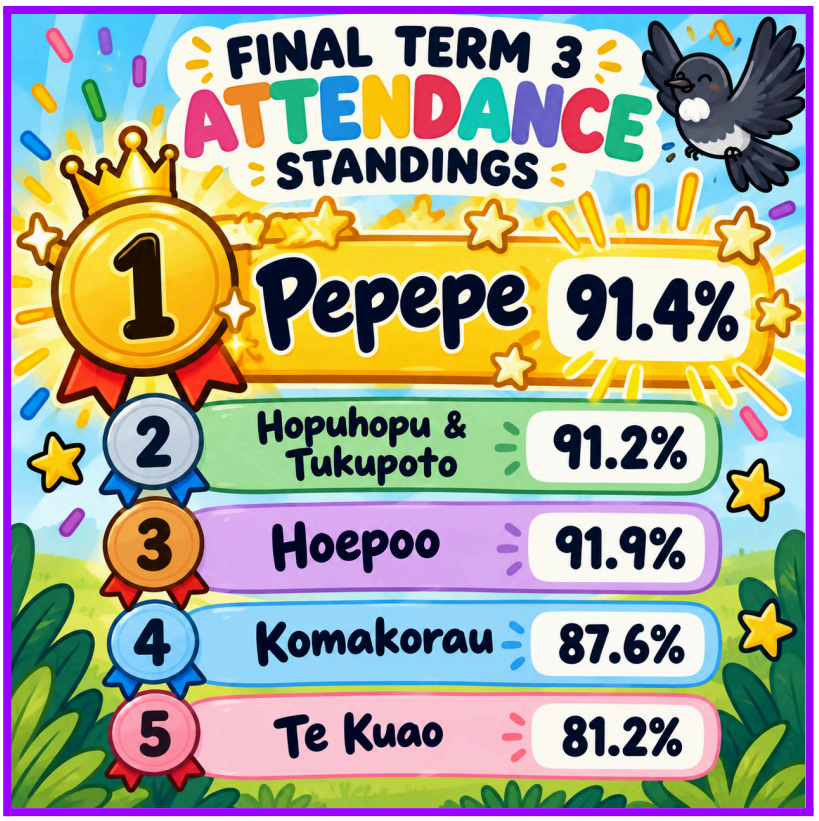
- Oliver Priest
- Latrell Henry
- Braxton Edwards
- Jaxon Benefield
- Zac Neilson

Our Volleyball Team

- Ocean Hughes
- Jordan Rihari -Tasmania
- Jordon Jones
- Rowan Ashley
- Jack Pirangi
- Saibon Wilson Cocup-Hughes

Attendance - Update

Our **Show Up and Shine Attendance Challenge** has been hotly contested this term, with several classes battling it out for the top spot! The final few weeks saw a real shift in the standings, proving that every day really does count.



It has been fantastic to see our tamariki and whaanau getting behind the challenge and recognising the importance of showing up, being ready to learn and making the most of every school day.

A huge congratulations to **Pepepe**, who finished Term 3 at the top of the leaderboard! 👏🌟 They have earned the trip to Ninja Valley as the winners of the Show up and Shine Initiative. It was a close call all week, and the results have proven it can be anyone's for the taking. Well done also to all of our classes for continuing to work towards strong attendance.

The competition isn't over yet... **Term 4 is a fresh start, and the leaderboard is anyone's for the taking!** Who will Show Up and Shine next term? 🏆

Skool Loop

All our notices will be sent out via this app.
All absences can be lodged in Skool Loop.
Whaanau Conferences are also able to be booked via this app.
Please make sure that you have downloaded Skool Loop if you haven't already done so.

Ngaa Mihi Nui

Judith Gribble & Samantha Ellery

Taupiri School Staff

2026

Wednesday 28th January - Wednesday 9 December

Teacher Only Days: Friday 29th May and **Tuesday 27 October**

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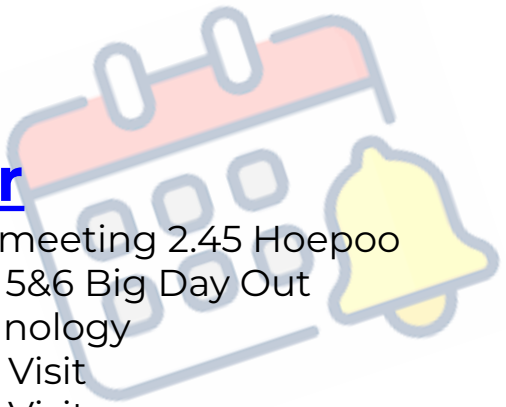
Monday 12 October - Wednesday 9 December



Term 4 Calendar

Week 1	Monday 12 October	PTA meeting 2.45 Hoepoo
	Wednesday 15 October	Year 5&6 Big Day Out
Week 2	Tuesday 20 October	Technology
		ERO Visit
	Wednesday 21 October	ERO Visit
		National Shake Out Day
	Thursday 22 October	Save Your Teddy Day
Week 3	Monday 26 October	LABOUR DAY - school closed
	Tuesday 27 October	TEACHER ONLY DAY- school closed
	Thursday 29 October	Year 3&4 Camp
	Friday 30 October	Year 3&4 Camp
Week 4	Monday 2 November	Fire Safety - Junior school
	Tuesday 3 November	Technology
	Wednesday 4 November	Board Meeting - 6pm
Week 5	Monday 9 November	Swimming
	Tuesday 10 November	Swimming
	Wednesday 11 November	Swimming
	Thursday 12 November	Swimming
	Friday 13 November	Swimming
		PICNIC IN THE PARK - 4-7pm
Week 6	Monday 16 November	Life Education
	Tuesday 17 November	Technology
		Life Education
	Wednesday 18 November	Life Education
	Thursday 19 November	Life Education
Week 7	Wednesday 25 November	Celebration Assembly 1.30pm
	Friday 27 November	Road Patrol trip
		Reports home
Week 8	Monday 30 November	Whaanau Conferences
		Board Meeting 6pm
	Tuesday 1 December	Technology
		Whaanau Conferences
	Thursday 3 December	River Safety - Pepepe
Week 9	Tuesday 8 December	Graduation Dinner
	Wednesday 9 December	End of Year Presentation
		Prizegiving

Please keep an eye on our school calendar to ensure you see any additions or alterations to events.

Term 3 Celebration Assembly Award Winners

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate the achievement of our tamariki

He Tohu Miiharo
Maatauranga Maaori
Te Kuao Karizma Williams
Hoepoo Darcy Hoogendyk
Tukupoto Kylah Shortland-Cooper
Hopuhopu Ocean Matenga
Komakorau Kode` Middleton-Puru
Pepepe Jack Pirangi

Literacy - Reading
Te Kuao Lola Baker
Hoepoo Herjhane Abapo
Tukupoto John Cotter
Hopuhopu Cora Vincent
Komakorau Jax Barton-Toia
Pepepe Azaria Taylor

Literacy - Writing
Te Kuao Frankie Harris
Hoepoo Torben Bleakley
Tukupoto Malakai Kahukaka-Gedye
Hopuhopu Havanah Smith
Komakorau Lylah Cope
Pepepe Zac Neilson

Maths - Numeracy
Te Kuao Kasey Halford
Hoepoo Akiriana Taukiri
Tukupoto Kase Finlay
Hopuhopu Kieran Dobbs
Komakorau Adriane Abapo
Pepepe Logan Vincent

Maths - Measurement
Te Kuao George Grinter
Hoepoo Flynn Grinter
Tukupoto Hades Knight
Hopuhopu Charlie Harris
Komakorau Jack O'Brien
Pepepe Jerry Huang

P.E. - Small Ball Skills
Te Kuao Chiron Raharuhi
Hoepoo Kailyn Pakau
Tukupoto Angel-Etera Paul
Hopuhopu Aditya Jakhu
Komakorau Wolfe Harper
Pepepe Teagan MacDonald

Unit - Simple Machines
Te Kuao Jake Bird
Hoepoo Noah Down
Tukupoto Chinna Franklin
Hopuhopu Remi Harper
Komakorau Dorothy Shortland
Pepepe Latrell Henry

The Arts - Drama
Te Kuao Kerileigh Franklin
Hoepoo Kash Cope
Tukupoto Dustin Drummond
Hopuhopu Nathan Bleakley
Komakorau Millie Baker
Pepepe Gabe Edwards

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Relationships
Te Kuao Delilah-Rose Davey
Hoepoo Harper Harris
Tukupoto Hautea Abapo
Hopuhopu Tessa MacDonald
Komakorau Ashley Neilson
Pepepe Ava Milligan

Resilience
Te Kuao Kasey Halford
Hoepoo Martiina Heretini
Tukupoto Avaya Telford
Hopuhopu Melanie Jones
Komakorau Maysie Jones
Pepepe Aanvi Sharma

Responsibility
Te Kuao Kahotea Kingi-Knight
Hoepoo Carter Barton-Toia
Tukupoto Geliane Abapo
Hopuhopu Ezra Lemmon
Komakorau Izzy De Leon
Pepepe Ocean Hughes

Leadership Awards
***House Captain's Participation Award*:**
Kiwi: Karizma Willimas
Weka: Dorothy Shortland
Kea: Izzy De Leon
Kākāpō: Azaria Taylor
Tūī: Reign Robertson
Kererū : Ngapera Johnston

***Up and Coming Leader*: Ashley Neilson**
***Top House Captain:* Aanvi Sharma**
***Term three House winners:* Kea**

Taupiri School PTA

Next meeting:

Monday 12 October 2.45pm in ***Hoepoo***
All whaanau are welcome to attend.

Save the date...

Friday 13th November 2026.
Want to help or have a craft or food stall to lease chat to Kovo or contact taupiri-pta@taupiri.school.nz

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Keep Collecting Your Yummy Stickers!

The Taupiri School PTA are collecting Yummy Stickers again this year, so please keep sending them to school! Every sticker and barcode helps us earn more sports equipment for our students. Let's see what we can achieve together this year!

Taupiri School BOARD

Thank you to everyone who has shared their voice in our Strategic Planning Consultation during Whaanau Day. We will let you know shortly how you can contribute to our information if you haven't already, and wish to do so.

Breaking Bread Café

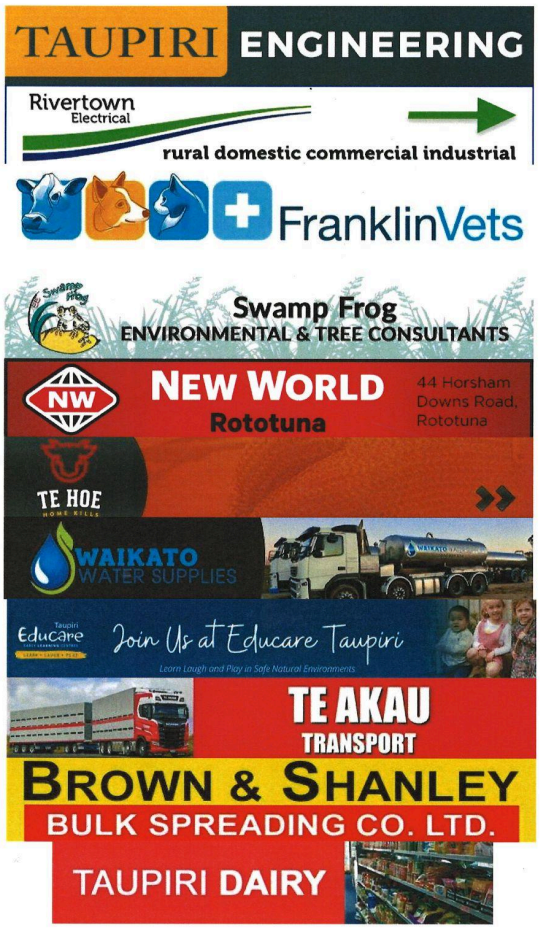
The Taupiri School Board would like to thank Breaking Bread Cafe in Ngaruawahia for supplying supper for our August board meeting. Your support of our Board is very much appreciated.

garden grove

This month's Board supper was supplied by Garden Grove. Garden Grove is the wonderful cafe at Woodlands Estate. Please support those that support us.

Taupiri School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



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