

# Back to School Newsletter

Tauranga Primary School

## Tauranga Primary School Website

**Tēnā koutou katoa**

**Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa** - Warm greetings to you all.

Happy New Year to all our TPS families.

This newsletter contains back to school notices regarding:

- School Office opening hours
- Stationery
- School Uniform
- 2020 Term Dates
- 2020 Staff

As explained in 2019 newsletters, TPS has opted into the school donations scheme in 2020, therefore parents **will not** be asked for a school donation or activity fee. The only start up cost for all TPS students is stationery. For students in years 4, 5 and 6 there is an additional cost for camps in 2020 - these will be included in your school account.

The 3rd of February is the first day back at school for 2020.

The first day back will be filled with excitement and maybe some anxiety as well. Please reassure your child that everything will be fine, and that they do have the skills and strategies to cope with this next new adventure in 2020. Talk through any concerns that they may have, and help them work on strategies to manage their concerns. For example if finding friends is a worry, then setting up a meeting point with their friends for break times could help, or organise a play date prior to school starting to re-kindle or start new friendships. If the concern is about moving to the "big side" in 2020, then bring them into school to play prior to school starting so they can get familiar with the playgrounds and have a peek through the windows at their new class.

Most importantly, it will be your approach to their concerns that will influence how they will respond - speak positively about school, their teacher, and their ability to cope and manage this new year of school.

On the morning of the 4th of February we will have a powhiri to welcome new families and staff to our TPS community. All families are welcome to attend, a separate notice will come out about this closer to the time.

On the 20th February, in association with our Friends of the School (FOTS) team, we host a family picnic 5:00 - 7:00pm. The picnic is an opportunity to meet our school community, share our plans for the 2020 school year and for you to meet the teachers in your child's teaching team. The FOTS provide free rides for the children, and families bring along a picnic style dinner to eat on the fields on the senior site. Mark this date in your diary.

Enjoy the last few weeks of the school holidays, I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on the 3rd of February.

Kindest Regards

Fiona Hawes

Principal

[principal@tauranga.school.nz](mailto:principal@tauranga.school.nz)

## TPS school office January opening hours:

The school office will be open from Tuesday 28th - 31st January from 10:00am - 3:00pm. If you need to contact us outside these hours, please email [office@tauranga.school.nz](mailto:office@tauranga.school.nz) or leave a message on the school answer phone.

Normal hours (8:00am - 3.30pm) resume on the first day of school - 3rd February 2020.

## 2020 Stationery Prices

We have spent considerable time pricing our stationery lists across all school suppliers, and have sourced the best prices for high quality stationery to start the 2020 school year.

Please note that the school makes no profit on the sale of stationery each year.

### The stationery prices for 2020 are:

**Year 1 - new students starting at TPS 2020 - \$40.00**

**Year 1 - returning 2019 students - (rooms 15,16,17 & 19) \$32.00**

**Year 2 - \$38.00**

**Year 3 - \$51.00**

**Year 4 - \$45.00**

**Year 4/5 class - \$51.00**

**Year 5 - \$51.00**

**Year 6 - \$45.00**

We aim to make this process extremely simple, you are able to pay online via [school shop](#) (where you can also sign up for sport teams and pay for camp for year 4, 5 and 6 school camps), or directly into the school account (12-3440-0009600-51) using child's full name as a reference, or pay via EFTPOS at the school office (sorry no credit cards with this option).

**Once paid, your child's stationery will be sent directly to their classroom, ready for the first day. All stationery needs for the entire year are covered by this fee.**

## School Shop

Pay stationery and camp accounts online via the school shop.

## School Uniform

### Summer uniform details:

Items that can be purchased via the school office (see above for January office opening hours)

**Polo shirt** - navy with school logo

**Navy shorts or skirt.**

**Polar fleece** - royal blue with school logo.

*Please note that the check culottes are no longer TPS uniform, 2020 will be the last year that these can be worn to school.*

### Items to be purchased independent of school supply:

#### **Sunhat:**

Plain navy for Terms 1 and 4 – there are three options:

Aussie brim, drill flap legionnaire or bucket. No logos or basketball caps please. If children do not have a sun hat they will not be permitted to play outside of shaded areas in break times.

#### **Footwear**

Summer: sneakers, sandals; black, blue or brown. For safety reasons, no jandals permitted.

Any **hair ties** or other accessories must be plain royal blue, navy, black, hair coloured or white. All hair shoulder length or longer is to be tied up, this helps prevent the spread of headlice.

**Jewellery: watches and plain (silver/gold) ear studs are acceptable. Taonga (treasure) of cultural or religious importance can be worn.**

Optional school jacket (with TPS logo) can be worn, we are investigating the continued supply of this item in 2020.



The expectation is that all children will arrive at school with sunblock applied. There is sunblock available in all classes for use during the day.

Term 1 is a 'swimming term'. Please send your child to school with togs and towel daily. For our new entrant students, they will need to be able to get changed in and out of their togs independently. It may be worth while practising prior to school starting.

LASTLY - **please name everything clearly**, it is impossible to return uniform that is not named or the name has faded beyond recognition.



## Term Dates 2020

### Term 1

*Monday 3rd February  
to Thursday 9th April*

*Waitangi Day - 6 February  
Teacher Only Day - 13th  
March (School Closed)  
Easter Friday - 10th April*

### Term 2

*Tuesday 28th April  
to Friday 3rd July*

*Queen's Birthday - 1st June  
Teacher Only Day - 15th May  
(School Closed)*

### Term 3

*Monday 20th July  
to Friday 25th September*

*Teacher Only Day - 21st  
August (School Closed)*

### Term 4

*Monday 12th October  
to Tuesday 15th December*

*Labour Day - 26th October*

## 2020 Teaching Staff

Teachers can be contacted via email - the full list of teachers and contact emails can be found on our [website](#):

### Junior Team Years 1 and 2

- Mrs Pam Wilkins – Team Leader
- Mrs Michaela Murray
- Mrs Jean Murphy (Miss Campbell got married in the Christmas break)
- Mrs Jana Smith
- Mrs Fiona Brown
- Mrs Emma Hyett / Mrs Sandra Thurlow
- Mr Luka Jugum - **new to TPS (ex TPS student)**

### Middle Team: Years 3 and 4

- Mr Jason Morgan – Team Leader - **new to TPS in 2020**
- Whaea Hannah (Thompson) - **new to TPS in 2020**
- Mrs Liz Catley
- Mrs Kelly Savage
- Whaea Jen (West)

### Senior Team: Years 5 and 6 and 1 class of Year 4 and 5

- Mrs Jo Howard – Team Leader
- Mr Dave Medley
- Whaea Kat (Tunney)
- Miss Kirsty Thorne
- Mr Nick Adams / Mrs Arlette Goodhue
- Mr Paul Mahler - **new to TPS**



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