

TERM CALENDAR

February

- 11 Meet the Teacher Evening
- 14 Leaders Vesting Assembly
- 17 School Photos
- 19 School Swimming Sports
- 20 Samoa Trip Meeting

March

- 4 Noho Marae Trips Start
- 6 BOP/POV Bay Surfing Champs
- 13 BOP/POV Bay Tennis Champs
- 18 KIA KAHA FunRun Fundraiser
- 20 BOP/POV Bay Swimming
- 27 BOP/POV Bay Touch

April

- 1 Cultural Evening
- 3 Latimer Assembly
- 7 Learning Conferences Day
- 10 Easter -Good Friday

Give us a 'LIKE' on Facebook to keep up to date. There is a School Page and all the Learning Centres have a page as well – search TPI and then the Learning Centre name.



WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all pupils and parents to Te Puke Intermediate School, we hope your time with us will be successful, challenging and enjoyable. Newsletters are sent out regularly (approx. every 2-3 weeks) to keep parents up to date. They are emailed to all families we have email addresses for, will be sent home in hard copy and are also posted on our website and the Skool Loop App. Our website address is: www.tepukeint.school.nz

SKOOL LOOP

Communication is vital to keep a strong link between whanau and school. We use as many options as we can to ensure our families are aware of what is happening and to make it easy for you to contact us. We use the Skool Loop App and we encourage you all to download this on your phones. Add TPI as your school (you can have more than one) and you will receive notifications, be able to report absences, view our newsletter and school calendar and in time fill in permission slips – all from your phone! Available for Android and Apple – search the app store.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday 17 February is photos day at TPI. Every student will have an individual photo taken for our data system as well as the class photo.

Make sure you have brushed your teeth and don't have 'bed hair' that morning!

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Wednesday 19th February is our school swimming sports day down at Te Puke High School.

Students swimming competitively will be at the pool for the morning with the participation races in the afternoon. Please come down and join us. Anyone who can assist to time a lane at the competitive races in the morning please contact Cam Black our sport director at cam.black@tepukeint.school.nz

MEET THE TEACHER FUN NIGHT

Please put next Tuesday 11 February in your diary now and come along to the Meet the Teacher Fun Night.

A separate notice will come home with the details of this evening but essentially it is an opportunity to meet all the teachers in your child's Centre informally and have some fun, share a BBQ and get to know one another.

See you here!

CENTRE NOHO MARAE TRIPS

Please note that all classes will be visiting Whakaue Marae for an overnight stay with their Centre. Separate notices will come home regarding these camps once the venue is confirmed and the camps take place from March 4 -13th. Anyone who would like to assist with the Noho should contact their class teacher.

LEARNING CENTRE AND CLASS PLACEMENTS

Students have all selected their Learning Centre and we have arranged and staffed the school accordingly. While there is a process for changing Learning Centre this will not be considered lightly, nor changed flippantly. Students have made their choice with good reason and this should be fully explored for a period of a couple of weeks before changing would be considered. Not having your best friend in your class is not a good reason to shift.

This process reflects 'life' and is a situation they will come across again in the future. Part of our role and yours as parents is to help them develop the resilience to cope with this for the future.

CELLPHONE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

Students who have completed a registration form for their cellphone can bring them to school, however there are strict management guidelines for this.

Students are allowed to bring phones to school so that whanau can communicate with them before and after school. In the main, they are not for use at school.

Here are the management guidelines:

- Once at school the student's phone is to be turned off and placed in their bag.
- Without teacher permission the phone is not to be used during the school day, while at school.
- If a child needs to check for a parental message, they must seek teacher permission to do so in the break time, supervised by the teacher. Then turned off and placed back in their bag.
- After school, students may use their phone to communicate with whanau.

Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the student's phone being confiscated by a staff member. The phone will be securely stored by admin and whanau are asked to collect confiscated phones at the end of the month.

Students and whanau who do not wish to comply with these guidelines are advised to leave their cell phones at home.

School takes no responsibility for student phones, students bring them to school at their own risk.

CULTURAL EVENING

Mark the date – Wednesday 1 April in your diary, not to be missed!

SCHOOL FEES

We are delighted to **NOT** be charging school fees in 2020. TPI accepted the donations scheme from the Government and all fees have been paid. Curriculum trips/experiences will also be paid from this scheme, including the Noho Marae stay.

For trips and camps that involve an overnight stay, may need to ask for donation towards transport, accommodation or food.

Because this is a donation it will be eligible for a tax rebate of up to one third. We will be supplying donation statements to all those that require them at the end of the year. If you require one sooner, please contact the school office.

FINANCES

Throughout the year there are numerous optional activities that your child will be involved in that requires payment of money.

Many of our school families have set up a regular direct credit of \$5-\$10 per week which is credited to your child's school account and it remains in credit ready for such expenses.

We strongly recommend this option for anyone who has a child who likes to be fully involved in activities or sport.

This is also a great way to pre-pay school camp!

Our bank account details are:

12-3217-0017704-00

Please use your child's name as reference.

UNIFORM 2020

In order to keep prices down we are the sole supplier of our school uniform and during the term the uniform shop is open via the school office.

Your child is expected to have all uniform requirements at school every day – this includes the hat, PE gear and uniform shoes.

Sport, PE, House Meetings or House Comp occur every day and so PE gear is required every day and should remain in your child's school bag.

Uniform shoes at this time of the year are Roman Sandals – blue, black or brown.

Our expectation is that all students are equipped in correct uniform when they start here. If you need clarification of the accepted uniform or piercings, please refer to your Prospectus or our website.

SUNSMART

The BOT and Staff at Te Puke Intermediate are committed to ensuring your child's health and safety through the SunSmart policy. All staff and students are required to wear a school hat or cap while outside during Term 1 and Term 4. This includes Interval, lunchtime sport, class PE and team practises during the first term. I have no doubt that you will support this and ensure that your child is equipped with a school hat so they can participate in all the activities that we offer. Please name your hat clearly.

Students without hats will be expected to remain in the shade during the breaks until they have a hat. The wearing of sunblock will not be enough by itself but is highly recommended to be worn with the hat.

During Term One we alter our timetable to accommodate the extreme heat conditions – House Comp and PE lessons will not be taken after lunch in the hottest part of the day.

SAMOA TRIP 2020

Our overseas trip is returning to SAMOA this year. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the trip, cost, timeframes, itinerary etc should come along to the Samoa meeting on Thursday 20 February in the PAC at 6pm.

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STAFFING 2020

We would like to welcome all our staff back to school this year with a special welcome to new staff. All staff can be contacted by email using first.lastname@tepukeint.school.nz

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Jill Weldon Principal
June Gourlay Deputy Principal
Stephen Knightly Deputy Principal

EDVENTURE LEARNING CENTRE

Kellie Jepsen Rm 1 (Leader)
Ripeka Bell Rm 2
Leaia Pelesala Rm 16
Cathy Shaw Kaiawhina

EXPLORE LEARNING CENTRE

Chad Jacob Rm 3
Becky Gardiner Rm 4
Yvette Brown Rm 5 (Leader)
Toni Browne Rm 6

ENERGISE LEARNING CENTRE

Aaron Sutherland Rm 7 (Leader)
Bayley Macdonald Rm 8

ENRICH LEARNING CENTRE

Dail Robinson Rm 9 (Leader)
Lisa Stowell Rm 10

EXPRESSIVE LEARNING CENTRE

Carina Steinmann Rm 11
Krystal Cooper Rm 12 (Leader)

ECO LEARNING CENTRE

Nikki Jones Rm 13 (Leader)
Rebecca Taepa Rm 14

EXCEL LEARNING CENTRE

Jonelle Crone Rm 15 (Leader)

TE KOROWAI MATAURANGA LEARNING CENTRE

Annette Munkedal Rm 17 (Leader)
Ihaka Smith Kaitautoko

TECHNOLOGY TEAM

Rose Powdrell Food
Peter Ronald Workshop/Science
Darren Harvey Infotech/Graphics
Sarah Coates Art

Cam Black Director of Sport
Amanda Arthur Learning Support
Coordinator
Anna Voss Social Worker

STUDENT SUPPORT

Tracey Mouat Teacher Aide
Maxine Morris Teacher Aide
Dean Heyblom Teacher Aide
Mike Collins Teacher Aide
Kat Fox Teacher Aide
Sue Weaver Teacher Aide
Lauren Green Teacher Aide
Sarah Teki Teacher Aide
Beatrice Harman Teacher Aide

SUPPORT STAFF

Nicole Koers Executive Officer
Jan Wood Office Manager
Norma Brown Librarian
Carol Neketai Teacher Resources
Rose Powdrell Uniform Custodian
Kat Fox Canteen Manager
Tony Collins Caretaker
Dylan Davis ICT Systems Administrator

FIX THE SMALL THINGS

From time to time you may have a concern, or see something that you think I should know about. Please contact me – phone or email and let me know.

It is much easier to fix the small things than wait until it becomes a biggie.

Our school is your school and I want you to be as proud of it as I am so let's work together to ensure that we all have a very successful experience.

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