

TE WHAKAPONO ME ANA MAHI - FAITH IN ACTION









MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thursday 7 August

He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa – warm greetings to you all.

The term is going by very quickly, and there are a lot of great things happening in our school.

Grandparents' Day

A stunning day filled with so much aroha! Our school was bursting with grandparents and other special people in our children's lives. There were lots of happy faces, hugs, and cupcakes. We finished the celebration with a lovely Mass. A big thank you to Lorena Morris for her organisation of this special day.

Thank You

A huge thank you to our school whānau for supporting us last Friday during our Staff Only Day. These professional development days are essential opportunities for us to come together with our colleagues, increase our understanding of the new curriculum, and ensure we are providing the best possible education for your children.

Cross Country

We are all so proud of the students who trained for and competed in the cross country this week. Pikiroa and Toki Hub students showed real determination at Spa Park, especially when tackling the hills. It was wonderful to see the support and encouragement they gave each other. Our students truly demonstrated our school values of unity and kindness.

Our Koru Hub also had an excellent cross country event on Wednesday afternoon at school. It was fantastic to see so many whānau come along to support them. The children's race at the end — with parents and grandparents joining in — was a great way to finish the event.

Kapa Haka

As I've been walking around classrooms, I've really enjoyed hearing our students practising their waiata and perfecting their actions in preparation for their performance at the annual Tūwharetoa Taiopenga. They are sounding fantastic, and I look forward to seeing our school come together on stage.

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Koru Hub Swimming

Our juniors will be heading off to the AC Baths each day for the next two weeks to develop their water skills. This is such an important skill, especially with the beautiful Lake Taupō right on our doorstep. I look forward to hearing about their progress in the pool.

Ski Club

Next week marks the final day of our three skiing trips for 2025. It has been great to hear how well-behaved our St Patrick's students have been, and how much fun they've had up on Mt Ruapehu. They have made our school proud. Ka rawe!

Dance NZ Made

We have a very committed group of young people who have been practising each week to prepare for the Dance NZ competition. This could not have been possible without Emily Ede. A huge thank you to her for all the time she has put into creating choreography, designing costumes and teaching our students. This is all voluntary work as an old girl of the school.

Whānau Support

We are currently dealing with an issue of chewing gum being brought to school and left around the school grounds. While we are addressing this at school, we would appreciate your support in checking that your child is not bringing lollies or chewing gum to school. Thank you for your help with this.

Kia pai te wiki, have a great week.

Cath Daignault and staff



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Parent Election Results Declaration

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

COMBER, Steven HOLDER, Luke JOHNS, Stephen MARSHALL, Paul THURLOW, Adele

Donna Johns Returning Officer





DIARY DATES

Upcoming Events

- Monday 11th August Friday 22nd August Koru Hub, Rms 9/10 School Swimming
- Monday 11th August Skiing Club Day #3
- Friday 15th August Y8 Taupo-nui-a-Tia College Visit
- Thursday 21st August BOT Meeting, Y8 Tauhara College Visit
- Tuesday 26th August Interschool Cross Country
- Tuesday 9th September Pikorua Hub Tuwharetoa Festival
- Wednesday 10th September Koru & Toki Hub Tuwharetoa Festival
- Sunday 14th September FAMILY MASS, ALL EXPECTED TO ATTEND
- Monday 15th September Y 5/6 Rippa Rugby Tournament
- Tuesday 16th September Y 7/8 Rippa Rugby Festival
- Thursday 18th September Big Music Day, BOT Meeting
- Friday 19th September Term 3 Ends

ENROLMENTS FOR 2026

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College and Tauhara College

In August, both Taupō Colleges will be conducting enrolments for the 2026 year. The following opportunities are available for you to find out more about each college.

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College		Tauhara College	
Friday 15 th August 9.30am to 12pm	Hiltop, St Patrick's, Mountview	Monday 18th August 9.30am to 12pm	Taupo Intermediate 8
Monday 18th August 9.30am to 12pm	Taupo Intermediate A, Tirohanga, Marotiri, Whakamaru	Tuesday 19th August 9.30am to 12pm	Taupo Intermediate A
Tuesday 19th August 9:30am to 12pm	Taupo Intermediate B	Thursday 21st August 9.30am to 12pm	Hillop, Mountview, St Patricks Rangitaiki and other contributing schools
Open Evening - Wednesday 20 th August 2025 6:00pm - 8:30pm Taupo-nui-a-Tia College		Open Evening - Thursday 21st August 2025 5:36pm – 7:36pm Tauhara College	

Enrolment information will be given to your child during their school visit. If you have not received a pack by 28th August 2025, please contact either college.

If you have any questions or would like further information about either school or your child's future education, please feel free to phone or email us using the contact details below.



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Ben Hancock Principal Tauhara College Ph 3789304 Email: info@tauhara.school.nz www.tauhara.school.nz

Scholastic Book Club



Online orders due by 3pm Friday 8 August.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST PAT'S...















R.E. REFLECTION



Why the Assumption of Mary is Important to Catholics

The Assumption of Mary is important to Catholics because it shows how much God loves and honours Mary, the mother of Jesus. Catholics believe that at the end of her life, Mary was taken up-body and soul-into Heaven. This is called the Assumption. It's a sign of hope for us, too. Just as God brought Mary to Heaven, He promises that we also have a place with Him if we follow Jesus.



Here are some key reasons why the Assumption matters:

- 1. Mary is honoured She said "yes" to God her whole life. Her Assumption is a reward for her faithfulness.
- 2. *It shows God's power* God can raise people to new life, just like He raised Jesus.
- 3. It gives us hope It reminds us that Heaven is real and that we are made for eternal life with God.
- 4. Mary is close to us She is in Heaven praying for us and helping us grow closer to Jesus.
- 5. It reminds us to live holy lives Mary's life encourages us to trust God, love others, and live with kindness.
- 6. It connects us to the Church The Assumption is a special feast (August 15) where we gather, pray, and remember Mary's role in God's plan.

As a School and Parish community we honour the Assumption with Mass on Friday the 15th August at 12pm. Please join us to celebrate this special feast day.



Prayer to Mary on the Feast of the Assumption

Loving God,

Thank You for Mary, the mother of Jesus, who said "yes" to You with all her heart. On this feast of the Assumption, we remember how You brought her to heaven, body and soul, because she loved You so deeply.

Help us to follow her example by saying "yes" to You in our own lives. May we trust You like Mary did, love others like she did, and stay close to Jesus every day. Mary, our mother and friend, pray for us and guide us always.

Amen.

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Thank you once again to all the families that contributed cupcakes for our special day, it was lovely to have so many grandparents come along and enjoy the day.

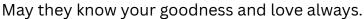
God of love,

We thank you for our wonderful grandparents.

They bring such joy and happiness into our lives.

Thank you for all the special times that we have with them.

Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now.





Upcoming events this term

This term classes will celebrate together as a hub/team, please join your child's class in celebrating mass on their set Friday.

Toki Hub Friday 22nd Aug, Pikorua Hub 29th Aug, Koru Hub 5th Sep, School mass 14th Sep



COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE "Introduction to Mentoring" Workshop

Hosted by He Kāhui Tāngata Trust Facilitated by Heart 4 Youth trust



*Do you have up to two hours spare a week
to spend with a young person?
*Have you always wanted to make a
difference in a young persons life?
*Do you want to feel inspired and
challenged?

*Must be aged 18+



Where: Central Plateau REAP Centre

73 Titiraupenga St, Taupo

When: Saturday, 23rd August 2025

Time: 9am-4pm

(Registrations open from 8.30am) Morning/Afternoon tea,Lunch and course materials included



Register Now RSVP by 21st August 2025 Spaces are limited

Note: There is no obligation to mentor post course. All willing mentors must pass suitability criteria, references and police vet checks post workshop



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Join us to share ideas and help create more inclusive activities and opportunities for people with additional needs in Taupō.

Wednesday 20th August

12:30^{pm} - 2:30^{pm} or 6^{pm} - 8^{pm} Function Room at Taupō Events Centre

Light refreshments will be provided

RSVP: Mel Humphrey parentsofspecialkidstaupo@outlook.com

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

TAUPO

PRO-LIFE SPEAKING TOUR





With Fr. Shenan J. Boquet
President of Human Life International

PRESENTATIONS

WEDNESDAY

The Family as the Pillar of Society

THURSDAY

How to Accompany the Vulnerable, Aged, & Dying

Programme on both nights begins at 6pm with Mass followed by the presentation at 7pm.

WEDNESDAY

HURSDAY

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6PM - 9PM

St Patrick's Catholic Church 88 Acacia Bay Rd TAUPO



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