

Pre-School Visits

We suggest that you and your child make two morning visits to school prior to your child starting. This gives your child the opportunity to become familiar with the environment.

Your child will be encouraged to join in with friends or attempt a given task. If however, your child prefers just to watch you could point out areas of interest or read a story.

It is a good opportunity to be involved in some of the following:

- Puzzles
- Dough
- Computing
- Library Corner
- Games

And to locate the:

- Toilets
- Library
- Office
- Lunch Area



We would appreciate it if you contact the school office, (phone 5430430), to arrange a time convenient to all.

Visits to the New Entrant Room can be arranged by making an appointment for a morning from 8.30 - 10am. Please be at the office by 8.20 am. Parents are expected to stay and interact with their children so they can discuss later their visit to the room, what activities they chose, people they might have known or new friends they have made. You might want to bring their Pre-School portfolio to share with their teacher.



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*Welcome to the
New Entrant classes at
Tauriko School*



Enrolment Procedures

When enrolling your child at the office for the first time, the school is required to view a birth certificate as proof of age. A Plunket book or Passbook can also be used for this purpose.

Details of medical information / problems which may affect learning, also any parental/caregiver custody arrangements may be noted. This can be done prior to their 5th birthday and we suggest it is done in conjunction with a pre-school visit.

You may also wish to purchase stationery, attend to school fees, ordering of lunches and bus routes for future reference.

We encourage you to explore the
Tauriko School Website
www.tauriko.school.nz

The information available on the school website will give you a feel for the school, its culture and the community, lots of handy hints and information about upcoming events.



Starting at School

The School's Learning Programmes continue and extend the learning that your child has already begun, by providing a strong focus on literacy and numeracy with plenty opportunities to develop skills in self-management, thinking and relating to others.

Since oral language is the basis of all future formal learning, lots of opportunities for interaction with others is encouraged and is extremely important.

Other areas developed include the development of social relationships, motor skills, the sharing of equipment, taking turns, independence, leadership, and the use of ICT.



The School Day

The day begins at 8.30, and we expect students to be here well before that time to allow them to bring their own school bags into school, find their bag hooks to hang these up, and then bring their book bags to the classroom. This allows them to form relationships with class mates and feel secure about leaving mum/dad at the bell.

Playtime is at 10.00, and lunch begins at 11.40. We require students to sit for 10-15 minutes to eat before playing. **Please choose lunchbox items wisely.**

The afternoon programme begins at 12.30 and focuses on other parts of the curriculum like Inquiry Learning, Health and PE or the Arts. Tidy up bell and the Lakes bus bell goes at 2.20, and the end of day bell is at 2.30pm.

We encourage collecting the children from the car park/bus bay area, after an initial settling-in period.