



# Tauhoa School Tattler 2022

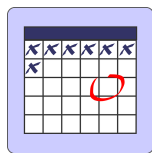
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Learning to Live, Living to Learn

School Whakatauki:

Kia totika tou mana, Hei painga mo te katoa, Me te taia.

***This Tattler:***

Mask wearing   Office area out of bounds   2021 invoices  
Drop-offs/Pickups   Kids Kare: After School Programme  
And more...



**For Your Diary**  
**February**

- 24th Board Meeting at 6:30
- 25th Scholastic book club orders in.

**March**

- 17th Immunisations for years 7&8 HPV and Boostrix

Ngā mihi o te tau hou.

It is with a sad heart that I share with you the passing of Shirley Boler. A well-known Identity of our community, she will be missed. I am sure you will all join with me in sending our love and blessings to Helen and James Pricor, and Mike and Bridget Boler and their families. Jan Neills, our relieving teacher, lost her brother Richard after a long battle with cancer this weekend. We send Jan and all her whanau our love, prayers and condolences.


It was wonderful to see all our students back at school!

We also welcomed some new students and families to our Tauhoa School Community.

Welcome to new entrants: Lorenz Puhi, Kayden Stephens, Amelia Bornhausen, and Rosa Holmes- Libbis. We also welcome Joey and his family and Te Hekenga and his family. Hopefully, we can get a family event together so we can all meet these fantastic new Tauhoa Citizens!

I think by now many of you will have met our new Office Manager Jody. She has hit the ground running and is doing a fantastic job.

I know the last Tattler was long but full of needed information about our covid world and starting school. Please just ask if there is anything you need to know. There is some more information in this edition regarding masks etc. Please read.

Also, if you sign and circle the sweet picture hidden in this newsletter your child will get a lollipop with the return of the Tattler to the office. Watch out for: 

### **Masks: A reminder**

Masks are a front line item that makes a difference if your child becomes a close contact if we have a case at school. If your child has a mask on and is in a room with someone for less than 2 hours, they are not considered a close contact. I know these are hot to wear, and some do have exemptions not to wear them. But if your child can and is able, I would ensure they do.

- **Close contacts will need to self-isolate** - contact tracing and management will require those who are close contacts of a case to self-isolate for a period of time (**currently ten days from the last date of exposure**)
- If the case was not wearing an appropriate face mask or if the contact was in a small space without good ventilation/airflow this will mean greater numbers of contacts are likely to be classified as 'close' and therefore need to self-isolate.
- If the case was wearing a face covering AND the contact was in the class for less than 2 hours: Classmates would be **CASUAL CONTACTS**
- If the case was wearing a face covering AND the contact was in the class for more than 2 hours: Classmates would be **CLOSE CONTACTS**
- If the case wasn't wearing a face-covering: Classmates would be **CLOSE CONTACTS**

A flow chart from the St Patrick's School is attached to this Tattler

Masks need to be medical-grade or three-layer cotton masks to be effective against omicron. Whenever masks are required to be worn (for example, by Year 4-13 students when indoors at school, at supermarkets, retail stores, cafes, public transport, school transport), they must be the type that attaches to the head either through an ear loop or a head loop.

From **3 February 2022**, all students aged **eight years** and over or are students in Year 4 and above legally must wear a mask on school transport (both Ministry and regional council-operated) and public transport services in the Red and Orange traffic light settings unless they have an exemption. While we encourage all students to wear masks on school transport, students in Year 3 and below are **not required** to wear masks.

We can protect our tamariki through key interventions such as wearing masks, good ventilation, spatial distancing, 'stay at home if sick' policies and good hand hygiene.

### **Sick child: stay at home**

Thank you to those families who are already looking after us all by keeping unwell children at home. A reminder; if they have any of the omicron symptoms, you should see a doctor or get a test. Students are not to return to school till at least 24 hours after the symptoms go. If covid, its 72 hours

### **Contacts**

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. Recently, we had a child with an injury and were unable to get hold of any caregivers to take this child to a doctor. If we don't get hold of a caregiver, and it is deemed urgent, either a staff member will or an ambulance will be called, to get the child to a medical facility.

### **Invoices**

Jody has gone over our 2021 invoices, and there is a surprising amount of overdue invoices. Please can these be rectified? They are coming home today. Please talk to Jody at the office if there is an issue. A reminder Donations are just that you do not have to pay these. Stationery is a service we supply and is not included in the MOE donation scheme. Please see me if there are financial considerations to discuss. WINZ will help pay for stationery if you give them an invoice from school.

### **Office Area**

Our office area is not a walkthrough for students coming to and from school. This ensures that unvaccinated parents aren't near our students when visiting the office. Under normal operations, it is a place for adults. Please remember this when coming to school. Currently, we are not using the hallway as this is hard to keep children separated by 1 m. Bags are out on the decks. In Red and Orange, we try to limit who is on-site. Thank you to all of you for waiting outside the school while a staff member gets your child. Under normal operations, when you pick up a child, you need to let the duty teacher (one wearing a pink jacket) know that you have your child.

### **Dropping off picking up times**

If your child is not on the bus. You may drop your child off at 8 am. Please pick them up at 2-30 pm.

### **Kids Kare Afterschool Programme**

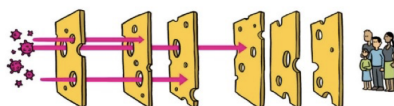
I have Alice available for two weeks to cover our after school programme if people put their hands up to use this. To make it work, I need four students on average a day to cover costs to make it work. We also need to charge \$20 per student per day. We are still happy to have casuals.

If you wish to use this service form next week, please contact the school office as soon as possible with the days you require. Our service runs from 2-30pm to 5-30pm. Forms are available from the office.

We are still looking for someone 18 years plus double vaccinated to run this programme. Have a think and see if you can find someone local who would like these hours of work!

## Covid Information: From MOE

*There are many things that Schools and kura can do to further reduce the risk and impact of a COVID-19 case in their environments. It is useful to conceptualise this as having layers of preventative measures in place to protect staff and students, as the cheese model below explains. The more layers of protection in place (eg, good hygiene practises, handwashing, ventilation, cleaning and disinfecting high touch areas regularly etc.), the harder it is for the virus to get through.*



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*To help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, you should:*

- *Keep occupied spaces well-ventilated*
- *Create a culture where face-covering wearing is normalised for years 4 and above (at Red setting, students years 4 and above mandated to wear masks)*
- *Maintain physical distancing as much as possible*
- *Encourage good hygiene practises*
  - *Hand hygiene*
  - *Cough and sneeze etiquette*
- *Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, including cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces, as well as regular cleaning*
- *Ensure children/tamariki, students or staff members with COVID-19 symptoms get a COVID-19 test and remain at home until a negative result is received and they are symptom free for 24 hours*
- *Reduce mixing of children/tamariki, students and staff*
- *Follow public health advice (testing, self-isolation) for any cases and contacts within your school or Kura community.*
- *Support access to COVID-19 vaccinations for all staff and eligible students*

## Vetting and Vaccines

I know, this has been in our Tattler a lot! But we have very few parents on file to do camps etc. So...

If you think you will want to be able to take part in trips, help around school, or be a

camp parent we need to both have you  Police Vetted( can take up to 2 months), and see your vaccine passport to be on site.

All this information is confidential.

Please see me if you wish to discuss this further



High Fives to:

Our new House leaders for 2022: Kaydence Dahl, Emma Kingston, LucyJean Craig and Liam Morse.

## FOTS

Our support team or PTA is called FOTS; Friends of Tauhoa School. It is made up of parents and other supporters of our school community. Being part of this group helps you create amazing friendships. They help run the events to raise the image of Tauhoa School and extra funds for our school. Many hands make the mahi easy! Look out for our first meeting coming up shortly!

## Summer is here

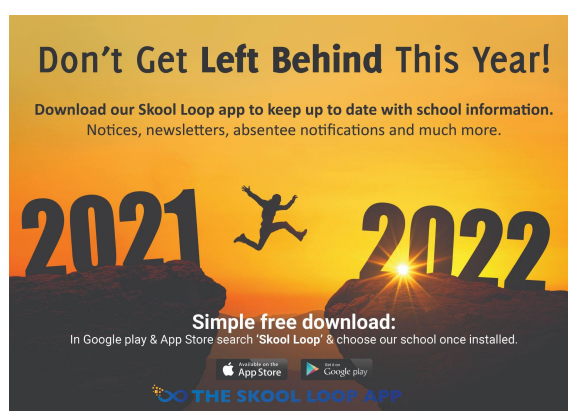
Students will be issued with a school hat. No other hat will be used at school. We do have sunblock here for students to use; they just may need a reminder.

## Immunisations Year 7&8

Boostrix and HPV1, Consent forms will be coming out this week for Immunisation, They have been scheduled for the 17th March. Forms will need to be signed and handed into office please.

## Skool Loop

Yesterdays closure is a good reminder to update or download this app today! Please click which class information you wish to receive plus the general option. You can also include FOT and BOT messages too.



Please also subscribe to our Facebook page and Tauhoa Community page

Tae noa ki muri. (Until later)

Vivienne Goldsmith

Principal

### **Staff and Board Contact Details 2022**

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Presiding Member of BOT: Elected first meeting

From another school to help clarify. Timings may change for isolation

