

Tauhoa School Tattler 2022

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Year 1 and 2 team: Cute as!



For Your Diary

June

- 6th Queens Birthday School Closed
- 8th June Vision and Hearing screening
- 14th-17th June Activity Week
 - o 14th Te Hana Marae Senior Rooms Sleepover
 - o 15th on-site activities Senior Rooms Sleepover
 - o 16th Auckland Museum Trip/ Whole school Sleepover!
- 24th Friday Matariki: School Closed
- 27th Monday, *Teacher only day*
- 28th RRS Soccer / Hockey years 4-8

July

- 8th End of term
- 25th Term 3 starts

Ngā mihi o te tau hou.

The big move has happened! I wonder how long it will take to get Hoteo being the junior room into my mind? Thank you so much to Deb, Paul Mason, and Bridget Boler, who came and helped. Alice Cunningham had the supervision of the children while this uproar occurred. She did a fabulous job! But it is completed the classrooms look great. Now to the rest of the year. This is week 5 for us in term two, which means half of this term is almost gone. The teachers and I are looking forward to our activity week.

Staff Vacancies

These are still vacant, and we really want to fill our staff numbers.

Please think about who could join us on Team Tauhoa!

Part-time Property Manager

Tauhoa School is looking to employ a permanent Part-time Property Manager. Only 5 hours of paid time a week, this job covers a wide range of skills, including odd jobs and maintenance of grounds, school pool and minor repairs. We have a ride-on lawnmower and tools to support this role. Training where and when required will be given.

For a job description and application form, please contact the school office in the first instance at office@tauhoa.school.nz or 094225722.

Teacher Aids (2)

Tauhoa School requires a Teacher Aid for a short period. Please contact the office for more information. Immediate start. This job could become an on-call position or run for the whole term depending on funding.

We also wish to hire a teacher aid to support the junior room. This person will be in class 4 hours a day from term three to support students learning. the successful applicant will be given full training. This position will be for the rest of the year. Please contact the school office.

I Moko

Sadly, the funding for I Moko has been lost, so it is no longer offered as a service. However, we have a better service from our Public Health Nurse, and I am always happy to share any advice I have gained through my work with St John.

Netball

Netball is humming along here at Tauhoa. Our year 3 and 4 team and our year 1 and 2 team hit the courts over the last two weeks. Thank you so much to all the families who have supported this sport at our school. Our Year 5 and 6 team have been playing well with some wins under their belts

RRS Soccer / Hockey 28th June

Students will need mouthguards for this day. Students can purchase them at the office if they still need one.

Activity week

Have we received your permission forms for this!!!?????

I am asking for a donation towards the extra costs a week as this brings.

We will also need to have police vetted parents for the sleepover and will need some volunteers to help supervise other days. Please contact the office if you need replacement forms.

This is a reminder that this is a great forerunner for any year four and up students attending senior camp at the beginning of next year! Seeing it's okay to stay away from home with the teachers at school makes it far less scary when you get in a car to go north for a week.

Covid

We are operating in the Orange setting!

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school.

However, public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

Masks

Rather than saying you don't have to wear masks, I suggest you should. The decision is up to you currently whether your child needs to wear a mask. I still will change it from being optional if needed.

It is not optional for visitors or parents who come on-site. They must wear masks. We are still trying to keep the parents off-site as much as possible. So please stay out of school at pick up and drop off times.

But please (if they are Year 4+), all students need to continue to bring a mask to school every day. There may be times that we'll ask them to wear a mask, too – for example, when we have an assembly. If there are cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks be worn.

After School,

Students are now asked to sit down on the deck by the staff room if not going home on a bus. They are not playing. Please remember that if you are not having your child take the bus, they will need to be picked up at 2-30pm when school closes. They will be waiting in the 'pick up spot, so it is easier for the duty teacher to manage the end of the day. Conversely, students coming to school should not be at school till 8 am if being dropped off.

<u>Survey</u>

There are a few parents yet to answer the survey sent out please do so. You can request a paper copy if you need it.

Dental Clinic

I have spoken to the dental service; they cannot operate safely in a covid situation. We are on top of the list when they can come to us.

If your child needs dental care, please contact the Mobile Clinic at Warkworth school.

09 422 2714 021 419613 **Website** https://www.warkworth.school.nz/dental-care

Kids Kare

This is available after school. We do allow casual users. Please contact the office for more details. Kids Kare operates from 2-30pm to 5-30pm.

Speed limit Changes Around our School

Have your say on safer speeds – from 17 May to 14 June.

Waka Kotahi, NZ Transport Agency, is reviewing speeds at schools and townships on state highways in Northland and North Auckland – to set safer speed limits for everyone. This includes collaborating with iwi and hapū on signage for marae.

They are consulting on new proposed speed limits at schools and townships on 11 corridors of state highways. This includes a proposal for

- a new permanent speed limit of 80km/h and
- a variable speed limit of 60km/h in the area surrounding Tauhoa School.

Variable speed limit signs are electronic and legally enforceable. They are used to getting traffic to slow down during the peak school periods when students are arriving and when they are going home at the end of the day.

Variable speed limits – additional information

- Electronic variable speed limit signs are legally enforceable and used to get traffic to slow down during the peak school periods when students are arriving and at the end of the day when they are going home.
- The length of these peak periods when the school should turn on the signs will vary from school to school.
- Waka Kotahi will work with the school to determine both the length of time the signs should be turned on and when the peak school periods are.
- When a variable speed limit sign is active, the speed limit is 30km/h at schools where people tend to walk along the road or 60km/h where the main safety risk is turning vehicles.

We want to hear your thoughts on this and any of the other proposed new speed limits on state highways in your area. To submit your feedback and/or request a copy of the proposals, visit nzta.govt.nz/naklspeedreviews, call us on 0800 141 777 or write to us at Northland and north Auckland speed reviews, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Private Bag 106602, Auckland 1143.

You can also register to ask questions and share your views at one of our online Q&A sessions:

- -Tuesday 24 May 12-1 pm
- -Wednesday 1 Jun 4-5 pm.

Vision and Hearing Screening

Vision and Hearing technicians will be visiting our school on Wednesday 8th, June.

Tae noa ki muri.

Staff and Board Contact Details 2022

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Atiu Writing

Atiu have been focusing on using planning to help them develop their ideas.

Puppy Pick up:My Best Day Ever. By Eden Mary Smith.

I woke up really early in the morning and I was so happy. But my family woke up late. We had breakfast and we had pancakes. After that, we got dressed and put on shoes. We got in the big car. We started our drive to Whangarei to pick up my puppy.

Of course, Hamish was hungry. I gave him the lunch box and finally, we got to the man's house.

I got the puppy out of the cage. I was so happy but soon we had to drive home. The puppy sat on my knee. She was so fluffy and cute. I just wanted to get home so I could play with the puppy and name her.

We drove for ages. We stopped at McDonald's and my brother tried to order a toy. We tried to tell him that he will get a toy in his Happy Meal but he didn't listen. We got a bowl of water for the puppy. We decided to call her Lunar.

I played fetch with her and I gave her dinner. Then I put her to bed and we went to bed as well.

Guess who jumped up on my bed? It was Lunar! She snuggled me. In the morning I was covered in fur. It was the weekend and I had bacon and eggs. I gave the puppy a bit of bacon. It made me feel excited for the day ahead. I ran out to play with Lunar. She was very excited too.

I knew it was going to be another good day!

The Best Day Ever By Ruby Holmes - Libbis

I woke up very excited because it was my vegetable birthday. I hopped into my red dress and ate my coco pops with my whole family. When I looked outside, I saw the sun beam down on the farm. Mum and dad told me and my sisters to get in the car for the two-hour drive. Halfway to Vegetable Island, mum gave as lollies to eat.

As soon as we got there I rushed to find the best spot to put the picnic blanket. Once I laid out the picnic blanket, we went and picked fruits and vegetables to have with the vegetable cake. Mum and dad said that it was a healthy birthday idea. Soon we had to hop back into the car again.

Finally, we got home and my family gave me two presents, one of them was a puppy bed and the next one was a box that riggled a lot! When I opened the rigging box, out popped a cute, spotty puppy. After dinner, I went to bed with the puppy. I said to myself that was the best day ever.

The Best Day Ever By Wyntah

I woke up and had a shower then had Breakfast. After breakfast, I brushed my teeth, and then my family got in the car and drove away. It was a half an hour drive. It was raining very heavily and the roads were very slippery and wet. When it stop raining, I opened the window and I screamed out the window, "Hi Auntie!" But I did not know them! It was so funny! I stopped, and then played on my phone. I went to sleep. It started to rain again. We passed the restaurant by accident, that was funny too. We took like, 20 minutes, to find the restaurant. That was totally NOT fun. We found there were no car parks but we got one finally. Then we hopped out of the car and went into the restaurant.

When I sat down I saw Stan Walker. I screamed! "That is Stan Walker!" My auntie said. "Do you want a photo with him?" I Said "No!" I kept saying no.

I ate a sundae that was yum, then I played a game of word search. That was fun.

Then I saw Stan Walker again. I waver but he did not see me. I laughed and sat back down. The worker gave me a book. Again I saw Stan Walker. My auntie asked again. This time I said yes! I was scared!

We walked down the stairs and I was shaking very hard. I got closer and closer, and closer. Finally, I made it to Stan Walker. I asked for a photo and he said "yes".

I smiled. He asked for my name. He said that is a cool name. I thanked him. I was so scared but we took four photos! It was very cool.

That was my best day ever.