



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER #2

February 27th 2023

Camp Week Success!

The joys and challenges of camp week peaked with the trip home for the Year 4 to 8's. They travelled in some of the worst conditions, yet our students managed to champion the situation! Their resilience in these situations will make them strong independent citizens. Three of our students didn't even make it home on Friday night and they were not only well looked after by the parent in charge of them but by other caring folks.

I'm sure there is some fantastic writing from those students in the next few weeks.

Their teachers Jenn Langridge and Rebecca Kelly ran an amazing camp. A big thanks to the parents who came and made sure this camp could go ahead. Bridget, Deb and Paul, Keryn Jess, and Toni Thank you for the time and effort that you put into camp! Without parental support, things like camp just can't happen.

The juniors, years 1-3 had an amazing week with a well-planned week of things to do. Some amazing learning occurred over the week: Science experiments, solar stoves and a trip to goat island! Just a fantastic week of experiences. Thank you to Annette and her teacher aid team of Alice and Robyn for making these days truly spectacular. Thank you to those families who supported this week's trip to Goat Island. It looked amazing!

Camps are an important part of our curriculum. While not compulsory, there is an expectation that all students attend. Next year, I would expect unless medical reasons mean they must stay in Auckland, I would see all students attending.



What is Coming up

March 2023

- **1st** Parent meeting re Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme 2pm
- **2nd** BOT February meeting
- **10th** Friday RRS Cluster Swimming sports (Years 4 to 8 competent swimmers only)
- **19th** Sunday, Community BBQ
- **20th** RRS Cricket day. (Years 4 to 8)
- **30th** Parent Pupil Teacher learning conversations

April 2023

- **6th Thursday, Last day of Term 1**
- **24th Teacher only Day**
- **25th Anzac Day, the school closed**
- **26th Term 2 Starts for Students**

Term Reminders

- School-provided hats must be worn at school at all times outside
- All children require togs and towels with optional goggles all summer. Swimming is compulsory unless a note from home is sent with a relevant reason why a child cannot swim.
- We are a healthy lunch school. If you choose to send a lunch to school, please supply a healthy lunchbox <https://nutritionfoundation.org.nz/lunchbox-ideas/>
- We keep personal stationery at home and use school supplies only at school.

Weather Disruptions Continue

Sadly, We again lost our athletics day for the summer season of 22-23. All of our cluster schools like us were closed. We still have events happening this term and will need your support.

The other disruption has again been to our bus system. Just as we announced it was coming back into Wharehine Road. It is now unable to travel along this road.

I am hoping we can all work together to get everyone to school. The bus still travels out to Ingleton Road if you wish to connect to it there.



Wharehine Road damage

Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme

After a recent discussion amongst staff, we have reminded ourselves that it's been a while since our school completed this programme. Our school will follow this programme for March. What is it?

Keeping Ourselves Safe is a comprehensive personal safety programme for schools. Its purpose is to:

- teach students a range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with other people, both online and face to face
- teach students how to recognise the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and encourage students who have been or are being abused to seek help
- prevent abuse by making parents and teachers more aware of their responsibilities to help students avoid abuse.

Why should your school implement Keeping Ourselves Safe?

School should be a safe place for students and staff. (NAG 5)

- It is common for students to disclose to another student or a member of the staff they trust.
- Schools have the responsibility to protect children under the [Children's Act 2014](#).

Keeping Ourselves Safe contributes to:

- achieving school and kāhui ako goals for student wellbeing
- behaviour management approaches such as Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)
- learning in the Health and Physical Education curriculum
- developing students' key competencies.

Parent Meeting. We, along with our local Police Education officer, are holding a meeting at school from 2pm to discuss this programme with you if you have any questions or concerns.

Testing

Over the next few weeks, the teachers will complete the beginning-of-the-year testing series. These are happening a little later this year.

Testing isn't just about where the student is at to report on, although a key and relevant bit of information. It also brings up gaps and informs teachers about what students need to learn. Put simply, why continue to teach someone to count to 10 when they know to count to 20!

Reading Recovery and support Programmes

Due to our somewhat disrupted beginning, Reading Recovery, Rainbow Reading and other teacher-aide support will start this week. Some of the spaces for these are very limited. Students who do not attend school regularly to be part of these programmes will lose their place. Some of these programmes also require support from home.

For example, Reading Recovery will send a book and a cut-up sentence daily. Please read this extra book and have your child make up the sentence daily.

A note will come home to all parents whose children are on learning acceleration programmes.

Blues Awards

Blue awards are sent home by teachers to parents so they can share in their child's success.

Our students who have received a blue award will be noted here.

Awards

This is the spot where you will see which students have been receiving awards for doing their Tauhoa BEST: Being Respectful, Empathic, Self Aware and Trustworthy, and those who are progressing and focused on their learning. These are awarded at our school assemblies on Friday

Hoteo	
Atiu	
Cleasby	

School Stationery

If you have not done so already, please check with your child's teacher RE stationary requirements. Some of you may have purchased your own, If so, we still need to charge the \$25 fee for pens and pencils etc for the year. Please inform the office of this or just pay into the school bank account.

School Lunches

Our school lunches are amazing! Our delightful chef plans and cooks super flavours and food for our students.

The planned menu for week 5 is: **Sweet and sour chicken, satay chicken salad, spag bowl, chicken and leek pasta bake, and Mac n cheese.**

Please encourage your child to eat the food provided at school. If you are providing lunch from home, it must meet healthy food guidelines. We do not want to see large muffins and biscuits as this distracts the other students from eating what is provided.

A reminder that we provide breakfast to anyone who requires it. We call our breakfast Hobbit breakfast because you can never have too many. Breakfast consists of Weet-Bix and milk. in the winter, sometimes we provide a hot Milo.

Our Tattler comes out every fortnight. Please feel free to add community news by contacting the office.

Tae noa ki muri.

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