



# TAUHOA SCHOOL

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## TAUHOA TATTLER #3

### March 13th 2023

#### Surprise Visitors!

Covid got me again, and it was a clear and simple reminder that if you are sick, you stay home. So desperate to get going with school, I ignored my own advice. Sick, stay home. Got a cold, check it's not covid. Lucky for me and my friends, my birthday wasn't spent giving the covid gift to my friends who attended my celebration.

Anyhow, I'm back on the deck again this week.

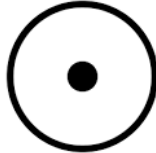
Unfortunately, I missed a couple of exciting visitors. One of our own Jason Morse's brother popped by to say hi and have a photo with us here at Tauhoa for Jason (a former staff member). Jason's brother is cycling from one end of the country to the other and we wish him well on this epic journey.

The second is the fantastic visit from Craig Smith, author of the Wonky Donkey and other incredible books. Craig performed singing his 'stories' and this was enjoyed by both Staff and students alike. We were lucky to have very proactive staff in getting Craig to come from the Spirit Festival to join us! Thank you to Tumanako Hope for sharing him with us! A real treat.



I am sure the community joins me in sending our love and sympathies to the Innes family at the sudden loss of Phillippa Innes's Dad, Selwyn. I will be attending Selly's funeral on Friday on the school's behalf.

Sadly, I have to report the passing of Simon Pickstone, our old bus driver. Simon passed recently, and his farewell will be next weekend, which I will attend on our behalf. He was an instrumental part of our student's lives for many years. Teachers will have shared this news with the older students today.



*RIP Simon*

### ***What Is Coming up***

#### **March 2023**

- **15th FOTS Meeting 1-30 pm: Atuanui Room**
- **16th Teacher strike School closed**
- **19th Sunday, Community BBQ from 3pm**
- **20th RRS Cricket day. (Years 4 to 8)**
- **29th 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, SWIM CAP 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.
- Please ensure your child brings their book bags to school every day
- 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.

## **FOTS Meeting This Wednesday 1-30 pm**

Many of you note when you enrol at our school, if you would like to be part of our PTA or, as we call it, FOTS (Friends of Tauhoa School). This group of hard-working parents have made extra funds that allow for things like those large screens in every classroom or the fact we can have a computer for every student. This year they are helping ensure we can fund our teacher aids. Come along for a coffee meet and greet and a chat about what is happening this year to support the school. (AKA Fundraising Ideas)

## **Teacher/ Principal Strike School Closed this Thursday!**

Principals and teachers in primary and area schools and kindergartens have considered at length the government's offers to settle our collective agreements. The offers did not meet our expectations nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed. NZEI Teachers and Principals voted to take industrial action on 16th March. Due to the lack of on-site staff on Thursday, 16th March, we must close school for the day. Kids Kare is not available that day.

Our tamariki need quality education and we want to give that to them. Unfortunately, we need more than the funding for our schools and kindergartens to give us the time we would like to support all our kids to thrive. We must attract and retain educators by ensuring teaching is a valued and attractive profession. It's the last thing we wanted to do. And the decision was not taken lightly.

Teachers and principals felt that this was the only way the government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive. We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support, build the case for better investment in our tamariki.

I support my staff and the right to strike. I however, belong to a separate union this bargaining round and will be working.

## **Weather Disruptions Continue**

I just can't believe our luck that on Friday the heavens opened and we were unable to have cluster swimming sports. When will these end?

## **Community Picnic**

Tauhoa School has the pleasure of hosting a community picnic on Sunday the 19th of March from 3pm BYO everything for your family: Your picnic and drinks and chairs and picnic rug and togs for kids.

Come swim, play and meet your neighbours. No, you don't have to have a student at Tauhoa but we love to make sure our community know who we are, our values and our pedagogy

## **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 how to count to 20!

## **Cluster Cricket Day**

This is one of our cluster sports days for our Year 4 to 8 students. Permission to attend this day is covered by the permission slip for these events sent home at the beginning of the year.

Please ensure your child has a drink bottle and sunscreen that day. School sports uniforms will be provided. (If you have any contacts please chat with the weather gods!)

## **Welcome to our New Students!**

Welcome to: Bella Wood, Khyon Anderson, Shakeel Thomas, Layla Thomas, Teddy Rehfeld-Evans, Havana Woods and Hamish Smith. It's great to have you and your family as part of our community here at Tauhoa School.

## **Blue 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. The first round of these are due out this week.



## 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

<b>Hoteo</b>	<b>Blake, Lorenz, Birdie, Havana, and Amala</b>
<b>Atiu</b>	<b>Billie, Eden, Shelby and Sascha</b>
<b>Cleasby</b>	<b>Paige, Logan and Byron</b>

## Learning conversations

We will hold our Parent Pupil teacher meetings on Wednesday 29th March. School will close early at 12-30 so these can start from 1-30pm. No bus or Kids care on this day. We use our skool loop app to set these up. Please go on Skool Loop from next week to book your time with your child and your teacher.

## 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 7 is: Chicken satay salad, mince mac, spaghetti bolognese, and chicken tacos

## Twice as good in lots of things!

Our best wishes go out to Bryon Stewart in the Cleasby Room. Seems he's into doublingany trouble. Not one but two arms! We wish him well and a quick recovery!



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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**Cleasby students enjoying pool time**

## **It's NOT too late to sign up for rugby this year!**

We are still accepting registration for players from 4 year old up to Year 8 with options for girls and boys. Register online at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/209781>

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