



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER #16

30th October 2023

Ngā mihi o te tau hou.

It's been a week of WOW! And that is because of who we are at Tauhoa School.

WOW! AG DAY!

Not only did we get together as a community for our traditional Ag Day, but through our collective efforts, we managed to raise \$15,000.00 gross for our school and the vision of a butterfly garden and outdoor learning area.

Many of you took the time needed to make this day a success. Others spent hours planning and organising. Many donated items for auctions or walked the towns asking businesses for support. Some of our partners took time off work to ensure toilets and the grounds were set up and ready for the day. We all need to pat each other on the back and say well done! For those who went that extra distance, and you know who you are, my heartfelt gratitude for all your support!

WOW! Success at the Art Show!

Art from some of our students from our Senior Room, Cleasby, was entered into a children's art show in Warkworth.

Our student's art was well received. The art was seen as creative and innovative in its approach. The students had incorporated the rubbish they collected off Te Ari Beach, which was acknowledged. Christie Price came 3rd in the year 7 & 8 age group, Benson Whitehouse placed 2nd in the year 4 to 6 age group, and Leo Flood had a special mention due to the storyline involved in his art.

Bella Wood came not only 1st in the year 7 & 8 age group but also was the Supreme Winner of the show with her 'Olive the Octopus.'

I am incredibly proud of our students and the effort and creativity they put into their work. It has been asked to be put on display at Wastebusters, then will return to school and be displayed in the foyer for us all to enjoy.

What Is Coming up

October

- 31st Halloween Disco 6pm

November

- 6th Teacher only Day, Curriculum Refresh Training
- 17th RRS Athletics, Whole School Event
- 30th Music Showcase night for A Plus Music

December

- 2nd Kapa Haka Performance: Otamatea Festival
- 11th End of year Assembly 6-30pm Community Hall -**DATE CHANGE**
- 12th Graduation afternoon tea with staff and Year 8's
- 13th Trip to Triri Tiri Maitangi (Possible)
- 14th Last day of School School closes at 12-30

(A reminder that the school calendar is on Skool Loop)

Police Vetting

A reminder that if you wish to come to camp or sleep over at events, the Board has a policy that volunteers need to be police vetted. Time to have this completed ready for camp week is starting to run out!

Halloween Disco: This Tuesday Night

It's not my thing, but our lucky students have Whaea Jenn with a passion for all things dress-up.

This Tuesday at school from 6pm to 8pm. Five dollars entry for a can of Drink and a wee treat! (No tricks allowed). Community **local** children to 12 years, plus any preschoolers, are welcome.

Kapa Haka Performance

Our students have been practising for this festival for the whole year. I'm sure you have seen your child twirling a poi or singing one of the lovely waiata they have learnt. I hope that they all can be there to perform on the day.

This is on Saturday, 2nd December, and I will book a bus to transport students from school to Otamatea High and return. I am sure some of you would love to be there. Please complete the form that is coming home with this Tattler. I need this information to book the correct bus, and we can work out a cover if anyone can not attend.

Bus Usage and changes

Please remember that if you are changing anything to do with your child's transport home please ring the school. The person in charge of the buses at the end of the day checks the bus book for messages and clears the phone. If you rely on emails, they may not be seen as a staff member you send it to could be away that day.

Please also remember that it is only sometimes possible to travel on a different bus. Our Bus 2 is at capacity, and we might not be able to fit an extra student on board. Please check before making plans that require this.

Kids Kare

Sadly due to the lack of numbers, our Kids Kare programme will be closing for 2024. If you are ever stuck however please contact the school as we may be able to provide some cover if you are running late for pick-up and children cannot be collected by 2.30pm. Kids Kare last session will be Friday 8th December.

Trip to Tiritiri Matangi

We have been sponsored for years 4 to 8 to go on a trip to Tiri on 13th December. The school will fund the bus and the cost for our 0-3 students to attend. If parents wish to also come with us, there is a cost of \$47.50, and parents will need to carpool to Gulf Harbour, where we meet the ferry. We have to leave school early and will be home late that day. I will arrange for a bus to transport students home if necessary. Permission for this trip will go out next week.

Athletics Day

This is a busy day for us at Tauhoa as we, as a community, run both the event and the fundraising canteen on the day. We will need parents and whanau to help do both on the day. Our whole school attends, and a bus will be booked for transport. A form asking for your help is coming home with this Tattler.

2024

We have phone calls and emails from parents asking for their children to come to our school from out of our zone. Please let the office know if you know of any in-zone enrollments for 2024 or if your child will not attend next year. I am maintaining class sizes while keeping the roll at a size to keep us with three teachers. It seems people are starting to realise we are the "Best of the best of the best!" (Ask your children if you don't understand.)

What wasn't so 'wow' was the school closing as our water tanks were emptied and contaminated by contractors. This weather will give the roofs a good wash so we can start collecting water again from them.

When's that long, hot summer and drought turning up? Let's fill our tanks over a few weeks, and then I'll be happy to soak up some sun!

Tae noa ki muri.

Vivienne Goldsmith
Principal

Term Reminders For Term 4

- Students will need to wear school hats.
- The school pool will be available after Labour Weekend
- Please ensure your child brings their book bags to school every day.
- Togs, towels, and goggles could be needed in your child's class after Labour Weekend.
- 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.

School Contacts

Staff and Board Contact Details 2023

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Keeping in touch

We use many ways to keep you informed. Have you:

- Joined Tauhoa Community Facebook Page and Tauhoa School Page
- Download the Skool Loop App onto your phone and select Tauhoa School and the groups you need to hear from (FOTS General and your child's class). This information is on the administration side of the school.
- Sign up to Class Dojo and download this onto your phone. This app allows you to see what your child is doing at school and receive messages from your class teacher.
- Read the Tattler and other notices that come home!