



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER #17

13th November 2023

Ngā mihi o te tau hou.

We are halfway through term, and planning for the end-of-the-year functions is underway. 2024 is now at the forefront of the staff and Board's minds.

Over the past few months, through collecting ideas from our community (the posters to write on at the front of the school), the Board's vision for Tauhoa School and the Staff's ideas, we have finally got ourselves a somewhat new set of strategic goals for 2024-2027 and worked through together, many of your ideas for the school into initiatives to work to in 2024.

Today, the draft of these goals comes home to you with a short survey. Please read and complete so we can move forward with the budget for 2024 based on your feedback. If you complete the one online, please also complete the section in the paper on Te Reo Māori at Tauhoa. This is our community school, and we all need to play a part in keeping it the best of the best of the best!

What Is Coming up

November

- **17th RRS Athletics, Whole School Event**
- **25th Wellsford Xmas parade- School float**
- **30th Music Showcase night for A Plus Music**

December

- **2nd Kapa Haka Performance: Otamatea Festival**
- **8th Thank you, morning tea**
- **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 for camp week is running out!

Kapa Haka Performance

Thank you to those who have already returned slips for this. Please consider the effort our students have gone to and return their permission slips.

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.

Education Review Office

The Education Review Office (ERO) has shifted to a more developmental approach to evaluation that supports each school's improvement over time. Key features of the new approach, Te Ara Huarau, are that ERO will:

- work with all schools in an ongoing way rather than as a one-off event
- connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of their improvement journey
- work in partnership with schools, collaborating in support of equitable and excellent outcomes for all learners
- As a result, each school will:
 - have a dedicated ERO Evaluation Partner who works alongside the school
 - have a different experience depending on needs, strengths, and their school's specific evaluation focus will be on a three-year evaluation cycle

What will public reporting on ERO's website look like?

As schools transition into the approach, ERO will work with schools to publish a one-off Profile Report. This will focus on the strategic goals schools have to improve learner outcomes and what the school seeks to achieve through the evaluation.

All schools will have a Te Ara Huarau / School Evaluation Report within a three-year cycle. This report includes information about the All schools will receive a Board Assurance with Regulatory and Legislative Requirements Report about their board's attestation to meeting those requirements. Provision for International Students and Hostel Reports will be published where applicable.

Other reporting

Progress Reports - These reports are not published on ERO's website.

Progress reports will provide specific information for the audience, such as your board, the community or the Ministry of Education.

2024 Bus changes - Bus 2

2024 will see our Bus 2 changing to a full route for at least the first six months. This will mean that the bus will go along Wharehine Road and JV Grant and Underwood, then carry on to Wellsford to drop off college students and collect our Wellsford students. Then travel back along State Highway 16 to Ingleton, then over the Cleasby's to school.

I have asked for timings to be worked out this term so everyone will know where we are meant to be and when.

The extra good news is that from now on, all out-of-zone students will no longer have to pay to go on the bus in 2024.

Kids Kare

Sadly, our Kids Kare programme will close for 2024 due to the need for more numbers. 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 2.30 pm. Kids Kare's 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: Help!

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 went home last week, sadly, we have not had a great response for helpers. If anything changes and you decide you could help just let the office know please.

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 that keeps 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.)

Wellsford Santa Parade Float

On Saturday, November 25th, Tauhoa School will enter a float into the Wellsford Santa Parade. You may remember that we successfully entered last year's parade with our Candy Cane Lane Float, winning first place in the children's section.

This year's theme is ROCKING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Dress up is as follows:

Boys - plain white T-shirt, jeans & sneakers (think Greasers!) Santa Hats provided

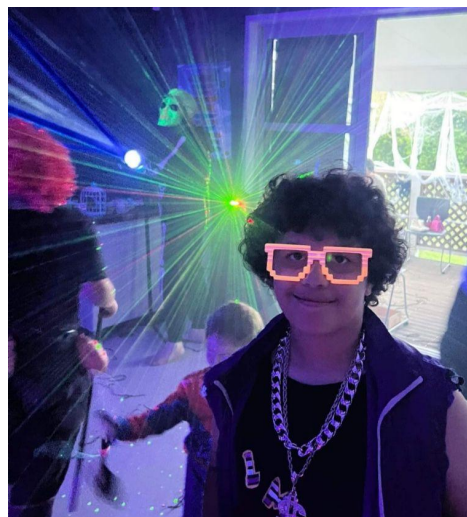
Girls - Plain white T-shirt & circle skirt (to be supplied by school) with black shoes. Santa hats will be provided. You can put a tutu or petticoat under their skirt.

If you would like to participate and require help with dress up, please contact the school, as we'd love to help!

A notice went out last week for this event. We need to know the numbers attending.

Halloween disco

What a night we had! Big big thank you to Jenn Langridge for organising this fun event and supplying all the fabulous decorations, and to all the people that helped set up and tidy up after. Everyone put in a lot of effort into their costumes. We managed to raise around \$280.00!



A message from the Presiding Member report Oct/Nov 2023

This week Vivienne shared with me her 2023 professional growth cycle (this has replaced the performance appraisal). We discussed this and what support the board could offer her so that she is able to effectively achieve her goals.

What a marvellous Ag day 2023. It seemed like maybe less people came but the support from our sponsors, families and community near and far was nothing short of magnificent. Congratulations to all of our students on their beautiful creations with their in class activities, the children who participated in the animal showing and to our seniors who yet again ran some very fun and successful games.

After speaking with some of our rural local and corporate businesses at a recent event held in our community, the feedback was that traditional rural values in rural schools are gradually diminishing. They were beyond happy to hear that Tauhoa School still sees those rural core values as an important part of who we are and that we still continue with our traditions like Ag day.

The newly replaced section of the deck looks fantastic! I look forward to the new learning space project getting underway and seeing how the senior class makes use of such a unique and well planned area.

The last term of school is always a busy one with lots on. I always look forward to the end of year assembly where we can honour all of our students and acknowledge their academic achievements and personal accomplishments.

Bridget Boler

Tae noa ki muri.

Vivienne Goldsmith
Principal

Please note you should have a copy of Strategic Plan and paper copy of the Community survey with this newsletter.

Term Reminders For Term 4

- Students will need to wear school hats.
- The school pool is available.
- 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.

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