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TAUHOA TATTLER #18

27th November 2023

What Is Coming up

November

- 30th Music Showcase night for A Plus Music

December

'Sometime' School water fight

- 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 Triritiri Maitangi
- 14th Last day of School: School closes at 12-30

January 2024

- 30th Teacher-only day and office open for enrollments/ Stationery
- 31st School starts

February

- 5th School closed (This is the day before Waitangi to allow for a long weekend. It is being made up at the end of the year)
- 6th Waitangi Day; School Closed
- 9th Beach Day: School operates out of Martins Bay, All invited

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

Ngā mihi o te tau hou.

Wow! What a fun Santa Parade! And we did it again 1st place in the Children's Section! A big thank you and congratulations to Whaea Jenn and our Presiding Member, Bridget, who facilitated this event to promote Tauhoa School and for our students to have great fun!

With Santa arriving, we can see the end of the year in sight. With only two and a half weeks of school left, it is jam-packed with events and fun. And we are still learning! Class programmes are primarily in tack this week.

We have been given a Hungerball arena in school for the last few weeks, which is a surprise for our students.



School Water Fight

This traditional event is held sometime over the next two weeks. Again, a surprise attack will commence this event. Please ensure your child has a bag at school with water fight equipment and two towels and togs every day. *No, we do not say when this is.* There is a 'safety zone' for those who do not want to participate.

Kapa Haka

This is on this weekend.

A bus will leave school to take the students who indicated they need a ride. This is a cost to the school, so please contact the school if it is not needed, as I will cancel it, and we can carpool if that works with our numbers!

End-of-Year Assembly

This takes place on Monday 11th December, at 6-30pm. We graduate our two year 8 students and acknowledge the success of our students.

With my contacts at the North Pole, we aim to get the big guy visiting who may have a gift for some Tauhoa BEST students. (See note attached).

We end the night with supper, so please bring something to share for this.

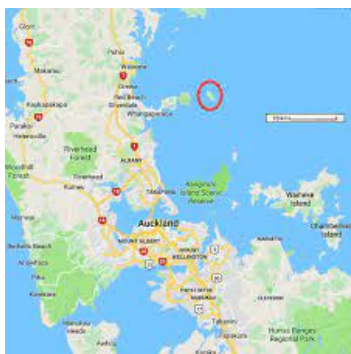
Tiritiri Matangi Trip

We have confirmed this trip for 13th December. The permission will go out on Skool Loop today. This day is a long one.

We need to leave school by 8 am and will be back at school at 4 pm.

This accounts for travelling to the ferry, the ferry ride, the day on Tiri and return rides home. There will not be buses running that day!

If parents wish to also come with us, there is a cost of \$47.50 to be booked and paid to the school office before the day. Parents will need to carpool to Gulf Harbour, where we meet the ferry.



Police Vetting: Final ask for camp 2024

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. The time to have this completed for the camp week is running out.

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. As soon as I know the times, I will send a note through Skoop Loop with this information to you.

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.

Book Return

We need all school readers, including library books, to be returned.

A book amnesty is over the next two weeks. A ticket goes into the draw for a prize with every book your child returns. Please hunt for these. Reading recovery is also missing books and bags.

Kids Kare

Sadly, our Kids Kare programme will close in 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.

Athletics Day:

Thank you to all those who helped out on this day. Our canteen made \$1300 towards our fundraising efforts.



Sports Uniform Return

Can everyone please return all sports uniforms. A reminder that these cannot be dried in the tumble dryer! You will be invoiced for items not returned.

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.) *(We have a space in the year 3-5 and 6 to 8 classes.)*

Staffing 2024

All our staff have indicated their preference for staying for 2024. However, the board has increased support staff hours.

Robyn will be in Hoteo all day, Alice will be in Atiu for 4 hours, and a teacher aide (yet to be appointed) will be in Cleasby 2 hours a day.

The office will be open all of the school days in 2024, and Alpha will increase his hours to maintain the school.

Vacancy

As mentioned above, we are looking for a learning support worker for 2 hours a day from 8-30 am to 10-30am, term time only, to assist with learning in Cleasby Whanau. This person must be reliable and have sound knowledge of Maths and English. Please contact the office to apply. (\$24.04 per hour.)

Trophy Return

Can we have all the Ag Day trophies returned to be engraved by Friday, please?

This includes Calf, Lamb, Chicken Trophies and Indoor Exhibits. Students will be given a small trophy to keep before school finishes.

School Survey

With the last Tattler, we sent out a survey and a copy of our Strategic Plan. Please complete this and the front page regarding te reo at Tauhoa and return it. Your thoughts are essential to this school!

This is the last Tattler for 2023

I will see most of you at our end-of-year events, but as always, I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy being together and Stay Safe!

Nga hararei koa!

Vivienne Goldsmith
Principal

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.

School Contacts

Staff and Board Contact Details 2023/2024

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