



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER

#1 January 31st WELCOME BACK

Today is the first day of term One, 2024, and we welcome new students to our school. Welcome Xavier New, and Nic Pratt and their families to our Tauhoa School community.

We also welcome Lashae McArdle to our staff as a teacher aide (Now called learning support workers) working with Cleasby Whanau. It is great to have you as part of our team here at Tauhoa School.

As it often happens, with welcomes come farewells, and many of you will now know Jenn Langridge resigned after school closed at the end of last year. She was offered a position close to home, which meant that her work is on her road, a gift of 2 hours back into her life as she no longer has the long drive here! I wish her well in her new role.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Shirley Prictor. Shirley was a long-term part of the Wellford community. She was a very supportive member of our school while her great grandson Eddy lived with her and was part of Tauhoa School. I am sure you will join me and send our love and best wishes to Eddie and the rest of Shirley's family.

We have been continuously looking for a suitable experienced teacher for Cleasby Whanau but so far no one has applied that would make a great teacher at Tauhoa. For this term I will be teaching Cleasby Whanau. Please bear with me as I spread myself rather thinly for this term.

As a commitment to our students and the many disruptions to their schooling, I have employed an extra learning support worker and have increased Alice and Robyn's hours. Robyn is now all day in Hoteo whanau, Alice is the permanent LSW in Atiu and will be there every morning. Lashae is 2.5 hours Monday to Thursday in Cleasby. Whaea Jody is now at school from 8 am to 2-30 Monday to Friday.

This year all teachers are to be known as Mrs or Ms, Mrs Kelly is quite looking forward to it! LSWs and other support workers Matua or Whaea and their names. E.g. Whaea Jody Please note this is a manner of giving respect to them and the work they do for us!

What is Coming up

February 2024

- 5th School Closed to allow for a long weekend
- 6th Waitangi Day School Closed
- 9th Friday Beach Day Martins Bay (details included in this Tattler)
- 15th Wednesday, Camp meeting for Parents of years 4 to 8
- 19th - 23rd Camp week

March 2024

- 19th Sunday, Community BBQ
- 21st RRS Cricket Day. (Years 4 to 8)
- 29th Good Friday School closed till Wednesday 3rd April

April 2024

- 13th Last day of Term 1
- 25th Anzac Day and Dawn Parade Wellsford
- 29th Term 2 Starts for Students

Term Reminders

- School hats must be worn at school and at all times outside. These are now to be purchased at the office.
- 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.

Theme for the Year!

Every year, our school has an overarching theme. This guides our classes in their enquiry process. This year, our theme is 'Our history'. We will examine events and people in our history.

For term one, the focus is on ourselves and then famous New Zealanders.

Beach Day Friday, 9th February

The school is open and operates at Martins Bay. We invite all our school community to join us for our day at the beach. The day includes old-fashioned beach events (e.g., sack races and tug of war), sand sculptures, and swimming. We finish the day around 1-30pm to allow students who need to return to school to catch the bus. **One bus will do both runs that day.**

Bring your picnic and come and meet the teachers and socialise



Camp Week

Hard-copy notices are coming home today. The teaching team and I thank the parents who have come forward to ensure our students have a camp experience. We can't go without the right numbers of parent help! Camps are a great way for students to gain confidence and experience new challenges.

The whole school works in house groups, and different classes stay at school at different times. Please return permission slips this week

School Lunches

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

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.

Vivienne Goldsmith
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