



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER #2

12th February 2024



Ngā mihi o te tau hou.

We all enjoyed a terrific day at Martin's Bay last Friday. Getting together, playing, and learning as a community is lovely. I enjoyed playing 'Chase the Chicken' with many of you! Being a community as part of our children's learning is crucial to what we do here at Tauhoa.

Your comments on developing our strategic plan have meant that many of your desires for our students will begin to be implemented over this year. There was a range from roller skating to scouting skills, but I am sure our outdoor day, 'Whanau Friday', will allow for many of the contextual learning ideas you shared to be incorporated.

For example, Compass work is maths and a scouting skill, floating is science and creating, revising and using is all about technology!

Camp week is next week, and this is a week where we focus on team building, giving and accepting challenges. We have many exciting activities planned. If you still need to return your permission slips, please do so. If anyone wishes to join the teachers and me, a camp meeting is on Thursday 15th at 4 pm. This is for anyone who has a child on camp or has questions. Please RSVP to the office.

Student teacher in residence:

We welcomed Matua Richard Goldsmith to school on his first day. Richard is completing his teacher training. He comes to us with a Bachelor of Sport and Recreation, majoring in Outdoor Education. He will be at school all camp week and then every two days. Alongside this, Richard will do a placement of 8 weeks in Cleasby and another at a local school.

What is Coming up

February 2024

- 15th Thursday, 4 pm, Camp meeting for Parents of years 4 to 8. RSVP to the office
- 19th - 23rd Camp week

March 2024

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

April 2024

- 12th 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. These are now your responsibility to name and look after.
- 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.

Camp Week

Hard-copy notices came home last week. 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 correct numbers of parent help! Camps are an excellent way for students to gain confidence and experience new challenges.

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

ZOO Trip

We have tried several bus companies to hire buses but have failed. I have hired three vans to carry 36 students to the zoo, but we still need parents to help transport them. Please contact the office if you can help, especially if you have a vehicle with a larger seating capacity.

Mobile Phones at School

The new government has asked us to enforce a policy of no mobile phones in classrooms/schools. Our policy has always been that mobile phones must be handed into the school office during school hours. This remains the same. I know our students need phones to contact parents after school when they get to their bus stops. Please chat with your child who brings a phone to ensure they follow this procedure. The new policy will be confirmed at our next School Board meeting.

One hour Reading, Writing and Maths.

This is also a requirement under an amendment that the new government passed in their first 100 days. Our policy has always been an hour of guided maths and reading and writing every day, Monday to Thursday. On Fridays, Maths, Reading and Writing have been part of our impact projects and inquiry time in the juniors, so we have always met the 5-hour average of each a week. Of course, writing is not only taught (types of texts, spelling, handwriting) but also in many areas of the school, including inquiry. The current policy has been rewritten to reflect this amendment and will be confirmed at the next Board meeting.

All our school policies are linked on our school website.

Updating of details

Please email the office any changes in circumstances, phone numbers, or addresses that may have changed recently.

Stationery

By now, all children have received all their stationery for this year. Thank you to all those parents who have already paid. The invoice will be processed into your child/children's accounts this week, and statements will be emailed. Mouthguards that were purchased will stay at school until they are needed. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Netball

We are already looking into what teams we can form for this year's competition! Please consider if your child can participate or if you can help with coaching. Forms are to come out today.

Class Dojo

Have you joined the correct class dojo for this year? I know Cleasby only has 90% of parents connected to it. You miss out on much information about your child's classroom and learning. Class Dojo is an app that can be downloaded to your phone.

RRS Event permission

This pink slip is also coming home today for you to sign for all children, this is a blanket permission slip for all of our activities throughout the year please sign and return to school

Menu for this week

Mon - Chicken salad rolls

Tue - Teriyaki beef bento bowls

Wed - Mac n Cheese

Thurs - Tomato, Bacon, Zucchini pasta

Fri - Taco boats

Our Tattler comes out every fortnight. Please feel free to add community news by contacting the office.

Tae noa ki muri.

Vivienne Goldsmith
Principal

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