



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER #4

11th March 2024



Ngā mihi o te tau hou.

I have been invited to speak about our school in Canada at an Edulead meeting with principals from Calgary schools before I head to my U-Lead conference in Banff. Reflecting on this, I think about all the many changes, challenges, and successes over the last 12 years.

I look at how close our community is—so close that students, Board members, Teacher Aides, Teachers, and the Principal all went together to Pink on Friday night. As a small community, there are so many crossovers. This can make things easy and sometimes very challenging. In many rural areas, the parents become the employees. Tauhoa School has always been lucky to benefit from these close ties.

I think of how we pull together as a community to benefit our tamariki and our many accomplishments as a school. This school relies heavily on the support of those around us. I thank all of you, past, present, and future, for making Tauhoa School the Best of the Best of the Best!

I am thrilled to share who we are and what makes us special on the other side of the world. I only hope I can do us justice.

Mrs Goldsmith

What is Coming up

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. They are now to be purchased at the office and are your responsibility to name and care for.
- 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 a healthy lunchbox <https://nutritionfoundation.org.nz/lunchbox-ideas/>
- We keep personal stationery at home and use school supplies only at school.

RRS Swimming Competition

Three seniors put their names forward to compete in the Cluster swimming on Friday.

The numbers for this event have certainly dwindled since it was first run. Congratulations to Chantay Fitchett, Sascha Keenan- Zahad and Benson Whitehouse who did an amazing job. They all had podium finishes throughout this event.

Easter Raffle

Please bring a donation to add to the Easter raffle. Everyone will be given 5 tickets to sell. This raffle was to give the FOTS team an Easter Break! (We had been running the Devonshire teas for ten years every Easter! And this is the replacement fundraiser due to the new motorway.)

If you can sell more tickets, they are available at the office.

Cluster Cricket Day 21st March

This is one of our cluster sports days for our Year 4 to 8 students. The permission slip for these events sent home at the beginning of the year covers permission to attend this day. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle and sunscreen that day. School sports uniforms will be provided. (If you have any contacts, please chat with the weather gods!)

Buses

A few reminders for everyone using the school bus service.

Students are to be waiting for the bus ten minutes before it arrives.

Parents are meant to be at the bus stops before and after school.

Children on the bus must remain seated at all times.

The noise level and behaviour must not distract the driver.

Whanau Fridays

These have started with two rotations being completed. It has been a delight to see the older students supporting their younger counterparts during these days. Our topics for this rotation are float, fly, and compass. Yes, some of our youngest students can tell you the four points to the compass!

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property hanging around school, especially after camp week. Please make sure you pop in and have a look for any items belonging to your children.

Updating of details

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

Ice Cream Containers

Please send any clean containers and lids to school for sending home leftovers.

If you wish to, and are happy to have the occasional meal sent home, please let the office know. Sometimes we have enough for a family to have dinner for the night!

Camp Fees

Camp costs have been added to your account, Please make the payment as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Stationery

All students have received their stationery for the year, Please can you make payment for this before the first term disappears.

Netball

We are already looking into what teams we can form for this year's competition! We think we have now got enough to make up three teams, but please consider if your child can participate or if you can help with coaching to help cover for winter illnesses. Forms came out last week, please contact the office for another copy.

School lunches

I do not talk about politics. However, I need to at this time. During the election, the National Party promised to maintain and increase school lunches for all. Recently, one of the co-partners in our current government has signalled that school lunches are under review.

If you wish to maintain our cooked lunches at school, consider signing a petition to support these remaining. Here are some links:

https://www.labour.org.nz/petition-save-lunches-in-schools?recruiter_id=1523264

Or

<https://our.actionstation.org.nz/.../save-healthy-free...>

Menu for week 7

Mon - Filled rolls

Tue - Chicken Bento bowl

Wed - Mac n Cheese

Thurs - Spag Bol

Fri - Tacos

Menu for week 8

Mon - Beef Burgers

Tuesday - Chicken Rolls

Wed - Hawaiian pasta salad

Thurs - Spaghetti & Meatballs

Fri - Chicken Fried rice

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

Tae noa ki muri.

Vivienne Goldsmith
Principal

School Contacts

Staff and Board Contact Details 2024

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