



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER #7

13th May 2024

Ngā mihi o te tau hou.

Seeing so many of you attending our Learning Conversations last week was great. Research shows the benefit of parents being fully involved in their children's learning. It has also been great to see the many parents on the sideline of the netball courts supporting our school teams. I am proud of the students who take the time to play for our school. And I have to say they look amazing in our school uniforms. New jackets are on order for us to use on the sideline, and they should be here this week.

I have spoken to Kevin and Gill Adshead, and we will shortly have a new Twisty Kiwi to track around Mataia. There is always an opportunity to go out and listen to the Kiwis. See the attached information if you are interested in doing this.



What is Coming up

May 2024

- **16th** Tabloid Sports, Years 1-3
- **17th** Pink Shirt Day
- **22nd** School Board Meeting
- **31st** Mud Run and Fundraiser

June 2024

- **3rd** Kings Birthday School Closed
- **4th** MOE required Teacher Only Day - School Closed
- **13th** RRS Soccer and Hockey Years 4-8 (Mouthguards Required)
- **26th** School Board meeting
- **28th** Matariki Celebration Day School Closed

Term Two Reminders

- School hats can go home if owned, as they no longer need to be worn.
- A spare change of clothes will be helpful in your child's bag
- 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.
- Pool Keys must be returned. You will be refunded your bond.

Attendance

Keep up the great work, team. We have now had several days when our attendance is at 100%! (That includes people at school or away for a justifiable reason)

School lunches

As you may have seen in the news, the government is changing the funding for school lunches.

For 2024, everything stays the same.

However, in 2025, the funding differs for years 1 to 6 and years 7 and 8. The Board and I will budget to maintain the lunch system as we have it now to the best of our ability for 2025. Years 7 and 8 were budgeted for \$6.14 per lunch; this has been reduced to \$3.

Tabloid Sports 16th May

This is a cluster sports day for our Year 1 to 3 students. This includes lots of fun games for our juniors. Our students will catch the bus to Tomarata School and return. Parent help and support on the day would be appreciated. Please let the office know if you can assist. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle and lunch that day. A sausage sizzle will be available for lunch at \$2 per sausage. School sports uniforms will be provided. (If you have any contacts, please chat with the weather gods!)

Pink Shirt Day. This Friday.

Pink Shirt Day is an anti-bullying campaign that celebrates diversity and creates environments where everyone can feel safe, valued, and respected. Each year, workplaces, schools, organisations, and individuals join the movement to take a stand against bullying.

People who identify as part of the rainbow community experience higher rates of bullying, and studies show people who are bullied are more likely to experience mental health issues, such as depression, anxiety and even suicidal thoughts.

Wear pink or come as you are for Pink Shirt Day this Friday. A coin trail will support this event.

Mud Run 31st May

This year, we are having a mud run for our fundraiser. This is an opportunity to get muddy and wet, be fit, and have fun while raising money for the school. Students will have brought home a booklet that indicates what they can get as a prize depending on what they can increase in sponsorship to

complete as many rounds of the mud run as possible. We run this event ourselves rather than outsourcing it as other schools do. Please support your child to make this event a great success.

Pickups

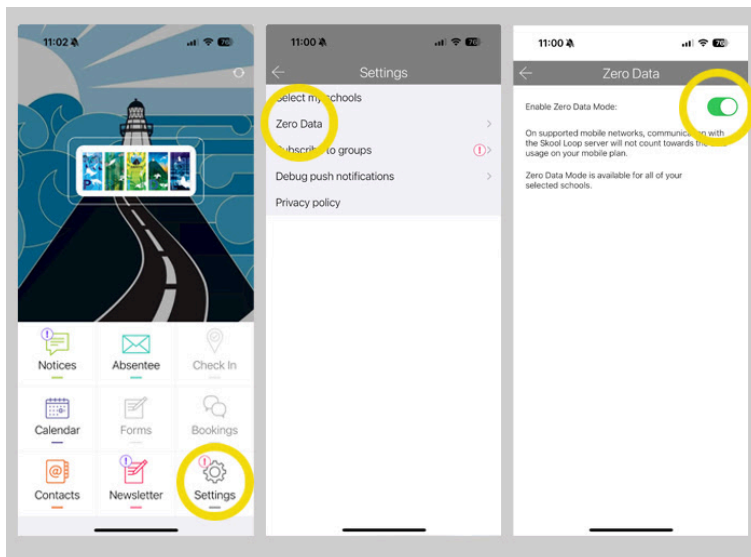
This is a reminder that when you collect your child, you are to come into school and let the duty person know they are now in your care. This is important for safety and to ensure we have students on the bus when they are meant to be. Recently, students have left the grounds without checking in with the duty person, which has meant buses have been delayed while staff check to see if they have been collected.

The Skool Loop App is better than ever!

If you have no data, you can still use Skool Loop. This will reduce the amount of data you need to use.

Skool Loop is a vital tool for all our parents to maintain information. Now, by following this graphic, you can ensure School Loop does not use your data!

Please, all new families. Add this app to your phone. It is the information port we in the front office use regularly. Don't miss out on late bus information or booking your interviews and giving permission with ease on your phone.



Ice Cream Containers

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

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

Pool Keys

Pool season is officially over. All keys need to be returned to the office. Once you have returned the keys, please email your bank details for a refund of the bond.

School lunches - Menu Week 3

Mon - Chicken Bento bowl
Tue - Filled Rolls
Wed - Tomato & Bacon Pasta
Thurs - Fish & Chips
Fri - Beef & vege soup

Week 4

Mon- Chicken Burgers
Tue- Nachos
Wed- Mac & Cheese
Thurs- Chicken Fried Rice
Fri- Shepherd's Pie

Vivienne Goldsmith
Principal

Kiwi Listening. Saturday June 8 or Postponement Date Sunday June 21 Yes, that time of year is rapidly approaching again. Kiwi call counting time is almost here.

If you would like to come..... What time should we meet?

Listening should occur during the first 2 hours after dark

It is recommended that listeners arrive at their site before dark:

- to get a better idea of distance and landscape
- to have all clothing and gear you might need arranged around you so you do not make noise sorting it while you are listening

So, you must arrive at the container site at 2867 Kaipara Coast Highway by 5pm. When you arrive at the farm, continue up the farm road (don't turn off the main drive) until you come to a site with a container and a good parking area to the left. There we will be put into groups and the Kaipara Kiwi team will lead us to our sites. We will need to be in place soon after 5.30 pm to set up and be ready for listening to start at 6pm and continue through to 8 pm.

What you should bring:

- Watch or phone (we will be synchronising these before groups depart for their sites)
- Compass (if you have one)
- Torch and spare batteries
- Plastic or closed cell foam to sit on as the ground may be cold and possibly wet
- A warm drink and possibly something quiet to eat like nuts or unwrapped sweets (wrappers can be very noisy)
- Warm clothing is a must, (thermals/merino/wool for at least one layer) including wind and rain protection...sitting on a ridge for two hours can be very chilling. Try not to have 'rustly' clothing as it can be very distracting when trying to listen for distant calls. A hat or hood that covers your ears can limit your hearing/a beany can be useful...and don't forget your gloves.
- Phone for emergency use

What we will supply:

- Notebook, clipboard and pencil per site
- Forms and scrap paper

Actual Monitoring

- For each Kiwi heard calling we record: time, sex, compass direction and estimated distance
- Write down weather and other details required on forms halfway through monitoring.
- Record each hourly period on a separate sheet

After monitoring

- Finish filling out the forms
- Identify location of each bird on a supplied map combining data from other groups to identify birds heard at multiple sites.

And finally:

- Check out this link if you would like to hear the calls of the male and female Northern Brown Kiwi.
<http://www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/north-island-brown-kiwi#bird-sounds>

- The call of the male kiwi is a repetitive (8-25 notes) high-pitched whistle.
- The call of the female kiwi is a repetitive (10-20 notes) coarse rasping note.
- Ruru (morepork) and possums are often confused with kiwi calls, so see if you can become familiar with them too. (Hopefully, we hear no possums!)

It is essential that you let us know if you would like to join us.

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