



# TAUHOA SCHOOL

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## TAUHOA TATTLER #13

19th August 2024



Ngā mihi o te tau hou. Hello my Friends

It has been a busy few weeks here at Tauhoa School. We have been planting our Trees for Survival, finishing our netball seasons with prizes at Rodney, and making soap, lip gloss, and candles to sell at the school Gala.



Our school had some fantastic students, including one from Taporā, who represented us this netball season. They played every weekend and enjoyed participating in a real New Zealand sporting season. This couldn't have happened without the excellent coaches and managers who ensured these students could compete and enjoy this sport. Thank you for putting your hand up for this season on behalf of our whole community. You are what makes Tauhoa the best little country school!

Seeing our student Lilly Otway being awarded Most Improved Kiwi Whistler was particularly exciting. Well done, Lilly! I had been told by other schools what a great job you were doing, and look what you earned! Keep up that fantastic work on the whistle for Netball!

***The school will celebrate our students and their coaches and managers on August 30th from 3.15pm Netball awards will be presented at this time.***



## ***What is Coming up***

### **August**

- **21st FOTS Meeting 8.30am**
- **23rd Rodney college open day Year 8 Students**
- **30th School planting for the butterfly garden, etc**
- **30th School Netball Celebration and Awards**

### **September**

- **3rd RRS Cross Country, Whole School at Pariki**
- **5th MOTAT visit to School focus: Science and Engineering**
- **9th Dental Van at Tauhoa School**
- **13th RRS Netball and Touch, Years 4 to 8 Centennial Park Wellsford**
- **20th School Closed: TOD**
- **27th End of term**

### **October**

- **10th Gibbs Farm Fundraiser**
- **14th First day of term 4**

### **Term Three Reminders**

- 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.

## **Gibbs Farm Fundraiser**



We have obtained permission to sell tickets for a visit to Gibbs Farm on Thursday 10th October. This presents an excellent opportunity to raise funds for a school van. Unlike other vendors, we charge only \$50 per ticket, making the event more affordable for our community. The absence of a children's price is because the visit is unsuitable for children. The amenities, such as toilets, are limited and spread far apart. Children cannot climb on sculptures, and the walk is approximately 6 kilometres.

To book your tickets, you can scan the above QR code or go to humanitix:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/tauhoa-school-gibbs-farm-fundrasier>

## **FOTS**

We meet first thing tomorrow morning, 8-30am in the staffroom. Please join this meeting if you're interested in taking a lead role in our upcoming Ag day and Gala. We are a whole community, not one of three people!

## **School Tree planting**

We will be planting trees for our butterfly garden and around the school on 30th August. Please join us to support the development of our school's outdoor space. If you let us know you're coming, we can ensure there is lunch provided for you.

## **Attendance and Engagement**

Education Counts has released the report for term two attendance. Last term's attendance rate was 63%, which is 16% higher than in the same term last year. However, this is still below the government's goal of 70% student attendance 90% of the time.

Another concerning finding is that only 68% of our students are arriving on time, indicating that many students are not present when the roll is taken in their class. The time before class starts is important as it allows children to socialise with friends, organise their belongings, and settle in before the day begins.

To the 32% of students arriving late, let's make an effort to be punctual! Thank you.

## **Ag Day**

The new Ag Day booklet is coming home to all Families today.

This booklet now includes information for everyone about the day. It includes information on our competitions: Cakes, Jam, and the new Fudge competition.

After that, there are sections for children to read with you on looking after and preparing their animals for the Calf Club section of our day.

## **Animals**

A reminder to register your animals including the pet section. Again a reminder, no cats or dogs.

## **Helpers, What are you prepared to help with??**

We have had a couple of volunteers come forward to take a lead role in an area of Ag Day, But still needing more..

## **White Elephant**

Thank you to Talia Brydone for taking the lead role for this event. We are now taking clean, sellable items and good-quality branded clothing.

## **Silent Auction**

This has become a game changer and makes us about \$4000. We need to start collecting items, etc., for our silent auction and for prizes for raffles and the kids' games. Can your company that you work for or your friends help out? Start asking for us, please.

## **Plants stall**

We would love to see people planting seedlings for our stall. Please let me know if you need containers. I have a lot!

## Produce

We sell produce items too, so think about any surplus you may have in the garden at this time and could add to the produce table.

## Ag Day Crafts

We are still collecting bottles of various shapes and sizes along with lids. Please clean and send it to school over the next few weeks.

Does anyone have contacts for shoe boxes?? Let me know!

## School lunches

### Week 5

Mon- Pasta  
Tues- Roast Chicken  
Wed- Bacon & Veggie Soup  
Thurs- Chicken Drums & Mash  
Fri- Wacho's

### Week 6

Mon- Chicken Burgers  
Tues- Spag Bol  
Wed- Savoury Mince  
Thurs- Pork Fried Rice  
Fri- Mac n Cheese

Well, I have covered everything for this Tattler. Remember, newsletters and a calendar are on Skool Loop!

Tae noa ki te wa e whai ake nei.

Until next time

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