



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER #15

2nd September 2024



Finally planting out our butterfly garden and developing bush boundaries around our school

Ngā mihi o te tau hou. Hello my Friends

Yes, that's right, it's September and Spring! We had a beautiful, almost spring day for tree planting at school. Thank you so much to the parents who came and helped and those working in the background to secure a Pole Peel donation from Topuni Timber. We thank them so much for their support and Smiths Transport (and Dave and Keryn Smith) for getting it to us! The speed at which our students planted the trees was incredible! Our school is looking fantastic.

There is still much of this to be spread thickly around the school grounds where the painting occurred. We will do this on and off this week, so let the office know if you can lend a hand.

Our school wants to increase its numbers to help smooth the number bump in our middle school area. This means we need to urgently know if anyone in our school zone is enrolling in 2025 or 2026. If you do, let them know to contact the school. The Board will then decide if we can increase the roll to four teachers. This will be completed by offering out-of-zone places at our school.

Matua Richard finishes his time at our school this week and heads to his last practicum at Waipu School. He will be back occasionally teaching and working at Tauhoa until the end of the year. I know the students will miss him.

A couple of changes that you may like to plan for. Firstly, we are trialling splitting the Christmas and social part out of the End of year Prizegiving.

On the 5th December we will have a community Christmas social night at school with the students singing and a lolly scramble with the 'big guy'.

This is in response to the survey about length of the assembly night and the costs incurred at that time of year.

This will mean that the end of year prize giving will be just that with no supper.

Also, next year, Waitangi Day falls on a Thursday. I suggest closing on Friday, the 7th, so families can have a long weekend. The day will be made up at the end of the year, meaning we will close on Friday, December 13th. I will pop a yes/ no survey out to get your thoughts.

Well that list felt like I was sharing the news from a news desk!

Most importantly however is your support for promoting our **Gibbs Farm fundraiser** and putting your hand up for **helping with the Ag Day and Gala**. More on this latter in the Tattler.

What is Coming up

September

- **3rd RRS Cross Country, Whole School at Pariki**
- **4th FOTS meeting 8-30am Staffroom**
- **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**
- **26th Ag Day and Gala**

Term Three Reminders

- A spare change of clothes will be helpful in your child's bag.
- Hats will be distributed but are optional till term 4
- 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: How many tickets can you sell??



We have obtained permission to sell tickets for a visit to Gibbs Farm on Thursday, October 10th. 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 really unsuitable for

children. The amenities, such as toilets, are limited and spread far apart. Children cannot climb on sculptures; 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

The next meeting is this Wednesday morning at 8-30. Drop the kids off and come and join us to help out.

School or home that is the question.

Things have changed since COVID-19, when we were told to stay home with the slightest sign of a cold. To support making judgments, Health New Zealand has published health guidance Te Whatu Ora, which can help you decide if a child, including those experiencing anxiety, is well enough to attend school. The guidance supports discussions with parents and caregivers about absence, the importance of minimising disruptions to learning, and positive re-entry to learning after sickness. Follow the link below.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/attendance-every-day-matters/>

Ag Day

The Ag Day booklet now includes information about the day, including information on our cake, Jam, and Fudge competitions. If you misplaced it please contact the office for advice or a second copy.

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.

This list hasn't changed but read it again in case there is something you now can do to help

Animals

This is a reminder to register your animals, including the pet section. Again, 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 we still need 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 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. When making that winning Jam/pickle, make an extra jar to sell on this stand!

Ag Day Crafts

We are still collecting bottles of various shapes and sizes, along with lids. Please clean and send the bottles etc. to school over the next few weeks. *Keep these coming in.*

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

We are also looking for old company promo shirts to use as Art shirts if anyone knows of some from say the warehouse etc.

School lunches

Week 7

Mon- Filled Rolls
Tues- (Cross country)
Wed- Veggie Soup + Garlic Bread
Thurs- Savoury Mince & Mash
Fri- Chicken Enchilada

Week 8

Mon- Beef Burgers
Tues- Chicken Parmigiana
Wed- Soup
Thurs- Butter Chicken
Fri- Year 0-3 Lasagna

The start of week 7 means there is only 4 weeks till the end of this term. Let's get set up for success for the rest of this year by working together!

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Tae noa ki te wa e whai ake nei.

Until next time

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