



# TAUHOA SCHOOL

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## TAUHOA TATTLER #17

14th October 2024



**Twisty and his chick (on the left)**

Ngā mihi o te tau hou. Hello my Friends

Welcome Finn McManus, Connor McManus, Ruben Morritt, and their families to our Tauhoa School community.

We have a busy term coming up with lots of things on, and of course, this starts with the speech competitions and the Ag Day and Gala!

Last term, you would all have received the forms for helping at Ag Day and Gala. Thank you to the few that we have already received.. Please keep them coming. Some have already volunteered in other ways or are booked for specific tasks like, for example, running the Fire emergency Kitchen and games for us or leading the Cafe or White Elephant.

For everyone else, you will be getting a phone call to have you book your slot and times for helping at the gala, or a slip will come home letting you know when and where you have been rostered.

### *What is Coming up*

#### **October**

- **14th First day of term 4**
- **15th Ballot Closes**
- **22nd RRS Speech Competition**
- **26th Ag Day and Gala**

#### **November**

- **8th Trip to Tiri tri Maitangi**
- **9th Icon Family photoshoot fundraiser ( More info to follow)**
- **15th RRS Athletics Day Whole School**
- **28th A plus Music Night**
- **29th Survival swimming and activities Millennium Centre**

- **30th Otamatea Kapa Haka Festival**

## **December**

- **4th Thank You Morning Tea**
- **5th Community Xmas Night, BBQ and Fun at School**
- **7th Staff Xmas Function**
- **11th Graduation Dinner for year 8's**
- **12th End of Year Assembly**
- **13th End of term School closes at 12-30pm**

## **Term four Reminders**

- School Hats must be worn during term 4. Please return these to school
- 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**

For those who brought tickets or had family and friends buy tickets to our Gibbs Farm fundraiser, we raised \$6800! That is just amazing!

## **Ag Day**

### **Pet Section**

Please register your pet section animals. Again, no cats or dogs.

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

We will contact you all to ensure enough people are on the roster to make the day work and run smoothly. Please ask friends and family to help and be prepared to help for 2 hours on the day. We allow parents to see the animal section if their children are showing and allow one parent to watch their children.

### **White Elephant**

We are still taking items

### **Plants stall**

If you have planted seedlings for our stall, please let us know, also 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!

### **Competitions**

Well, I made some jams to enter the competition. I have heard talk about fudge entries, too! Think about entering a cake, jam or fudge in our competitions. The items are then silently auctioned at the end, so bring cakes etc on or in containers you are happy to part with.

### **Bucket Raffle**

This and your sold tickets need to be returned in week 2. Please ask if you can sell more. We do have room in the freezer if you need meat, etc to stay frozen.

## Testing and Reporting

We will begin testing students in week 3 to support our teachers' Overall Teacher Judgments (OTJ) of your child's progress. Your child must be here at school for this to take place. Ensure they have a head start by having early bedtimes so they are ready each day. Our reports come home on 12th December.

## Attendance

Our term three attendance data showed our average attendance was 66% compared to 49% in term three, 2023. 72% of students were on time to school last term. Over the years, we have seen some improvement in attendance types.

In April 2024, the Government announced a regular attendance target of 80 per cent of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

Year

Term

	Regular	Irregular	Moderate	Chronic
2021-4	6%	14%	2%	78%
2022-1	40%	28%	19%	14%
2022-3	32%	34%	23%	11%
2022-4	39%	26%	24%	11%
2023-1	52%	29%	13%	7%
2023-2	47%	26%	15%	13%
2023-3	49%	29%	15%	7%
2023-4	58%	29%	6%	6%
2024-1	68%	25%	3%	3%
2024-2	63%	20%	15%	2%
2024-3	66%	22%	9%	3%

We have a way to go!

## Ballot

The ballot has proved unsuccessful, and we now have open applications for out-of-zone places for 13 students. If you know someone who wishes to attend Tauhoa School, get them to ring me.

## Twisty our Kiwi

Twisty started incubating eggs in July and hatched out his second egg just last week.

The Kaipara Kiwi team had a camera on his nest to see when the chicks hatched.

This is so they can be microchipped so that if we ever catch them again as adults, we will know who they are and where they came from.

One thing they did see on the camera footage was a female cat with her litter of 3 kittens.....so we still have plenty of pest control work to do.

Here are some photos of Twisty and his two new chicks, a picture of his nest with three bodies scrabbling to catch the chicks, and an updated map of where he is.

He will probably start incubating on another nest soon, so we will be more organised this time. We will also be sent footage of Twisty's comings and goings from the nest.

## School lunches

### Week 1

Mon - Burgers  
Tues- Roast Chicken  
Wed- Penne Bolognese  
Thurs- Bento Bowl  
Fri- Enchilada's

### Week 2

Mon- Filled Rolls  
Tues-Nacho's  
Wed- Chicken drums and salad  
Thurs - Meatballs and Mash  
Fri- Chicken Mac n Cheese

Tae noa ki te wa e whai ake nei.  
Until next time

Vivienne Goldsmith  
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