



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER #21

9th December 2024



Ngā mihi o te tau hou. Hello my Friends

Seeing so many of you at our Celebration night on Thursday was wonderful. This was our first time doing this, and it was a success! However, I am aware we have added another event to the calendar, and we still ask that you all attend the end-of-year assembly and graduation. This time, it's just the formalities and no super, so we will see if it speeds up and we are all home earlier.

On the Celebration night, we met the teaching staff for 2025, and I also announced that in Grace Pride's memory, the school will be purchasing a Defibrillator for the community to be housed here for 24/7 access for the community.

School Hours 2025

There will be a change of school hours next year. This is to ensure the second bus arrives in time for the bell and allow students to settle before the bell rings each day.

The school will start at 8-45 am every day and finish at 2-45pm

Our times during the day have also changed.

First block 8-45 to 10-15

Morning tea

Second Block 10-45 to 12-15

Lunch

12-15 pm Years 1 to 4 eat

12-45 pm Years 5 to 8 eat

Third block 1 pm to 2-45 pm

*Aim for 8-30 at school every day so **all** students have time to settle and be ready for learning before class.*

What is Coming up

December

- **11th Graduation Dinner for Year 8's 6.30pm at school**
- **12th End of Year Assembly 6.30 pm and Reports home**
- **13th End of term School closes at 12-30pm**

2025

January

- **27th Anniversary weekend**
- **28th Tuesday TOD and office open for stationery and Enrolments**
- **29th Wednesday First day of school, and the bell rings at 8-45 am!**
- **31st Friday Beach Day**
 - This is a community day at the beach, where games and sand castle competitions are held. The school is open and operating out of Martins Bay for the day. We welcome all of our school community to join us.

February

- **6th Waitangi Day, school is closed**
- **7th School Closed this day is as requested by the community and is made up at the end of the year**
- **10th to 14th Senior school camp. And Camp week**

Term four Reminders

- *School Hats must be worn during term 4.* All hats should be Named! It is not the school's job to keep your child's hat 'safe'
- We often test our students, so please ensure they are at 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.

Graduation Dinner for Year 8's 11th December 6.30 pm

This is an invitation to the year 8 and their adult caregivers/parents to celebrate the end of their time at Tauhoa School. Invites have been sent out. The evening includes principal drinks followed by a pot luck Dinner, (please bring something to share) Speeches, and the Board's gift to students.

End of Year Assembly 12th December 6.30 pm

This is now just the assembly and acknowledgement of students' learning and graduation of our Year 8s. The format now does not include a supper, Santa, or carols, as this happens as a community on the 5th. We do expect all students to attend.

End of term School closes at 12-30pm on 13th December

The year finishes on Friday, the 13th, at 12-30. We run one bus to do both routes on that day.

Senior Camp 2025

Forms went home for this, and they need to be returned ASAP. Paying for Camp can happen in the new year over January if that helps the budget. A \$250 camp cost for a week-long is amazing. I have seen parents charged \$350 to \$450 and more!

Junior Camp Week 2025

This is a week of fun activities and a sleepover at school for our Years 1 to 4 students. There may be a small charge for food for the sleepover. Once again, if you want to sleep over too, you must be police vetted, so please pop into the office to fill out the required forms.

Stationary needs for 2025

Stationary lists will also be coming home at the end of the week, Everything your child needs for 2025 has been highlighted by their teacher, please bring this form back in the new year if you wish to buy from the school.

School pool

We will have the school pool open this season but ONLY to school families. Please contact the office you would like to purchase the code. Please note that if you purchase the code for the pool you are the only one that can use it.. You can not share the code with anyone else.

Well, it's nearly over for the 2024 School Year. It seems like only yesterday that we waited for the students to arrive at the beginning of the year!

I look forward to celebrating their learning success at the end-of-year assembly and farewelling our four fabulous Year 8s as they go to college!

If I don't get to say it to you all in person, please have a very safe and happy summer break and festive season.

Hari Kirihimete ki to whanau me te tau hou haooy e aku hoa!

Tae noa ki tera tau, Until next year

Vivienne Goldsmith
Principal

School lunches Menu **Week 9**

Mon - Beef Burgers

Tues - Roast Chicken

Wed - Penne Bolognaise

Thurs - End of year Pot luck..

Fri - No Lunch - Last day of term!!

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