



# TAUHOA SCHOOL

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## TAUHOA TATTLER

**#11 July 14th 2025**

Tena koutou ki aku hoo

Welcome back to the second half of the year! I've already spotted the 'X' days to Christmas posts on Facebook!

We welcome Emily Fletcher and her Family into our Tauhoa School Community as she starts this term in the Atiu Room.

We have a solid 10-week term ahead of us with lots going on.

The countdown is now on for Ag Day and our Gala. This is our school's major fundraising event. Thank you to those who took the time out of their holiday break to find support for our school out in the community.

Our FOTS get-together on the 16th at 1.30pm is to organise for Ag Day and the Trivial Pursuits night. This is *our* school, and I look forward to seeing many of you at this meeting to put your hand up and help run and organise these events.

Being involved in your school is a crucial aspect of education in New Zealand. This year, as indicated in **red**, marks our School Board Election Year. The Board has appointed Jody as our Returning Officer. As a small school, our Board consists of four parent/community members, one staff representative, and I, the Principal.

If you are interested in joining the board, please feel free to attend one of our upcoming meetings. You can also have a chat with me or any of the other board members.

The seniors have nearly completed their fundraising, and any remaining funds will be allocated to the next senior camp or adventure.

Thank you to the very special school members who have helped out, knowing their child isn't on this trip this year or even the next.

What is the bag of potatoes for? This year, we are running a new competition at AG Day. Grow a bag of potatoes. Awards will be given for the largest potato, the most potatoes grown, and other categories. A letter is attached.

A reminder: anything coming home about Ag Day will be on **green** paper.

This term, we welcome Les Watene as our temporary groundsman to help while Bode is

away, and Keryn, who will be cooking up a storm while Jo is on her big journey of discovery in Europe.

Whaea Robyn splits her day between the Atiu and Te Pahi Classes. Whaea Lashae is now only working till 1 pm, and I will be releasing Mrs Kelly for her CRT. Sometimes, I will be in a class instead of my office.

## WHAT'S ON?

### July

- 14th Term 3 Starts
- 16th FOTS meeting, 1.30 pm at school, All welcome
- **16th Main Roll closes, Supplementary Roll opens**
- 18th Trees for Survival Planting (at the reserve)
- **18th Nominations Open ( 4 parent positions)**
- 23rd School Board meeting 6.30 pm

### August

- **4th Supplementary roll closes**
- **6th Nominations Close 12 pm**
- **13th Voting Papers issued**
- 16th Trivial Pursuits Night. Venue to be confirmed
- 22nd School Speech Competitions
- 27th School Board meeting 6.30 pm

### September

- 3rd RRS Netball and Touch, Years 4-8
- 8th -10th Principal out of school NZPF conference, Wellington
- **10th Board Election Poll closes at 4 pm**
- 15th - 19th Year 7 & 8 in Wellington
- 19th Last day of Term 3

### October

- 6th Start of term 4 (12th December, Last day of school year)
- **15th New School Board first meeting**

## Term Reminders: Term 3 only

- Spare change of clothes in a plastic bag allows students to use the fields during wetter, muddy months.
- We are a healthy lunch school. If you choose to send a lunch to school, please supply a healthy lunchbox <https://nutritionfoundation.org.nz/lunchbox-ideas/>
- We keep personal stationery at home and use school supplies only at school.

## School Board Election

Our school's Parent Roll will close this Wednesday, the 16th, at noon. The Supplementary Roll will open after this date.

If you are listed as a caregiver or parent on the enrollment form, you will automatically be included on the Parent Roll. If you are both a staff member and a parent, please choose which electoral roll you would like to be on.

Nominations open this Friday, July 18th. Nomination forms are held at the school office.

For more information, please visit the NZSBA website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jody Otway, our Returning Officer for this election, through the school office.

## Education Review Office: School Report

I am personally thrilled with our latest school report, which will soon be published on the ERO website. Read on....

Education Review Office Tauhoa School – PN 1107

School Report June 2025

### Parent summary from the Report

How well are learners succeeding?	The school is working towards high levels of success and progress for all learners.
What is the quality of teaching and learning?	Learners benefit from high-quality teaching practice that improves progress and achievement in reading, writing and mathematics.
How well does the school curriculum respond to all learners' needs?	Learners have rich opportunities to learn across the breadth and depth of the curriculum. There is a consistent focus on supporting learners to gain skills in literacy and mathematics. Learners with complex needs are well supported to achieve their education goals.
How well does school planning and conditions support ongoing improvement?	School planning and conditions to support ongoing improvement to the quality of education for learners are well established.
How well does the school include all learners and promote their engagement and wellbeing?	The school successfully promotes learners' engagement, wellbeing and inclusion.
How well does the school partner with parents, whānau and its community for the benefit of learners?	The school reports usefully and accurately to parents / whānau about their child's learning, achievement and progress. The school is improving its collection and use of information gathered through community consultation to inform strategic planning and curriculum decisions.
Student Health and Safety	The school board is taking reasonable steps to ensure student health and safety.

### Achievement in Years 0 to 8

This table outlines how well students across the school meet or exceed the expected curriculum level.

#### Foundation Skills

Reading	Most learners meet or exceed the expected curriculum level. Results are becoming more equitable for all groups of learners.
Writing	A large majority of learners meet or exceed the expected curriculum level. Results are not yet equitable for all groups of learners.
Mathematics	Almost all learners meet or exceed the expected curriculum level. Results are becoming more equitable for all groups of learners.

### Attendance

The school is approaching the target of 80% regular attendance.

The school has a suitable plan in place to improve attendance.

Regular attendance is improving towards or beyond the target.

Chronic absence is reducing over time.

### Assessment

The school uses an appropriate approach and reliable practices to find out about achievement against the curriculum.

Teachers are developing assessment information to adjust teaching practices to ensure ongoing improvement in teaching and student progress.

### Progress

The school has good quality planning to increase the rate of progress for all groups of students.

The school has significantly improved achievement and progress for those learners most at risk of not achieving since the previous review.

The school has, to some extent, extended achievement and progress for learners working at or above curriculum levels since the previous review.

The school is making progress towards meeting the Government's reading, writing, and mathematics targets for 2030 and agrees that this will need to be a key strategic priority.



### Cultural Group: Kapa Haka

This term, we will start our Kapa Haka Festival group, which will attend local festivals.

Please encourage your children to join this group. The practice is scheduled for Wednesday afternoons during school time.

### Trivial Pursuits Night with Optional Dinner

Our annual Trivial Pursuits night is now scheduled for August 16th, as other schools have theirs in July. Start thinking about who is on your team and what your table theme will be. This is an adult community event supporting the school's fundraising efforts. \$15 per person or \$80 per table. Dinner is an optional extra at \$20 per person. Pre-purchase or pay on the night for a yummy dinner.

Prize for winning the table and the best-themed table on the night. **Cash bar only.** Bring your own nibbles. To register your table or book a dinner, please contact the office. A form accompanies this Tattler.

### Trees for survival: Planting this Friday: Naumai Reserve.

Hi all, We are planting this week at Naumai Reserve. Please send children to school with their jackets and possibly garden gloves. We would love some parent help! We plan to start around 9 am.

### Library Help

I am looking for help in the library for a couple of hours a week, preferably on Wednesdays and Fridays. Training will be provided. Duties include returning and processing books and keeping the library tidy.

### Raffle

A raffle to raise the remaining funds for the Wellington Trip was sent home for everyone to sell, with a prize for the student who sells the most tickets. It's \$10 a ticket, but there are lots of great prizes!

If you are not selling these, please return any remaining tickets to the office so that others may do so.

### Netball Duty/Canteen

Thank you to all those who came and helped. This money will go towards sports jackets for both Netball and school sports teams.

## Ag Day and Gala October 2025

### Animals

All the animals on show (Calves, Kids, Lambs, and Chickens) are to be born after **July 1st**. Registration forms will be out in the 2nd week of the term. Upon returning a completed registration, we will send home a booklet on handling your animals. We have a very traditional show ring here at Tauhoa.

### Chickens

We sent forms to order chickens at the end of the term. Chickens are a good option for our town dwellers with little space. Often, you can rehouse these if you do not wish to keep them. You must order a minimum of 2. These day-old chicks will be ready to be picked up the first week of August. Please contact the office if you need a new form.

### White Elephant

No clothes this year. But do start popping things in a box when you spring clean. Ensure it is a clean, saleable item, similar to what you would find in a thrift shop.

### Sponsors

We need sponsors for prizes and our silent auction. Start asking around for these.

## Jewellery Policy

Our school policy states the following in terms of what is allowed to be worn:

### Jewellery

For safety, students must adhere to the following:

1. Ear studs (one pair), watches, and taonga (only worn under clothing)
2. No necklaces, rings, earrings or other visible piercings.
3. Exceptions are limited to certain activities or events and are only worn for the relevant time. These may include drama performances, discos, etc.

Please help your child stick to this policy.

Tae noa ki muri.

Vivienne Goldsmith  
Principal

### [Menu Week 1](#)

Mon- Chicken Burgers

Tues- Chicken Drumsticks & Veggies

Wed- Ham & Salad Wraps

Thurs- Pasta Bolognaise

Fri- Bacon & Vege Soup

### [Menu Week 2](#)

Mon- Beef Burgers

Tues- Butter Chicken

Wed- Mac n Cheese

Thurs- Savoury Mince & Mash

Fri- Bacon & Zucchini Pasta

### Staff and Board Contact Details 2025

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FRIDAY 15 AUGUST 9.30AM  
PARENTS WELCOME

# OPEN DAY

**RODNEY COLLEGE**  
287 RODNEY STREET WELLSFORD



**OPEN EVENING**  
THURS 14 AUG

6PM THURSDAY 14 AUGUST  
MEET TEACHERS & GUIDED TOUR  
5.30PM REFRESHMENTS

The poster features a group of six students in school uniforms standing against a blue background with white stars. The text is in white and yellow, with the school name in yellow. The crest is in the top right corner.