



TAUHOA SCHOOL

Learning to live | Living to learn

TAUHOA TATTLER #12

July 28th 2025

Tena koutou ki aku hoo

Last week, I had the opportunity to share the mid-year data results with the board during their meeting.

	All our Students	Students who Identify as Māori
Reading	In reading, 60 or 78.9% of our students are meeting or exceeding our expectations for this time of year. 14, 21%, are below or well below our expectations this time of year	10 or 77% of our students who identify as Māori are meeting or exceeding our expectations at this time of year. 3, 23%, are slightly below.
Writing	In writing, 54 or 75% of our students are meeting or exceeding expectations at this mid-year data point. 18 are slightly below or well below at this time.	8 or 61.6% are meeting or exceeding expectations at this mid-year data point. 5 or 38.4% are below or well below at this time
Maths	Currently, 54 or 75% of our students are at or exceeding expectations. 18 25% students are below or slightly below at this time	8 students, 61.5% are meeting or exceeding expectations at this time. 5 or 38.5% are below or well below expectation

Some of our students have made accelerated progress in the first half of the year, with several in different subjects having made more than a year's progress in six months.

Mid-year data is trickier to report on. However, now that we have the data in focus, we can work with students who require a boost to meet expectations and be proficient in specific areas of the curriculum, or have made significant progress.

WHAT'S ON?

August

- 1st Mahu school visits
- 4th **Supplementary roll closes**
- 6th **Nominations Close 12 pm**
- 13th **Voting Papers issued**
- 16th Trivial Pursuits Night - Tauhoa Community Hall
- 22nd School Speech Competitions
- 27th School Board meeting 6.30 pm

September

- 3rd RRS Netball and Touch, Centennial Park Years 4-8
- 1st Book Week starts!
- 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.

Community

We are a community school here at Tauhoa, and we view maintaining our traditions and local, rural heritage as an essential aspect of who we are. Many small communities have felt the heavy burden when they have lost their school in their local area. **WE** are lucky to have a vision, values, and educational success which attracts people from further afield to join us here at Tauhoa.

Recently, I received an email from the Mental Health Foundation that discussed the importance of community.

Feeling connected to your community means you're less likely to feel isolated and more likely to have a support system in place if you do go through hard times. It also helps you sustain good mental well-being; people who feel a strong sense of belonging in their community are three times more likely to report very good or excellent [mental health](#).

According to [Te Whare Tapa Whā](#), taha whānau (family and social connection) is one of the 'walls' that hold up the whare (house) that is our wellbeing. Taha whānau is about who makes you feel you belong, who you care about and who you share your life with. Whānau includes extended relationships – not just immediate relatives. It's your hoamahi/colleagues, friends, community and the people you care about. You have a unique place and a role to fulfil within your whānau, and your whānau contributes to your wellbeing and identity.

The steps to be part of a community and to reap the benefits are:

1. Know your neighbours
2. Meet new people
3. Deepen your connections
4. Come out of your comfort zone

Another great reason to get involved with your community school!

School Board Election

Our school's parent roll is now closed—the Supplementary Roll is open for those who wish to be nominated within our community. The roll is available for viewing at the office.

Nominations are open. Nomination forms are held at the school office.

Check that the person you're nominating has not already been nominated. (They will know as they have to confirm the nomination.)

Nominations close on 6th August.

For more information, please visit the NZSBA website.

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

Cultural Group: Kapa Haka

The cultural group is underway with Matusa Richard, creating a dynamic program that teaches our students about the music they are singing. Māhuhu ke te rangi, the story of the brothers' fight over kumera, which led Mahuhu to come to Aotearoa. This year, we may not be able to attend a festival, but we will perform elsewhere.

Contacting School and Staff

Please remember that staff have the right to their home time. Staff should be contacted during regular working hours. (8 am to 5 pm). Outside these hours, contact is only warranted in the event of a critical situation that cannot wait until the next day. Please also consider the correct way to contact the office, as you might have a staff member's messenger contact or private number. Please contact the office and leave a message on the phone. For example, Jody may be off sick and we won't get your message. She also has the right to be at home without school interruptions, as any worker does.

Home Alone

The law in New Zealand

"Young children must never be left alone in a house or vehicle – they need constant supervision. It is illegal to leave a child under the age of 14 years without reasonable provision for their care."

I am concerned that this is becoming a trend in our community.

What you need to consider

When deciding what is an appropriate level of supervision, parents and caregivers are required to ensure that children are safe and not at an unacceptable risk of harm. You can not cover every eventuality, but you do need to exercise a reasonable amount of caution. Child, Youth & Family: list things you may want to consider:

- the age and needs of the child

- the child's level of maturity and understanding
- the place where the child was left
- how long the child was left alone, and how often this occurs
- Were any other children left alone with the child
- is a pre-arranged responsible adult accessible to the child
- Does the child know what to do or who to contact in an emergency
- Is there a responsible adult who will check in on the child

Trivial Pursuits Night with Optional Dinner

★ Come along to our annual Tauhoa School Trivia night! Always a great night with lots of fun and laughter.

★ Themed teams/table. Choose your theme.

★ BYO nibbles.

★ Cash Bar available. Alcohol must only be purchased at the bar.

★ Raffles on the night.

★ Prize for winning trivia table and for best themed team/table.

Saturday, August 16th 2025

Tauhoa Hall, Tauhoa

Doors open at 5 pm, Dinner 6 pm, Trivia starts at 7 pm

\$15 per person or \$70 for a table of 6

If you don't have a table, feel free to join us at a table with others.

Dinner is \$20 per person (meat and salads - to be confirmed). This needs to be pre-booked and pre-purchased by August 13th by ringing the school office.

To register or book a table or a dinner, please phone Jody at the school office 09 422 5722 Or email office@tauhoa.school.nz

Trees for survival: Planting this Friday: Naumai Reserve.

Thanks to those who came and helped plant the 820 trees in Naumai Reserve

Library Help. Still looking!

I am seeking assistance 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, as well as maintaining the library's cleanliness and organisation.

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.

Atuanui Room

A reminder, this room is available for hire for birthday parties, etc, for a small charge. Please contact the office to book.

Mahurangi College Visit Day

This applies to any Year 8 students interested in attending Mahurangi or in-zone Year 6. Alice is happy to take children with her on this visit. Please contact Alice via the office.

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 are coming home today. 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.

Spud competition

This has been well received, and we have only three bags and potatoes spare in this competition. First-come, first-served. Contact the office ASAP.

Sponsors

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

Tae noa ki muri.

Vivienne Goldsmith
Principal

[Menu Week 3](#)

Mon- Chicken, Salad & Garlic Bread

Tues- Lasagne & Veggies

Wed- Chicken Bento Bowl

Thurs- Bacon & Zucchini Pasta

Fri- Nachos

[Menu Week 4](#)

Mon- Chicken rolls

Tues- Cheese Burger Casserole

Wed- Quiche

Thurs- Meatballs

Fri- Shepherd's Pie

Staff and Board Contact Details 2025

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Teacher Cleasby Room

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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 and bokeh effects. The text is in white and yellow, providing details for the Open Day and Open Evening events.