



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER #13

August 11th 2025

Tena koutou ki aku hoa

Week five, and we are almost halfway through this term.

It's a joy to see Jody receive the Ellen Copper Award for Netball.

Jody spends many extra hours as a volunteer and parent of our school to ensure we have netball as a major sport here at Tauhoa School. Her extra time spent has meant many of our students have had the opportunity to represent our school on the courts at Rodney. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on receiving this award.

Last week, my two lives crossed paths when my fellow Station officer, Jo, came to take our students for 'St John in School'. I was incredibly proud when I heard her talking about how marvellous our year 7 & 8s were during their lesson on CPR. She also told another officer that she would happily work on a patient doing CPR with any one of our students! Well done, Team Te Pahi!

Another little fact that might have slipped past is that our Year 8s won the Whole of New Zealand Competition for Athletics!

This weekend, we have our Trivial Pursuit community fundraising night. Have you got your team together? This is a great night and a lot of fun. See the details below.

Many parents have their children travel long distances to our school; they made the decision knowing what a great school we are. The Board and Staff team provide a place where learning is central to all we do, and the welfare of our students is part of that.

We are a team, all of us working for the betterment of our tamariki.

We provide a range of wrap-around services to ensure our students are well-prepared to learn. From the high Board-funded Teacher aides. School breakfasts, lunches, snacks, warm shoes and jackets, a school counsellor, first Aid that extends past plasters, music lessons, and the Auckland library. We ensure our class numbers are lower than average and have skilled professional staff.

Let's all work together to ensure our student make the most of their time here by doing their Tauhoa BEST: Being Respectful, Empathic, Self-aware and Trustworthy.

WHAT'S ON?

- 15th Year 8's Rodney College visit
- 15th Netball Prizegiving: At Tauhoa Hall 2.30pm Shared afternoon tea
- 16th Trivial Pursuits Night - Tauhoa Community Hall
- 18th Dental Van arrives for two weeks
- 19th Paid union Meeting - consider pick up at 12-30
- 22nd School Speech Competitions
- 26th Paid Union Meeting
- 27th School Board meeting, 6.30 pm, New Board first Meeting

September

- 3rd RRS Netball and Touch, Centennial Park Years 4-8
- 1st Book Week starts!
- 8th -10th Principal out of school NZPF conference, Wellington
- 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)

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 Appointed

As we had only four nominations, there will not be an election for our School Board. Our new Board consists of Jess Sutton, Deb Mason, Bridget Boler and Tania Hamilton. Jody Otway will join the Board as the Staff Representative. Thank you for putting yourselves forward to serve our School Community in this very special way.

Cultural Group: Kapa Haka

The cultural group, led by Matua Richard, is 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.

Trivial Pursuits Night with Optional Dinner THIS SATURDAY

★ 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

Paid Union Meetings

On Tuesday, 19th August and Tuesday, 26th August, all our staff will attend these joint meetings.

Staff will be rostered to different meetings, but this limits the number we can supervise in school. To manage disruption, most of our staff will attend the meeting on 19th August.

Can you collect your children early on this day at 12.30 pm?

A smaller number of staff will be at the following meeting.

A note is coming home today, so please advise us on how your family can support our staff attending.

Library Help. Still looking!

Thank you to Dawn, who has offered to help with the library on Wednesdays. I am seeking assistance in the library for a couple of hours a week on Fridays. Training will be provided. Duties include returning and processing books, as well as maintaining the library's cleanliness and organisation.

Atuanui Room

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

Rodney College Visit Day

A van will collect our Year 8s for a day visit to Rodney College. They will be abc for the bus run at the end of the day. Please pack lunch for your child that day.

Dental Van

The dental van arrives for two weeks starting August 18th. If you would like to ensure your child/children get seen by the dental nurses, please contact them as below.

Phone or email our clinic at Warkworth on 021 419 613 or email
ARDS.PakiriNiho@waitematadhb.govt.nz

Ag Day and Gala October 2025

Animals

Please register your animals ASAP. This allows us to work out ribbons and other essential parts of the day.

All the animals on show (Calves, Kids, Lambs, and Chickens) are to be born after July 1st.

White Elephant

We are collecting for this now. Please feel free to drop off boxes of saleable items anytime. Thank you to Libby Clews for taking this part of the Day under her belt.

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.

Helpers Form.

Today, a form is coming home to help start organising this big day. We do expect all our parents to assist, as this makes the work easier to share among us. You can have a say on which stall and time you would like to be involved in; please complete the form coming home today.

Tae noa ki muri.

Vivienne Goldsmith
Principal

[Menu for next two weeks will be announced on skool loop tomorrow as Keryn smith has been away](#)

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, providing details for the Open Day and Open Evening events.