



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER #14

August 25th 2025

Tena koutou ki aku hoa

NZEI, the union representing primary teachers, principals, and support staff, has called for paid union meetings to discuss the pay and conditions offers received from the government. Thank you to all of you for supporting our school, which enabled our staff to attend. We have another meeting tomorrow with fewer staff attending. Please let us know if you plan to take the children home early, as this affects the amount of food we cook for lunch.

Why are we unhappy?

Well, apart from a 1% offer for each year in our agreement, there is nothing addressed to support our students. So far, the promise of extra Teacher aides hasn't come to fruition.

As we learnt last year, finding teachers is becoming increasingly complex because the pay does not reflect the many hours of work involved. As you all know, we aren't at school for 6 hours, and as for our holidays, we generally get there one week and then spend the next one planning. The offer actually does little to address that, with claw-backs in employment conditions. Regarding the \$140K salary we're supposed to receive, that's likely for a principal or deputy principal at a very large school with Management units.

WHAT'S ON?

August

- 26th Paid Union Meeting, Please let the school know if you can collect at 12.30
- 27th School Board meeting, 6.30 pm, New Board's first Meeting

September

- 2nd RRS Netball and Touch, Centennial Park Years 4-8
- 1st Book Week starts!
- 5th Book character parade
- 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.

Congratulations!

To Rebecca Kelly, with the announcement of her impending motherhood. Rebecca will not be returning for the first two terms of 2026. I have approached Ali Munt to act in her stead till term three. Ali is already known to our students as a reliever at our school.

Paid Union Meetings; One to Go!

On Tuesday, 26th August, the remainder of our staff will be attending the last paid union meeting in Kaiwaka, so this limits the number we can supervise in school. Please notify us via Skool-Loop/ Email or phone if you plan to pick up your child/children on the day, as this information is also required for lunch purposes.

Tins and things.

This year for Ag Day craft, we need clean, washed, and label-removed tins, please. Preferably, 420gram size and bigger. These will be part of the art produced on Friday. We would also love to take your takeaway containers and lids from your Chinese or curry orders. Please bring these to school, as we send the extra food home from lunch in these to those who want it.

Lost Property

We could clothe an entire army with the contents of the lost property box. There are many pairs of shoes from Kids Can, along with other lovely tops and shoes. Please come and see if what you're looking for is yours. If you think it is, take it!

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.

Dental Van

The dental van is back for its last week. If you would like to ensure your child/children, including preschoolers, get seen by the dental nurses, please contact them as follows.

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

RRS Netball and Touch for years 4-8

This event is held at Centennial Park. We play against other rural schools in our area. The bus will be leaving school at 9 am. Please make sure your child brings a full lunch/drink bottle and sports shoes. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you are available to come help us out for the day.



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.

Sponsors

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

Helpers Form and Roster

Last week, a form came 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

Staff and Board Contact Details 2025

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Nanny-Share Available - Tauhoa School House

My name is Honour. I'm 34 years old and have a nearly 3 year old son named Felix. I like gardening, painting, baking, writing, music, time in nature, and learning new songs and waiata while playing ukulele pretty terribly. We live in the Tauhoa School House on Naumai Road with our large playroom, craft cupboard, sandpit, trampoline and loads of space outside to run around.



I have over five years of professional experience in childcare alongside a lifetime of being surrounded by and caring for children. I love everything about children and strive to maintain a laid back environment that allows space to explore, create, learn and grow.

- Initially available 2 days per week
- After school hours or full days
- Up to three children at a time plus my own son
- Rates variable depending on number of children
- Casual babysitting also available

Please get in touch to discuss your childcare needs and ask any questions.

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