



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER #19

11th November 2024

Ngā mihi o te tau hou. Hello my Friends

I'd like to start this Tattler with some thank yous. First, thank you to Jody and Jessie for organising a Halloween disco for our students. It was a fun night, and the hall looked amazing.

Thank you to Jenn Langridge for loaning us her fantastic collection of spook stuff!

A thank you to the teachers and parents who ran and helped on the trip to Tiri. The weather was stunning, and I hope our students saw and heard some of New Zealand's precious taonga.

It has been a while since we had a trip like this, and a few reminders need to be mentioned.

School trips are times when you are not allowed to drink alcohol. You are role models and supervising children on a school trip.

Second, we must ensure that our language and responses to students fit the school environment.

Thirdly, which is tough to do, students are all 'students' on trips. We keep an equal playing field for all. So, parents cannot purchase tuck shop items for their children. It's unfair to those who never could have a parent on a trip.

Students should only have money on a trip if we advise them to. The last thing a teacher wants is an overfed child on sweets vomiting on a bus or ferry. Purchasing items in souvenir shops is a bonus for the parents attending, not for students.

Please remember these things for our next trip.

Changes for 2025

Our school has reached a significant Milestone: It will become a four-teacher school in 2025. We are advertising this week for a teacher and have one application already (Matua Richard).

This means:

- We will have the following classes: Years 7 and 8, Years 5 and 6, Years 3 and 4, and Years 0-2.
- All classes are being kept close to 20 students as much as possible.
- The library is the new classroom, and the Board is looking to purchase a cabin to serve as our library.
- Years 5 and 6 will also attend the school camp in February.

What is Coming up

November

- **15th RRS Athletics Day Whole School (Postponement date the 22nd)**
- **23rd Wellsford Christmas Parade: We have a float!**
- **29th Survival swimming and activities Millennium Centre**
- **30th Otamatea Kapa Haka Festival**

December

- **4th Thank You Morning Tea**
- **5th Community Xmas Night, BBQ and Fun at School**
- **7th Staff Xmas Function**

- **11th Graduation Dinner for Year 8's**
- **12th End of Year Assembly**
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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 8-30 am!**
- **31st Friday Beach Day**

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Term four Reminders

- School Hats must be worn during term 4. Please return these to school
- 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 healthy lunchbox <https://nutritionfoundation.org.nz/lunchbox-ideas/>
- We keep personal stationery at home and use school supplies only at school.

Athletics Day 15th November, this Friday

The whole school attends this athletics day at Centennial Park. We are organising a bus to take students. We run this day and also run a cafe and fundraise at it. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help. It's still possible to do so.

All students are issued sports uniforms. They must bring a drink, morning tea and lunch and are allowed money to spend on hot sausage, drinks, etc.

If you're travelling straight there, please be there by 9-30 am.

Santa Parade Wellsford 23rd November

Once again, we are entering the Santa Parade. It is on the 23rd of November. We welcome students to participate in this event, and permission to attend will be granted on Skool Loop. This year's theme is Cowboy Christmas, and the costuming is all about the cowboys with a hint of country. Students entering the parade must dress in cowboy or country style to fit this theme. You can grab things that meet the cowboy theme at your next op shop visit!

Survival swimming and activities Millennium Centre 29th November

This is a great day out for our Year 2 to 8 students. All paid for by a grant, the students will travel to the Millennium Centre in Albany for Kayaking, Rock Climbing, and Water Safety. The students receive lunch compliments of Nestle. A gear list will come home closer to the day.

Otamatea Kapa Haka Festival 30th November

This is on a Saturday for the students practising for this event. If your child has been in the Wednesday Kapa Haka Group, this is their big day!

More details will be provided to those students involved.

Thank You Morning Tea 4th December

This is our thank you morning tea for those who have supported our school. Our local community constable, ASA officer and others are included in our FOTs team. Invites come home to those who are asked to attend

Community Xmas Night, BBQ and Fun at School 5th December

This is a new event that has formed our survey regarding the end-of-year prize giving. Christmas songs, BBQ and drinks, and the big guy turning up for a lolly scramble. As requested, no gifts for Santa will be bought, but it will be a fun time to celebrate as a community.

Graduation Dinner for Year 8's 11th December

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 Dinner, Speeches, and the Board's gift to students.

End of Year Assembly 12th December

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

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

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

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Change to the Calendar.

Martin has advised me that there will not be a music night this year due to personal reasons.

That's all from me. An updated date list for your fridge follows.

Tae noa ki muri.
Vivienne Goldsmith
Principal

For Your Fridge Door

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- 10th- 14th Camp week years 0 to 4 (At school)
- 10th -14th Years 5 to 8 Lonsdale Park Bay of Islands

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