



# TAUHOA SCHOOL

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## TAUHOA TATTLER #20

25th November 2024



Ngā mihi o te tau hou. Hello my Friends

Many of you will know about the accident on State Highway 16 on Thursday, which impacted one of our local families. We share our love and prayers with this family at this time.

Wow, team, what a weekend! Our school showed they have the Christmas spirit with our class, 'A Cowboy Christmas.' Our float won the Children's Section and Best in Parade, which means we will lead next year's parade!

### Staffing for 2025

We have received Anna Lopeti's resignation. She will be leaving us at the end of the year to return to be near her family. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Anna for her work this year with our students and wishing her well for her and Sam's future.

The Board and I are pleased to announce the following staffing for 2025

- Te Pahi Class, Years 7 and 8, will be taught by Matua Richard Goldsmith.
- Cleasby Class, Years 5 and 6, will be taught by Whaea Rebecca Kelly. (Mrs Kelly)
- Atiu Class, Years 3 and 4, will be taught by Whaea Cinnamon Davies, with Whaea Robyn Froggatt as her full-time Teacher Aide.
- Hoteo Class, Years 0-2, will again be taught by Ms Bryant, with Alice Cunningham supporting her in class full-time as her Teacher Aide.

- The library is the new classroom, Te Pahi. It is named after the stream under the bridge, which flows to the Kaipara at the Tauhoa Landing area.
- A reminder: Years 5 and 6 will also attend the school camp in February
- These changes will mean that our lunch times will be staggered with juniors eating first then the seniors.

### *What is Coming up*

#### **November**

- **29th Survival swimming and activities Millennium Centre Year 2 up**
- **30th Otamatea Kapa Haka Festival (Festival group only)**

#### **December**

- **4th Thank You Morning Tea 10.30 am**
- **5th Community Xmas Night, BBQ and Fun at School 6 pm onwards**
- **7th Staff Xmas Function**
- **11th Graduation Dinner for Year 8's**
- **12th End of Year Assembly 6.30 pm**
- **13th End of term School closes at 12-30pm**

#### **2025**

##### **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**
  - This is a community day at the beach, where games and sand castle competitions are held. The school is open and operating out of Martins Bay for the day. We welcome all of our school community to join us.

##### **February**

- **6th Waitangi Day, school is closed**
- **7th School Closed this day is as requested by the community and is made up at the end of the year**
- **10th to 14th Senior school camp. And Camp week**

#### **Term four Reminders**

- School Hats must be worn during term 4. All hats should be Named!
- 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 a healthy lunchbox <https://nutritionfoundation.org.nz/lunchbox-ideas/>
- We keep personal stationery at home and use school supplies only at school.

#### **Survival swimming and activities Millennium Centre 29th November**

This is a great day out for our Year 2 to 8 students. A grant pays for everything, and the students will travel by bus to the Millennium Centre in Albany for kayaking, rock climbing, and water safety. The students receive lunch compliments of Nestle.

Permissions need to be completed on Skool Loop

Students will need:

Sportswear (shorts and T-shirt etc. for rock climbing)

Togs & Towel

Sports shoes (**No crocs, gumboots or sandals**)

Water and snacks.

#### **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 10.30 am**

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 please RSVP to the office.

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

This is a new event that has formed from 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. The event starts at 6 p.m., with the school presenting their dances and songs, followed by a community carol sing-along. The school BBQ will be available to cook your steak. Please bring what your family needs, including a blanket for the court to sit on.

### **Graduation Dinner for Year 8's 11th December 6.30 pm**

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 6.30 pm**

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

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

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

### **Senior Camp 2025**

This one-week camp will be held from February 10th to 14th. The seniors, Years 5 to 8, are returning to Lonsdale Park Kamo this year. The cost of food and accommodation will be approximately \$250.

If you want to come to us for parent help, you must be police vetted, so pop into the office to complete the necessary forms. This process takes about eight weeks to complete! Without a vet, you cannot go to camp as a parent!

### **Junior Camp Week 2025**

This is a week of fun activities and a sleepover at school for our Years 1 to 4 students. There may be a small charge for food for the sleepover. Once again, if you want to sleep over too, you must be police vetted, so please pop into the office to fill out the required forms.

That's all from me.

Tae noa ki muri.

Vivienne Goldsmith  
Principal

## School lunches Menu

### Week 7

Mon - Chicken Burgers  
Tue - Nachos  
Wed - Ginger Beef Bowl  
Thurs - Quiche & Garlic Bread  
Fri - Chicken & Chips (Year 0-1)  
Survival swimming trip Year 2-8

### Week 8

Mon- Bacon & Tomato Pasta  
Tue- Butter Chicken  
Wed- Pasta Salad  
Thurs- Fried Rice  
Fri- Lasagna

### Week 9

Mon - Beef Burgers  
Tues - Roast Chicken  
Wed - Penne Bolognaise  
Thurs - End of Pot luck..  
Fri - No Lunch - Last day of term!!

#### **Staff and Board Contact Details 2024**

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