

# **TAUHOA SCHOOL**

Learning to live | Living to learn

# **TAUHOA TATTLER**

# **#1 Feburary 3rd**

# **WELCOME BACK**

#### Welcome Back!

Seeing so many of you at our school beach day was terrific, and it was exciting to see so many of our new families there. Today, our school has a historic high of 81 students!

We have many people to welcome in this Tattler, so I'll do my best to remember everybody!

Firstly, we welcome our staff members Richard Goldsmith, our intermediate teacher in Te Pahi Room, and Cinnamon Davies, who teaches years three and four in Atiu Room. I have already heard of discussions about who has the best teacher. Having these outstanding beginning teachers join our staff and bring their enthusiasm to our school is exciting. We also welcome Linda Hardman as our BT release teacher. Linda will be in Atiu and Te Pahi Rooms once a week this year.

We also bid farewell to Alpha as our property manager and welcomed Bode Klein into the role.

We also welcome the many new families and whanau who have joined our Tauhoa School community.

#### Welcome to:

Bailey Colthurst, Scott Hamilton, Aria and Raiden Henry, Noah and Bodhi Wilson, James and Drew Bottema, Kieran Rodger, Hades Thomas, Theo Connelly, Bailey Brown and Lucian Albert. We look forward to watching you "learning to live and live to learn" here at Tauhoa.

We also welcome Oscar Westall and Annabella Bornhausser, who have joined their siblings at our school. It is great to have you as part of the team here at Tauhoa, too.

School camp week is just one week away. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Senior or Junior camp. Camp is an integral part of the curriculum, and I want to ensure that all students can experience it at some point during their school life.

The senior camp meeting is tomorrow at 6:30 p.m., so parents have time to get home from work to attend. If your child or you are attending camp, it will be good to see you at this meeting in the Cleasby Room.

We still have a couple of stretchers available. Please remember your child needs to pack their clothes into a 60 ltr plastic bin for camp. (We have a couple here at school if they need one)

#### What is Coming up

#### February 2025

- 4th Camp meeting for Parents of years 5 to 8
- 6th Waitangi Day School Closed
- 7th School Closed. The community requested closure for a long weekend
- 10th Monday to Friday 14th, Camp week
- 19th Technology Starts for Years 7&8; they must have covered shoes to go to tech.
- 27th Beach Safety Day

#### March 2025

- 14th RRS Swiming Years 4 to 8 (competent swimmers only)
- 25th RRS Cricket Day. (Years 3 to 8)

#### April 2025

- 11th Last day of Term 1
- 25th Anzac Day and Dawn Parade Wellsford
- 28th Term 2 Starts for Students

#### **Term Reminders**

- School hats must be worn at school and at all times outside. They can now be purchased at the office.
- All children require togs and towels with optional goggles all summer. <u>Swimming is</u>
   <u>compulsory</u> unless a note from home is sent with a relevant reason why a child
   cannot swim.
- We are a healthy lunch school. If you choose to send a lunch to school, please supply A a healthy lunchbox <a href="https://nutritionfoundation.org.nz/lunchbox-ideas/">https://nutritionfoundation.org.nz/lunchbox-ideas/</a>
- We keep personal stationery at home and use school supplies only at school.

#### **Theme for the Year!**

Our school has an overarching theme that guides our classes' inquiry process. This year, our theme is 'Change'.

Te Pahi and Atiu will look at the topic 'Change' this term through the Whitebait Connection Programme.

# **Camp Week**

All families should have received the senior and junior camp notices by now. Please ensure that you have returned the necessary forms, and feel free to ask for any help or support you may need to help us provide your child with a fantastic week. Camp weeks focus on learning independence, teamwork, challenging oneself, and becoming integral to the classroom community.

Although some children may say, "No, I don't want to go to camp!" it is essential to encourage them to participate and challenge themselves to attend. If you are experiencing any issues, please don't hesitate to contact me.

# **Stationery**

Please ensure your child has their stationery now. We are into learning, and they need their books now. Invoices will be sent out shortly.

## **Bell Times**

School starts at 8-45. Please have your children here by 8-30 so they can settle in. The school closes at 2:45 p.m. If you pick your children up, please be here at that time. This is a reminder that our new bells impact the departure times of our school buses. We ensure bus 1 students are out the gate, on the bus as quickly as possible, and on the road by at least 2-50 p.m. Then, most of our students were waiting for bus 2, which was leaving at about 3-10 p.m.

Please be aware that the bus to Welford is quite full. You must contact the school office if you need to change bus details. Please don't assume we can fit your child on a Welford run.

#### **Music At Tauhoa**

Les Watene is offering music lessons. These are extracurricular activities and are a private arrangement between you and Les.

Forms with more information are attached to this tattler. Please contact Les directly if you are interested.

These will run in the afternoon, meaning students won't miss maths reading or writing.

#### **School Lunches**

Our school lunches are fabulous! Our delightful chef plans and cooks super flavours and food for our students.

Please encourage your child to eat the food provided at school. If you are providing lunch from home, it must meet healthy food guidelines. We do not want to see large muffins and biscuits, as these distract the other students from eating what is provided. This is a reminder that we provide breakfast to anyone who requires it. We call our

breakfast "Hobbit Breakfast" because you can never have too many. It consists of Weet-Bix and milk. In the winter, we sometimes provide a hot Milo.

# **School Survey**

Parents have asked us to have a say in the fundraising aim for this year.

Last year, we raised money for a school van, which has been set aside as the  $\frac{1}{3}$  contribution to a lottery grant for one.

We will email you a survey asking for your views on this and how the end of the year went for you under the new process.

# **Kapa Haka Performance Group and other opportunities**

Interest will be called for this group shortly. On Fridays, we also do Kapa Haka as a whole school.

We may have a choir this year and will restart the School mediator programme.

## **Lunches this Week**

Mon - Filled Rolls Tuesday - Pasta Bolognaise Wednesday - Chicken Bento Bowls Thursday - Waitangi Day Friday - School Closed

# Have you downloaded our Skool Loop app?

# Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school
  or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.







# **Have you downloaded Class Dojo?**

Info will be emailed directly from your child's teacher with instructions.

## **Facebook**

Don't forget to join our Facebook pages. Search Tauhoa School, and it is also a good idea to join the Tauhoa Community Page

Our Tattler comes out every fortnight. Please feel free to add community news by contacting the office.

Tae noa ki muri.

Vivienne Goldsmith Principal

#### **School Contacts**

#### **Staff and Board Contact Details 2025**

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# Conflict Resolution: Parental Complaints Procedure for Tauhoa School.

Please follow this process if you have issues or concerns regarding your child and their learning at Tauhoa School,

The caregiver asks for an appointment with the child's teacher. The issue is discussed with the teacher.

The matter was resolved to both parties' satisfaction—either a conclusion, understanding, or a place for future action. The teacher documented the issue and outcome with a copy to the principal.

↓ Matter not resolved

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Matter Unresolved or has resurfaced. Make an appointment and discuss with the teacher or the Principal.  $\rightarrow$ 

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Matter unresolved.

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Complaints are written and addressed to the chairperson of the Board of Trustees. The chairperson then follows the Board process for handling complaints  $\rightarrow$ 

The matter is resolved to the satisfaction of both parties—either concluded or an understanding and place for future action. The principal shares documents and outcomes with the teacher. If necessary, the principal informs the Board of the complaint.

After an agreed period, e.g., two weeks of action, being unsuccessful, i.e., the problem has resurfaced. The problem is redirected back to the Board of Trustees for further processing. The Board can request support from outside organisations such as the Ministry of Education and NZSTA.