



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER

#2 February 17th

What a fantastic week our staff provided for our students! Every child who attended had some element of challenge, quest or moment of independence.

I attended the senior camp at Waipu Farm Cave Park. It was a fantastic week with many activities and adventures for all ages.

None of our camps or trips would be possible without the many parents who give up their time to attend or support our events. A big thank you from all the staff and students for your support.

Unfortunately, Our Bailey Colthurst had a nasty fall and is currently in Whangarei Hospital. We sent her lots of love and best wishes, and her Teacher took a gift bag with goodies for her on behalf of the school.

What is Coming up

February 2025

- **19th Technology Starts for Years 7&8; they must have covered shoes to go to tech.**
- **27th Beach Safety Day: to be confirmed.**

March 2025

- **4th Year 7&8 Immunisations**
- **14th RRS Swimming 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, towels and swim caps with optional goggles all summer. Swimming is compulsory 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 <https://nutritionfoundation.org.nz/lunchbox-ideas/>
- We keep personal stationery at home and use school supplies only at school.

Pick Up Routines After School.

The school closes at 2:45 p.m. If you pick your children up, please be here at that time.

Before you take your child, you must see the person in the vest to confirm you have your child. This ensures we are not running around looking for someone to get on a bus that has already gone home. It is safe to know your child has also gone home with the right person. This is probably different from a big school but necessary in a small one.

The 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 Wellsford is quite full. If you need to change buses, you must contact the school office. Please don't assume we can fit your child on a Wellsford run.

Music At Tauhoa

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

Les is running a meet the music teacher afternoon on Thursday from 2pm-3pm, Parents are welcome to come have a chat.

This is to allow students from last year to meet him.

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

We will also enter a choir for those who enjoy singing at the APPA choir festival.

Kids Can

We now are a Kids Can School which means we receive snack supplies and an opportunity for students to get a warm jacket and shoes for free! A form and a size guide are coming home today.

Please take this opportunity to order winter shoes and jackets for your child.

School Snacks, Lunches and Breakfast

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.

A Kids Can snack bar is available if your child needs morning tea.

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.

You will notice a lot of information in the press regarding the new \$4 lunches.

Currently, our Year 7 & 8's enjoy what we all have.

However, next year we will be forced to review how we do things here at Tauhoa.

Currently, under what will be provided next year \$4 for all students, we will have a \$20,000 shortfall.

School Survey

Thank you to the 6 people who have completed this survey!!! Your ideas of a staff holiday and a fish tank in the office are interesting. **NO this is not the case but you need to have your say!!!!**

Please paste this link in your search bar <https://forms.gle/hU1y452nRKCGz7ed7>

A paper copy can be provided if you contact the office.

Head Lice

Please can we all check our children's hair for Nits (head lice) we have noticed a few itchy heads. If you find them in your child's hair you must treat them immediately. Treatment solutions can be given free on prescription or if you need help with this please visit the office we have some spare bottles. On that note, I must remind everyone that hair **MUST** be tied back at all times. Our office is running out of spare hair ties! This helps stop the spread of lice.

School accounts

Thank you to all those who have paid or are paying off stationery and camp costs. We realise this time of year can be expensive so please let the office know if you want to start an automatic payment

Lunches this Week

Mon - Filled Ham Wraps

Tuesday - Savoury Mince

Wednesday - Mav n Cheese

Thursday - Ginger beef bowl

Friday - Honey Soy chicken rice and salad

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

I am away from Wednesday next week because I have to attend an overseas wedding.

Please contact the office or speak to Deputy Principal Annette Byrant, who will act on my behalf while I am absent.

Tae noa ki muri.

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Principal

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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.



