



TAUHOA SCHOOL

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TAUHOA TATTLER

#4 March 18th 2025

Ngā mihi o te tau hou.

I spent yesterday with the leadership team at a GRIP leadership conference.

This was aimed at primary students, and the messaging was simple and clear. Already, we have leaders who want to bring some clubs to school to increase our students' support.

Next week, we will start training the Leaders and Cleasby and Te Pahi students who wish to become mediators in our school.

This training is fantastic, and I am sure you will see them practising the outstanding communication skills they learn at home.

The first order of shoes and jackets has arrived from Kids Can. They look so warm. I am placing another order next week if you still wish to apply for jackets and shoes. Please remember when ordering that S M L sizes are men's sizes!

Swimming success

We had a few competent swimmers attend the Local RRS swimming competition. What successful swimmers! Congratulations!

In the 8-year-old girls' section, Mya-Rose Davey came first in Butterfly, second in Breaststroke and backstroke, and third in Freestyle.

Kaizza Bland came 2nd in Breaststroke and 3rd in Backstroke for 9-year-old boys.

Sasha Owen came 1st in Freestyle, 2nd in Backstroke and Breaststroke. Sasha also competed in the 75 m medley and came an outstanding 2nd!

Scott Hamilton came in second in both his Backstroke and Breaststroke and third in Freestyle, with Havery Coates coming third in Butterfly in the same age division.

In the 11-year-olds, Eden Smith came 3rd in Backstroke, with Connor Mcmanus taking 2nd for the Freestyle 11-year-old boys.

What's coming up in the calendar

March 2025

- 25th RRS Cricket Day. (Years 3 to 8)

April 2025

- 7th Staff Only Day
- 8th School Photos
- 11th Last day of Term 1
- 25th Anzac Day and Dawn Parade Wellsford
- 26th School Sponsored Horse Trek
- 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, and they require swimsuits, 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.

Teacher Only Day 7th April

Sorry for the confusion last Tattler.

We have a staff-only day booked for 7th April. This is one of the two we are allowed to have without having to catch up.

School Photos

As our last photos from Photolife were... yuk, we have contracted a local photographer, Kyle, and Life lit up Photography.

His work is different, but you will enjoy having something a bit special taken.

Kyle has managed to keep to the prices Photo Life charged last year, but there won't be as many size and package choices.

He has a Facebook page, so check it out. See Skool loop for sibling bookings

Head Lice

Please take a moment to check your children's hair for nits (head lice). We have noticed a few itchy heads among the children. If you find any nits, it is vital to treat them immediately. Treatment solutions are available on prescription for free, or if you need assistance, please visit the office as we have some spare bottles available.

Additionally, I want to remind everyone that hair must always be tied back. Our office is low on spare hair ties, and tying hair back helps prevent lice spread.

Thank you for your cooperation.

School Swimming

I was absolutely stunned when I taught last week to find that most students were without swimming togs, and one even admitted they had only swum once this term. Swimming is not a choice. All students are expected to swim. Please talk to your child and remind them. We are still swimming as it is so warm! Students must have a letter from home if not swimming. Next week, all students will be given shorts and old tee shirts to swim in, so they can swim if they forget their togs!

School Pool Use

The school pool is still in use for those families that purchased pool keys/codes for the season you will notice that the padlock with the key inside has been changed and moved. It is on the post near the pool gates.

Netball, please reconsider playing this year

Our school runs several teams in the Rodney netball season.

We are still one or two players short of making up three teams, years 1&2, 3&4, and 5&6. If we can not get enough players or a coach for the year 3&4 team, we won't be able to put a team forward.

We have some very keen netball parents who have volunteered for several years to ensure we represent our school. Boys and girls play together. Please consider this as a sports option for your child this year. For more information, please chat with Jody in the office.

School Buses

I am still receiving complaints. I have seen some students on their final warning. If their behaviour does not settle down, I will not hesitate to remove them from the bus for a week. They know who they are. I will phone the parents of those who have not changed their behaviour.

School Horse Trek

A horse trek is part of the fundraising for the year 7 and 8 trip to Wellington. A note and information will come home shortly.

School Accounts

13 students still need to pay for the senior school camp costs, which cover food and accommodation. We appreciate those who have already contacted us and begun making payments. For those who have not yet done so, please contact the office to start settling the amounts owed. Thank you!

Easter Raffle

Please bring a donation to add to the Easter raffle. All families will be given 5 tickets to sell. If you can sell more tickets, they are available at the office.

Lunches This Week, Week 8

Mon - Filled rolls

Tues - Ginger beef bowl

Wed - Mac n cheese

Thurs - Mince and mash

Fri - Chicken fried rice

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

Tae noa ki muri.

Vivienne Goldsmith
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.



**WELLSFORD CHARITY
COLOUR RUN 2025**

SAT 29TH MARCH
ARRIVE 8:30AM AT RODNEY COLLEGE

FUNDRAISING FOR WELLSFORD FIRE BRIGADE

BUY TICKETS AT BAREFOOTSPORT.BBTIMING.COM/EVENT/592

ENTERTAINMENT | BOUNCY CASTLES | GO CARTS | WATERSLIDE
FOOD TRUCKS + COFFEE CARTS | OBSTACLE COURSE | DUNK & MORE

**FIRE
EMERGENCY**
NEW ZEALAND

**5 KM
RUN OR WALK**

**10 KM
RUN**

