

Tautoro School

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"Ko au te waka, ko te waka ko au"



Newsletter Term 2 - Week 8 & 9

Tuesday 25/06/2025

**Important information about a Staff Only Day
on the last day of Term 2.
No school for students.**

Kia ora whanau,

Yesterday, I decided to visit our senior students who were representing our school at the annual Ki-o-rahi Tournament at Taipa.

The tournament is huge, vibrant and set at a fast pace. There were schools from the top of Te Tai Tokerau right down to Whangarei. This year they started a Year 3 and 4 division, so our school will look at submitting a team next year.

I spoke with Whaea Gaylene, as she thought it would be a great opportunity for our Year 8 students to coach two teams of Year 3 and 4, so to start preparing them for 2026.





VAN News

Starting from Term 3, I have decided that the van will pick up our students at Lindvart Park, by the new toilets. (Recreation Road opposite St Johns Building)

Reasons for this change.

Traffic is terrible in the afternoon, especially Thursday (Market)

Our Van drivers find it difficult to weave through the mass of people and vehicles.

Our students' safety is at risk from random, mentally disturbed people walking past our students waiting for the van in the mornings.

The school will remind the whanau who use the shuttle run of the change of venue during the holidays (2nd week) The times do not change, they will remain the same.



We had an awesome Matariki-Puanga Celebration last week. Our Tautoro's Got Talent was a fantastic way for our students to face their fears and apprehension. Great singing and awesome comedy from our students.

I would also like to mention, our school had a wonderful time at Te Riingi Marae, as our students were able to visit wananga around Rongoa, Weaving, Carving, Whaikorero, Karanga and even making a clay koauau. Thank you, whanau, for creating this amazing space for our tamariki to learn.



Attendance News - The Official Government Flowchart.

Responding to all absences

Up to 15 days absence in a school term

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Return student to regular attendance
- Attend meeting at the school to analyse reasons for absence and to collaborate on a support plan
- Implement strategies at home

SCHOOLS

- Send escalated formal notification to parents
- Hold meeting to analyse reasons for absence and to collaborate on a support plan
- Develop and implement a plan tailored to the reasons and circumstances around the child's absence
- Use in-school resources as appropriate to remove barriers and request support from Ministry or other agencies as needed

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

- Identify schools with a significant proportion of students at amber level and offer additional support
- Facilitate multi-agency response and support school to implement and monitor improvement plan
- Promote resources and services to support schools to return students to regular attendance
- Identify and respond to localised barriers
- Monitor regional interventions
- Facilitate involvement of other agencies.
- Reprioritise regional support resources to where most needed/effective
- Develop new initiatives/policies if needed
- Support parent/guardian and school to resolve conflict if needed

Plus
previous
responses



15 days or more absence in a school term

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Return student to regular attendance
- Engage in improvement plan
- Participate in regular meetings

SCHOOLS

- Send warning notice and make contact to arrange meeting with parents
- Escalate to multi-agency response
- Participate in multi-agency response
- Implement and monitor improvement plan
- Undertake school-led prosecution, or request Ministry-led prosecution, when considered appropriate if supports are offered and not taken up.
- Unenrol students who will not be returning to school

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

- Identify schools with a significant proportion of students at red level and offer additional support
- Facilitate multi-agency response and support school to implement and monitor improvement plan
- Provide direct support to parents where required
- Coordinate regional response where required
- Consider system-wide initiatives for high-risk attendance
- Undertake Ministry-led prosecution when considered appropriate if supports are offered and not taken up, when requested by schools
- Work with the Attendance Service to re-enrol students who are not enrolled

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Ok whanau, official school letters will be going home, during the holiday as some attendance rates are below 60%

Our Truancy Agency will be notified as well.



**Winter is coming... NAH
Whanau!... Winter is HERE!**

Dress your tamariki warmly and let's not get the flu.

Staff Only Day Friday 27th June

Our staff will be attending a course this day, organised by our Te Arahura COL so the last day of term 2 is Week 9 Thursday 26th June 2025

2025 Board of Trustees Elections

Do you want to be a Board Member for Tautoro School?

Talk with Gael Moon, our Residing Member.

Call for Nomination - 18th July

SAFETY NEWS

I have spoken to the students of Awarua Bus. It seems like some bright person decided to make up a game, as they are travelling home... **I DARE YOU TO...!**

Now it started off with little dares, but yesterday the dares were

1. Kick another student
2. Slap another student
3. Punch another student

There was a very small number of students playing this stupid game, and they were honest and owned up to their actions. I know this activity is not in our school curriculum and it is definitely not a game that supports our School Waka Hoe Values. So I believe that they dreamed it up so to entertain themselves while travelling. Gone are the days where you stare out the window.

I have informed my Awarua Bus Students, that if safety is compromised in a Ministry of Education funded bus, then the School Principal has the right to stand down the student from using the school bus.

The Tautoro School students have informed me that they will not play this game anymore and some how... I believe this to be true.

ATTENDANCE PIZZA WINNERS

Room	Term 1	Term 2	Highest Rise/Lowest Fall
1	86.65	80.97	- 5.68
2	84.79	83.85	-0.94
3	62.69	81.65	-1.04
4	85.8	87.91	+2.11
5	85.26	83.39	-1.87
6	92.33	86.95	-5.38
7	89.42	89.45	+0.03
8	89.2	85.92	-3.28

Winners for a Pizza Lunch in Term 3 are Room 2, 4, 7

Next term Attendance Prize - Students who hold 80%+ attendance rate will be taken to the Movies and then to the Park to eat Pizza.

IMPORTANT 2025 DATES TO PLACE INTO YOUR CALENDAR.

Week 1 - Monday 14th July First day of Term 3

Cross Country Practice - students are to bring shorts and running shoes.

Mauri ora Whanau