

Tautoro School

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

Newsletter Term 2 - Week 3

Wednesday 14/05/2025

Kia ora whanau,

Up and Coming Event 2025

[Riparian Planting Day - Tuesday 3rd June](#)

This year, Tautoro School is learning about the development of our iwi, Nga Puhi and the importance of our taonga, our maunga, roto and awa. Punakitere is one of many important awa that links many hapu of Ngapuhi. This year and the future years to come, our students have been given the opportunity to use our Kaitiakitanga Waka Hoe and care for our awa's river edge.

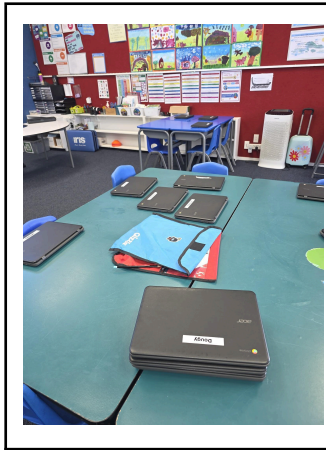
In term 1, we have learnt what an unhealthy river looks like? How does an unhealthy river affect the biodiversity (soil, plants, insects and animals) of the river and its river's edge.

This term we are learning about riparian plants, what do they do? The importance of riparian planting - stopping soil erosion, creating a solid river edge, and making a healthy home for river insects, fish and eels.

One of our activities is to plant on Punakitere's river edge. Room 4 to 8 will participate in planting small trees and flax and Room 1 to 3 will visit the area, take photo, draw pictures, and plant a couple of trees.

I was asked at the last Board of Trustees meeting... 'what do our kids get out of it? I'm only asking as parents are asking me.' So I thought, I will create a pictorial chart showing how Tautoro School used the \$400,00.00 our farm and Berridge donated to us. We have used this donation to fund Teacher Aides and Mrs Paraha's release to support students and teachers, as well as purchasing major learning support and play items for our students and whanau.





Vans, Expro 8 sets, Class sets of I pads and chromebooks, furniture, sport's uniforms, extra basketball area and of course our playground, this is just some of the major purchases that Tautoro School bought with their aroha.

New Zealand schools receive a basic operation budget from our government, our school could never afford these items unless we fundraised til the cows come home or entered a lot of competitions or filled out grant forms from various companies or FNDC.

Without the farm supporting our strategic plan and school vision, our school would look totally different from today's setting. This is why our school has developed a close relationship with Mid-North Trust Farm.

My next focus, working with Berridge Spencer, is to build a cover to go over our netball courts.

	<p>Punga Matariki Facts Puanga rises before Matariki: Puanga's brightness makes it visible earlier than the rest of the Matariki cluster.</p> <p>Marks the Māori new year: The appearance of Puanga in the early morning sky signals the start of the Māori new year and a new cycle on the Māori lunar calendar.</p> <p>Regional variations: Some regions, like Northland, refer to this period as Puanga Matariki.</p> <p>Herald of renewal: Puanga is seen as a time to reflect, restore faith, and be with others, sharing stories and celebrating.</p> <p>Traditional significance: Puanga is also connected to the kererū (New Zealand pigeon), which is fat during this time of year and was a food source during Puanga celebrations.</p>
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[Papa Wikitoria's 80th Celebrations](#)

We had a great day with Papa Wikitoria, his daughter and granddaughters. Even though it started to rain, our wairua was strong. A big thank you to our teachers and students who prepared a beautiful day of cards, presents and waiata. Thanks to Whaea Shar, Kapu and Aroha for cooking up a storm, as the kai was beautiful.

P.S. whanau Papa Wikitoria is enjoying his electric reclining chair with head and lumbar support.



[Whanau Conferences - Week 4 for Matua Matt's and Whaea Raechel's class](#)

These will take place next week:

Matua Matt: Monday and Wednesday

Whaea Raechel: Monday and Thursday.

To book your time slot, please click the link [School Interviews](#) or QR Code

If you have any questions or need help, please contact the office.

2025 Board of Trustees Elections

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

Here are some of the key things the Board is responsible for:

- **Setting the Vision:** They help define what our school stands for and what we want to achieve for our students in the future.
- **Strategic Planning:** They develop plans and strategies to make sure we reach those goals, looking at everything from teaching and learning to resources and facilities.
- **Policy Making:** They create the rules and guidelines that help our school run smoothly and fairly for everyone.
- **Financial Oversight:** They are responsible for managing the school's budget, ensuring that money is spent wisely to support our students' learning.
- **Employing Staff:** They are involved in the process of hiring our wonderful teachers and support staff.
- **Accountability:** They are accountable to you, the community, and the Ministry of Education for the school's performance.



- **Representing the Community:** They bring the views and aspirations of parents and the wider community to the school's decision-making.

If this sounds like you, talk with Gael Moon, our Residing Member.

Netball Draw 2025 - This Thursday

Junior Draw 15 May 2025							
Round	Court	Grade					Time
1	1	1-2	Kaikohe East		V	Made up	3.30pm
	1	1-2	Kaikohe Christian		V	Ohaeawai Primary	
	2	1-2	Horeke Pepi		V	Tautoro	
	5	5-6	KES Tuakana 1		V	KCS Yr4-6	
	6	5-6	KWS Kowhai		V	Tautoro 5-6	
	7	5-6	KWS Whero		V	Horeke	
	8	5-6	KES Tuakana 2		V	Ohaeawai	
			BYE		V	KWS Kikorangi	
2	3	3-4	Tautoro Lions		V	Kaikohe West Rua	4.15pm
	4	3-4	Kaikohe West Tahī		V	Kaikohe West Toru	
	5	3-4	Kaikohe East Teina 2		V	Otaua Kohurangi	
	6	3-4	Tautoro Kura		V	Ohaeawai Primary	

Tautoro School Girls Rugby Draw 2025

Game tomorrow at school against Moerewa 1st Girl XV at 11.00am

12-May	Tautoro	v	Moerewa
	Kerikeri	v	Kaikohe
19-May	Kaikohe	v	Moerewa
	Tautoro	v	Kerikeri
Rd 2			
26-May	Kerikeri	v	Moerewa
	Tautoro	v	Kaikohe
Kings Birthday			
9-Jun	Kaikohe	v	Kerikeri
	Moerewa	v	Tautoro
		v	
16-Jun	Kerikeri	v	Tautoro
	Moerewa	v	Kaikohe



DELIVERING OUR LEARNING WALLS TO OUR WHANAU

Whanau, thank you for supporting your child's learning by turning up to listen to their Learning Wall korero.

Your tamariki have put a lot of time and effort in gathering their test results, placing data, and graphs into the presentation. They had been practising how to deliver this presentation with confidence as well as understanding which curriculum level they sit in.

If whanau forgot to book time this week or you forgot to turn up to the whanau conference please ring the office and organise a time with their class teacher.

Building strong partnership between schools and families is indeed linked to greater student success. Research consistently demonstrates that family involvement in education, both at home and at school, correlates with higher achievement, improved behaviour, and better overall student wellbeing.



MAIAAKTANGA ME AROHA

We will give Room 8 a blessing next week, Monday, 19th May, after our 8.30am assembly. Whanau are welcome to attend. Please note this is not the opening of a new building; this is a blessing.



IMPORTANT 2025 DATES TO PLACE INTO YOUR CALENDAR.

Week 3 - 15th May: Girls Rugby at school at 11.00am

Netball Games after school at Lindvart or Papa Hawaiki

Week 4 - 19th May: Rm 8 class blessing
19th May: BOT Meeting 4.30 pm
19th May: Matua Matt, Whaea Raechel Whanau Conference
21st May: Matua Matt Whanau Conference
22nd May: Whaea Raecel Whanau Conference

Week 6 - 2nd June: King's Birthday Holiday
3rd June: Riperian Planting Day at Mid North Trust Farms
on Piccadilly Road.

Week 8 - 16th June BOT Meeting 4.30pm
17th June: Puanga/Matariki Whanau Celebration Day
20th June: Matatriki Holiday

Week 9 - 27th June: Last day of Term 2

*****HOT OFF THE PRESS*****

WE WON \$10,000 TO MAKE OUR ENVIRO AREA MORE EFFECTIVE

!EveryCornerProject <EveryCornerProject@airnz.co.nz>

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Kia ora,

Thank you for applying for Air New Zealand's Every Corner Project. We are thrilled to let you know that your application for funding has been successful!

The Every Corner Project aims to help Kiwi schools/ kura, registered charities, iwi and hapū give back to nature. We were humbled to receive more than 640 applications from across the country, including 350 applications from charities, 220 from schools and kura, and 60 from hapū. It is truly wonderful to see the amazing work that is happening to take care of and protect our precious natural environment.

I'm not sure what applied for... I think it was for \$10,000 and I wrote that I would like to build a shade shed for plant propagation (riparian planting) and fix up our compost and worm farm area.

We will definitely be Kaitiakitanga Toa o Punakitere Awa

Mauri ora Whanau!

