

Tautoro School

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

Newsletter Term 2 - Week 4

Wednesday 20/05/2025

Kia ora whanau,

[Room 8 is Officially Opened.](#)

This Monday, the school carried out the blessing of Room 8 with the support of our Kaumatua Wikitoria Te Whata. This building project has taken 2 long years, as we moved this building from the other side of the school in May 2023.

I can remember walking around the old Rm 5 and 6 back in 2022, with Matua Tony, Whaea Claire and 2 building inspectors from the Ministry. Both saying that the Room 5 and 6 were not fit for purpose and they should both go.

True to form... MOE funding ran out and Rm 5 remain with us. Never the less our Year 8 students and Whaea Gaylene love their new learning space and deck.



This leads me to our next Ministry of Education building project. We currently have two running together.

Nga Iti Kahurangi Project - Improving classrooms in small or rural school. These engineers are improving sound control, electrics, lighting (LED), carpeting and insulation. This project will finish at the end of this week.

Dream Builders Kerikeri (School 5YA) - This company is involved in installing moving walls between Room 1, 2 and 3. Plus they will be creating an amazing learning space for our Year 1 (new entrants) class.

Just letting our whanau know, MOE will not build a new hall for our school (bureaucratic decisions made from the top) so I had to think outside of the square. Creating moving walls and making a mini hall, in our old sturdy Rm 1 to 4 building will help the school meet in comfort when the weather is shocking.

For this to happen, our Year 2 and 3 students are in the technology class and next week our wee 5 year old will move to our library. This project will take 16 weeks to complete.



Punga Matariki Facts

Māori New Year:

Puanga/Matariki was a time to acknowledge the dead, reflect, give thanks for the harvest, and share bounty with family and friends.

Navigation:

Voyaging waka navigators relied on Puanga/Matariki to guide them across the Pacific Ocean.

Harvest Prediction:

Tohunga (priests) would observe Puanga/Matariki to predict the coming harvest and the health of the upcoming seasons.

Cultural Significance:

Puanga/Matariki was deeply intertwined with Māori beliefs about creation, the environment, and the connection between humans and the natural world.

Riparian Planting

Please keep this date free whanau, Tuesday 3rd June. We would love support from whanau. A permission and parent help letter will go home on Monday.



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 22 May 2025						
Round	Court	Grade				Time
1	1	1-2	Kaikohe East	V	Ohaeawai School	3.30pm
	1	1-2	Made up team	V	Tautoro School	
	2	1-2	KCS	V	Horeke Pepi	
	3	3-4	Tautoro Lions	V	Kaikohe West Toru	
	4	3-4	Kaikohe West Rua	V	Otaua Kohurangi	
	5	3-4	Kaikohe West Tahī	V	Ohaeawai	
	6	3-4	Kaikohe East Teina 2	V	Tautoro	
				V		
	7	5-6	KES Tuakana 1	V	Tautoro 5-6	
	8	5-6	KCS 4-6	V	Horeke	
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INTERMEDIATE - 22nd May 2025							
	COURT	GRADE	Team 1		Team 2	UMPIRES	TIME
Round 1	PH1	Inters	KCS Intermediate	V	Te Kura o Omanaia	Ump own Game	3:40 PM
	PH2	Inters	Kohurangi Otaua	V	Kaikohe Intermediate	Ump own Game	3:40 PM
Round 2	PH1	Inters	TKKMo Hokianga	V	Tautoro Snrs	Ump own Game	4:35 PM

Tautoro School Girls Rugby Draw 2025

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	



TAUTORO GIRLS 1STXV V MOEREWa GIRLS 1STXV

Great People
start here.

Awesome
Tautoro

MANAAKTANGA ME AROHA

Our school won \$10,000 from Air New Zealand - Every corner Project Fund. The application that I wrote, focused on improving our environment and improving ecosystems.

With this money, we will invest in a Shade Tunnel to help us with propagation of Riparian Plants and plants for our lunches.

We will improve our environmental area by...

- increasing the enviro area
- building raised garden beds
- placing more metal around our raised garden beds
- improve our worm farm
- improve the compost area
- improve the water and sprinkler system



LIBRARY NEWS

Whaea Annie is back to sharing the library but hopefully it is only for 16 weeks. Room 1 our Year 1, New Entrant students will move into the library next week.

Our library is ready for this change and Whaea Annie and Whaea Janet will open it up for our students next week, lunch time, every Monday to Thursday.



IMPORTANT 2025 DATES TO PLACE INTO YOUR CALENDAR.

Week 4 - 21st May: Matua Matt Whanau Conference **POSTPONED**

22nd May: Whaea Raecel Whanau Conference

Week 5 - 27th May Hearing and Vision Testing for new five year olds and referred students

Week 6 - 2nd June: King's Birthday Holiday

3rd June: Riparian 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

18th June: Powhiri at TeRingi Marae

20th June: Matatiki Holiday

Week 9 - Tuesday - Taipa Ki o rahi tournament

27th June: Last day of Term 2

Mauri ora Whanau