



Tahatai Coast School Newsletter

Thursday, 30th July

There's nothing quite like a crisp, sunny morning to start off the day, and we've certainly had quite a few lately! it's been fantastic seeing our tamariki making the most of the clear weather, getting outside, and enjoying our outdoor play areas during breaks.

We have a busy term ahead, so please take a quick look through the key dates and reminders below, and the school calendar, for everything that is happening around our kura. Our major school and community event this term is an art exhibition that will be held in Week 9. More details about this event will come out in the coming weeks.

We have received a request from the Evans Road Church asking for any whānau that use the church carpark when picking up or dropping off, to please park on the asphalt only. They are having problems with the grassed areas becoming uneven and worn.

It was a stunning day yesterday down at the Tauranga Netball Centre for the annual WBOP Year 3-5 Netball Tournament. I managed to get down there for an hour to watch the teams in action and it was so cool to see the skill level and

talent of our young netball players. A huge thank you to our amazing parent coaches, managers and supporters who make days like this possible.

As Matt Skilton mentioned in the last newsletter of Term 2, Charlotte James (Assistant Principal/SENCO) will be leaving us next Wednesday. We will, however, be holding a special whole-school assembly tomorrow afternoon to farewell her. Yvette Brown, the current teacher in Room 1 and Kererū Whānau Leader (Year 5), has been appointed as the new AP/SENCO, and she will assume this role in the coming weeks. It's always a mix of sadness and excitement when staff move on, but we wish Charlotte every success and know Yvette will do a fantastic job stepping into the AP/SENCO space.

Thanks for all you do to support our kura. Keep making the most of these bright days, have a great rest of the week, and enjoy a restful weekend.

Ngā mihi

Darren Scott

Acting Tumuaki/Principal

Upcoming Key Dates and Reminders

Friday, 7th August - **Teacher Only Day (School Closed)**

Friday, 14th August - **Mufti Day for Tauranga Community Foodbank (See below for Details).**



Ooshies and Squishies

Recently, we've noticed a lot of Disney Ooshies and Squishies making their way into school. While we love seeing the excitement around these collectibles, they are unfortunately starting to cause some disruption in the classrooms and during learning time. We've also had a few upset tamariki over lost items and uneven swaps between older and younger students.

With so much on offer during break times, including our playground equipment, sports gear, and lunchtime electives, there is plenty to keep everyone active and engaged without needing to bring in collectibles from home. To help us protect learning time and prevent items from going missing, **please ensure all Ooshies, and Squishies stay safely at home.** Thank you so much for your support with this!



Parent/Caregiver Volunteers for Gloucester Road Patrol

Are you a parent/caregiver that can volunteer to help with the Gloucester Road patrol in the mornings? Teachers that are on duty on Gloucester Road are finding it difficult to finish patrol at this crossing and then get back to class, settle the children, and then begin the classroom learning programme. This time at the beginning of the

school day sets the tone for the remainder of the day.

Like many local schools already do, we would love to have some parent/caregiver volunteers to be able to help with road patrol. This would include:

- Meeting the children on duty at the back of the hall at 8:00am.
- Walking with the children down to the Gloucester Road crossing.
- Unlocking the signs, and locking them again when finished.
- Supporting the Year 6 children on duty to safely put out and bring in the crossing signs.
- Walking with the children back to school at 8:35/8:40am, depending on whether there are still children crossing.

If you would be able to help for one or more mornings a week or even a fortnight for the term, please get in contact with Darren Scott by email:

darrens@tahatai.school.nz



Food Drive Mufti Day

On Friday, 14th August (Week 4), the Student Councillors have organised a Food Drive mufti day. Students are invited to wear mufti on the 14th. If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Tauranga Food Bank.

Student Councillors will be outside Kiss n' Go in the morning before school on Thursday 31st October collecting food donations.

Please see the flyer below for suggested items. Thank you for your generosity to this worthwhile cause.



SCHOOLS APPEAL WISH LIST 2026

Items we need:

- ✓ Cereals
- ✓ Spreads
- ✓ Muesli Bars
- ✓ Baking items
(Cocoa powder & icing sugar)
- ✓ Canned Soup & Fruit
- ✓ Toothpaste



**We are so grateful for your
generosity! ❤️**

Tahatai Student Attendance

The Government target is that 80% of students will be regularly attending school by 2030. Regular attendance is at least 90% of the time and equates to a child missing fewer than 5 days across a term.

Our Tahatai goal for 2026 is to have at least 75% of our students attending 90% or more of the time.

At the end of school today, 63% of our tamariki have had less than 5 days of absence this term.



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MMI Open Night



OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST



5:30 PM: CLASSROOMS OPEN
Parents are invited to explore the learning spaces and meet the school community.





6:00 PM: HALL INFORMATION SESSION
A general presentation about Mount Maunganui Intermediate and what the school offers.



WHĀNAU CLASS INFORMATION SESSION
Following the hall session, interested families are invited to Whānau 28 for further details.



DISCOVER MOUNT INTERMEDIATE
Come along to find out everything you need to know about our school.

NotebookLM

Maths at Home

A huge thank you to all our whānau who were able to join us for our recent Numeracy Evening. At Tahatai, we deeply value the strong partnership between home and school in supporting your child's learning. One of the best ways to boost your child's success in maths is simply by weaving quick, fun math activities into your everyday daily routines. To help spark some ideas, we'll be sharing a few simple, practical tips in our next few newsletters. Keep an eye out for easy ways to bring maths to life at home!

Practical Maths Ideas across
the Year groups:

Junior Students 0-3

1. Everyday Counting & Number Recognition

- Count everything together
- Number spotting
- Skip counting games



Parents can easily integrate maths into daily routines for **Junior Students (Years 0–3)** through simple, interactive **Everyday Counting & Number Recognition** activities. Whether you are taking a neighbourhood walk or running errands, make a point to **count everything together** - such as counting pieces of fruit into your trolley at the supermarket - or turn a stroll into a game of **number spotting** by identifying letterbox numbers along the street. You can also build number fluency during quick moments by playing **skip counting games** (counting by 2s, 5s, or 10s) to keep learning fun, active, and relevant to their everyday world.

Practical Maths Ideas across the Year groups:

Senior Students 4–6

1. Real Life Fractions and Decimals

- Cooking challenges
- Pizza or cake fractions
- Money maths



Parents can easily help **Senior Students 4-6** apply their math skills to everyday routines by exploring **Real Life Fractions and Decimals**. Turn mealtime into a learning opportunity using **Pizza or cake fractions** - discussing portions like **Whole, Halves, Thirds, or Fourths** - or by inviting kids into the kitchen for interactive **Cooking challenges** that practice measuring ingredients. You can also practice **Money maths** by having them add up items from a takeaway menu, such as a McDonald's menu prices chart, helping them see how math directly connects to real-world spending and problem-solving.

Message re:New Entrant Enrolments

Do you have a child turning 5?

We need an indication of how many 5 year olds we will be expecting this year. If you have a child due to start school, please complete the online enrolment on the school website, and get in touch with the school office if you have any questions.

This helps us to plan a smooth transition into school for your child, helps us to plan staffing for the New Entrant classes, and ensures that you are invited to the relevant parent information meetings. Thank you.

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

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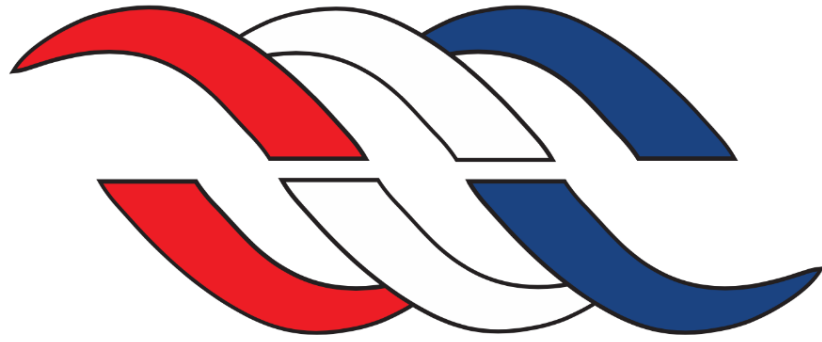
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**The second Tuesday of the month
2.45pm - 3.45pm
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