

# Mihi Whakatau

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Kia ora e te whānau

I hope you had an enjoyable long weekend and had an opportunity to celebrate Matariki with whānau and friends.

We are so pleased to say that our canopy is finally completed and looks amazing! Dave Whiteman was given permission by Korauvui Marae to bless the space and did so this morning, prior to the removal of the fencing.

On Friday we will be having our first official event in our new space.

## Mihi Whakatau

On Friday 1 July, we will be welcoming our new whānau to Tawhai School with our Mihi Whakatau. Any of our new whānau who started this year, or after our previous Mihi Whakatau in Term 3 last year, are welcome to attend.

This ceremony is our way of welcoming **new students and staff, along with their families**, into the Tawhai School community.

Visitors are invited to gather in the hall at 8:45am when Dave Whiteman will give a brief overview of the process.

Visitors will be led out to the whakatau – this welcome includes a few speeches, singing and will be followed by a simple morning tea or **kai** for our visitors to share. This concludes the whakatau and signifies the coming together of the visitors and the Tawhai School community.

### Covid update

Since our last Educa update, which was Monday 20 June, we have had 7 positive cases to report. We continue to strongly recommend children Years 4 and up to wear masks indoors. The school has a plentiful supply if you do not have one at home. We want to ensure we are doing all that we can to reduce the likelihood of spreading COVID, especially as some of our initial cases can now potentially be reinfected following the 90 day period.

### Lockdown drill

In line with our Health and Safety policy, we need to practice an evacuation drill once a term. This term it will be the 'lockdown' drill. We will be holding a practice drill at some stage in the next two weeks. Teachers will have a chat with the children to reassure them and remind them of the purpose.

### School photos Monday 25 July - Thursday 28 July (week 1)

Below is the timetable for the school photos. Please note that if your child is away on their scheduled day, they will be photographed the following day. The final day to order photos is 3pm Friday 8 July. After this date a \$10 late fee will apply.

This is the link to the Sue Allman People Google form to order this year's school photos:  
[Tawhai School Photo Order Form](#)

Monday 25 July	Tuesday 26 July	Wednesday 27 July	Thursday 28 July
Room 9	Room 9A	Room 10	Room 5
Room 6	Room 7	Room 8	Room 16
Room 12	Room 1	Room 2	Room 11
Room 3	Room 14	Room 4	Room 15

Ngā mihi nui

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