

Week 3!!!!

31/10/2022 by Karen Poole

Kia ora e te whānau

A big thank you for all your support at our Ngā Manu athletics – what a fabulous day! A big thank you also to Janette Page and all the staff who made the day such a success. Once again, Rosa, your photos are awesome and provide the perfect opportunity for whānau who couldn't get along to share in the day.

Mihi Whakatao

This Thursday 3 November, we will be welcoming our new whānau to Tawhai School with our Mihi Whakatao. Any of our new whānau who recently started, or after our previous Mihi Whakatao in Term 2, 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 whakatao – 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 whakatao and signifies the coming together of the visitors and the Tawhai School community.

Upcoming Teacher Paid Union Meetings (PUM's)

At the meetings, teachers will be:

- **Discussing** whether any offer from the Ministry of Education meets our key claims for fairer release time and a pay increase to address the cost of living – now at a 30 year high;
- **Voting** on whether to accept or reject any offer from the Ministry of Education;
- **Deciding** our next steps together.

On **Wednesday 16 November at 2pm** we will have half of our teaching staff attend an NZEI hui and on **Monday 21 November at 2pm** the other half will attend. With this organisation 2 classes will be supervised by one teacher for the afternoons, however you are invited to pick your children up at 1pm (before the children are released for lunch).

No child will be able to walk home unless you have contacted the classroom teacher via email or provided a note to say you have given permission. If you plan to have your child leave school with a friend or other parent you will also need to make contact with your child's teacher.

Children remaining after 1pm will be released as normal at 3pm.

Thanks in advance for your support



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Important Dates



Thursday 3 November: Mihi Whakatau

Friday 4 November: UHC Kapa Haka Festival

Week 5: Tawhai Cup/Ngā kukari fun sports day

Week 7/8: Beach Education - teachers have sent a letter home about this today, please look in your child's school bag

Thursday 8 December: Parent Helper Morning Tea

Tuesday 13 December: Year 6 Leavers' Dinner

Wednesday 14 December: Final assembly

Thursday 15 December: Last day of the year 1pm finish

2023 term dates

Term 1 - 31 January - 6 April

Term 2 - 24 April - 30 June

Term 3 - 17 July - 22 September

Term 4 - 9 October - 15 December