

05 Dec 2022

05/12/2022 by Karen Poole

Kia ora e te whānau

Here we are with only 5 school days left of the term! It was so lovely to see our volunteers and celebrate their contributions with morning tea. A big thank you to all of our whānau for your ongoing support in making Tawhai School such a special place to be.

I would also like to acknowledge the incredible staff at Tawhai. I can honestly say the staff go above and beyond in so many ways. They are kind, professional, fun and work hard to deliver programmes that support our tamariki to flourish. I am so proud of everything the Tawhai team has achieved in yet another covid affected year.

2023 Staff

Next year our teams are going to look a little bit different. We are piloting a different structure which means we are shifting from two teams to 4 hubs. Hubs will be working collaboratively to come up with a name to be announced in 2023.

For your information please see staff for 2023 below:

Year 5/6 Hub

Dave Whiteman – Hub Leader

Cleo Syph

Janette Page

Karen Johnston and Chelsea Sullivan

Year 3/4 Hub

Ryan Mc Garry – Hub Leader

Jane Kenworthy

Jake Harris

Year 2/3 Hub

Lynley Poole – Hub Leader and Assistant Principal

Jules Whitworth

Ginny Treadwell

Julia Dorgan

Year 0/1/2 Hub

Deb Barnden – Hub Leader

Sarah Tucker

Anna Sissons

Annelise Auker

Deputy Principal: Sharon Boese

Principal: Karen Poole

Part time teachers:

- Jessica Harris
- Nicola Simons
- Jill Finlayson
- Chelsea Sullivan
- Karen Jones

- Raewyn Young

Teacher Aides:

- Patsy Roberts
- Rosa Stewart
- Renee Saul
- Shona Buchanan
- Debbie Howie

Librarian – Yvonne Olivecrona

Caretaker – Lloyd Laurent

Administration Staff

- Kelly Robinson
- Petra van Beek

Farewells

Sadly we are saying goodbye to two of our teachers at the end of this year.

- Michaela Ryan is leaving us to take a position a little closer to home. We wish you all the very best Michaela and thank you for all your contributions to Tawhai School for the last 3 years.
- Louisa Rempala is also leaving us next week – Louisa stepped in during the middle of the year to take our new entrants. Thank you Louisa for supporting our children to transition so successfully to Tawhai School. We wish you all the very best.

We are also saying goodbye to Micaela Duffy (but see you again in 2024). Micaela and Matt are expecting their first child in February – we wish them both all the very best in their next exciting chapter.

A very fond farewell to families who leave us next week, some after many years of connection and generous support to the school. It has been a real privilege to share your child's learning journey and have you part of our school community.

Diane, our school chaplain, is also leaving us. Diane has been an amazing support for our school community for several years. Thank you, Diane and all the very best for the future.

LSC position

As mentioned above, Ginny Treadwell has accepted the classroom teaching position which comes into effect from the end of January 2023. The Upper Hutt Cluster has advertised for a replacement LSC to start at Tawhai in February next year.

Tū Rangatira

I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful Tū Rangatira rōpū for their commitment to their roles as Tawhai School leaders. Also a huge thank you to Nik Shute who has given up many of her own hours to help develop the leadership skills in our young group.

I am so proud of these young people who have achieved a lot throughout the year:

- Values leaders have been busy promoting the values throughout the school
- Cultural leaders have worked alongside Korauvui Marae and led the kapa haka performances
- Community leaders have supported a variety of fundraising events
- Enviro leaders have worked alongside our gardener to nurture and grow lots of plants
- Sports leaders have supported school wide sports events
- ICT leaders have promoted and supported the use of devices in the school

REMINDER!!!!

The last day of the 2022 school year is

Thursday 15 December at 1pm

2023 Term Dates

	Starts 8:45am	Ends – 3.00pm	Days closed
Terms			
1	Wednesday 1 Feb	Thursday 6th April	Public Holiday: Waitangi Day (observed) Monday 6 February Easter: 7 April – 11 April in school holidays
2	Wednesday 26 April	Friday 30 June	TOD: Monday 24 April Public Holidays: ANZAC day Tuesday 25 April King's Birthday Monday 5 June Matariki Friday 14 July in school holidays
3	Monday 17 July	Friday 22 September	
4	Monday 9 October	Friday 15th December	Cluster TOD: Friday 20th October Public Holiday: Labour Day

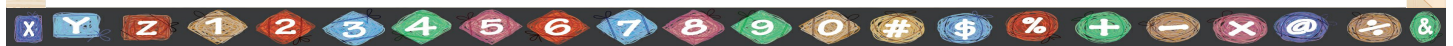


School Stationery for 2023



The MySchool site is now live: please click on the link below to access your child's stationery requirements

[MySchool Stationery](#)



LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property. Please come and have a look through prior to the end of the year.

This will be taken to the clothing bins after school finishes.



Important Dates



Friday 9 December: FUN DAY!!!!

Tuesday 13 December: Year 6 Leavers' Dinner

Wednesday 14 December: Final assembly 9:10am – this is to acknowledge special achievement of our Year 4 and 5 students

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

Ngā mihi nui

Karen Poole