

## Week 3

24/10/2023 by Karen Poole

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Kia ora e te whānau

What an exciting start to the term we have had! Our Year 5 and 6 tamariki made a lot of special memories at Camp Kaitoke in Week 1.

I would like to acknowledge all our wonderful kaiako (teachers) and parents who gave up many of their hours (and sleep) to ensure our tamariki had a wonderful experience.

On Friday the teachers had a very inspiring day listening and reflecting on key messages from speakers Paul Wood, Ngāhihi o te ra Bidois and Karen O'Leary.

A big thank you to Lynley Poole for being part of the Upper Hutt Cluster Lead teachers group who organised the conference.

*"Paul is an internationally sought keynote speaker who is known for his energy, humour, and impact. Inspiration is his key deliverable and he is regularly used to get conferences started with a bang or to finish on a high. Paul's TEDx talk is the most watched and highly rated of any TEDx events in New Zealand and was listed by the New Zealand Herald as one of its top 10 TED talks to watch."*

*"**Ngahihi** holds a Business degree, a teaching diploma (secondary), a certificate in Company Direction and a Masters degree in Education (with honours). He is the author of "**Ancient Wisdom Modern Solutions**" and his 'why' is helping people on their journeys."*

*"Karen developed exceptional communication skills in her two decades as an early childhood educator, and uses those skills to great effect as both a presenter and an MC. She is a charismatic, hilarious, and charming presence whose services are highly sought after."*

And of course today we had our Mihi Whakataū to welcome our new whānau to Tawhai. A big thank you to the whānau who came along to support us and celebrate the next chapter in their child's learning journey.

## This Friday is Teacher's Day!

World Teachers Day was celebrated overseas earlier in the month, however, because this was school holidays the date for Aotearoa is set for **Friday 27 October**.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful kaiako we have here at Tawhai School. I feel so blessed to have such a great team who are so passionate and committed to our tamariki.

Thank you teachers for all that you do! The difference you make in young people's lives and in our communities should always be celebrated and valued.



## Reunification Drill – Friday 10 November

Just a wee reminder, we are currently updating emergency contacts for our upcoming Reunification Drill in week 5.

Last term your child should have come home with a form to complete, thank to those who completed and returned it to school.

If you are yet to return this to school please do so asap. If you have lost the form please email 3 emergency contacts with phone numbers to Kelly ([admin@tawhai.school.nz](mailto:admin@tawhai.school.nz)).

As mentioned in the information attached, children will only be released to the contact person listed on the form.

Thank you in advance.

### Sharing on behalf of the Equitable Digital Access team at the Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education recognises that not everyone can currently access the internet at home.

The Ministry's **Equitable Digital Access** initiative provides fully funded internet connection to learners/ākonga who do not have home internet connection.

To be eligible for internet connection, a learner/ākonga must:

- be enrolled & attending a school
- be in Year 0 to 15
- not have access to an internet connection at home.

This support is **only available until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.

Families, schools, & community groups can apply for student connections by:

- emailing the Equitable Digital Access (EDA) team at [EDA@education.govt.nz](mailto:EDA@education.govt.nz)
- emailing the Equitable Digital Operating System (EDOS) team at [support@edos.kiwi](mailto:support@edos.kiwi)
- contacting the **EDOS team between Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, on 0800 441 844**

For more information about the initiative, refer to the attached flyer or go to the following websites:

- The Ministry of Education website: <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/digital-technology/your-schools-ict-network/enabling-home-internet-access-for-your-community/#Eduroam>
- The Equitable Digital Operating System (EDOS) website: <https://edos.kiwi/>

Ngahere swimming – Week 2 and 3

Board Hui – 6pm Tuesday 7 November

Reunification Drill – Friday 10 November

Teacher Only Day – Friday 17 November ( this TOD is set by the MOE to understand and prepare for the upcoming changes to curriculum and assessment)

Leavers' Dinner – Tuesday 12 December

End of Year Assembly TBC

Last Day of the School Year – Friday 15 December 1pm

Ngā mihi nui

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