

Tawhai School

Week 7 2025



Kia ora e te whānau

Thank you for your support in your child's learning! We had a fantastic turnout for our learning conversations last week and received some wonderful feedback:

- 88% of our whānau attended the learning conferences.
- Of those who placed a token in the feedback boxes, 97% gave a thumbs up

It's great to hear that so many found the sessions informative and valuable!

If you have any further feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to email me at karen@tawhai.school.nz.

A big thank you to our PTSG for the pizza lunch last week. This is always such a treat!

Our Tu Rangatira Group 2025

I am excited to announce our wonderful group of young leaders for 2025! We had an overwhelming number of students apply, each presenting their ideas to the lead teachers. Every applicant should be commended for their courage and enthusiasm in putting themselves forward.

I am also incredibly proud of the resilience shown by the children who may not have received the position they wanted. Their contributions as part of the support crew will be just as valuable, and I have no doubt they will make a meaningful impact throughout the year.

Congratulations to all our young leaders!

Cultural Leaders - Lina Sione and Willow Boyd.

PE/Sports Leaders - Declan Williams and Keegan Brown

Values Leaders - Rhiannon Rosson and Fern Baker

Enviro Leaders - Zoe O'Hara and Freya Segetin

ICT Leaders - Thomas Maddox and Caius Ali

Arts Leaders - Bella Eastergaard and Hunter Mullins

Community Leaders - Daphne Sotheran and Tyler Morgan



Colour Run 2025

Get ready for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and colour! Mark your calendars, gather some sponsors, and come along for the 2025 Tawhai Colour Run!

Friday 28th March 2025, here at Tawhai School from 5:00 PM

This exciting event is part of our fundraising efforts for the Year 5 & 6 camp in Term 4. Thanks to previous fundraising, we were able to significantly reduce the cost of camp, and we hope to do the same again!

Who can participate?

Everyone! The Colour Run is open to all Tawhai students, not just Year 5 & 6s. Participation is completely optional, but we encourage everyone to sign up, gather sponsorship, and help us raise funds for this year's camp. Since we run this event biannually, every child will benefit when they reach Year 5 & 6.

Food, Drinks & Activities!

Alongside the Colour Run, we'll have food, beverages, fun activities, and goodies available for purchase. Based on feedback from last time, we're making things easier by offering pre-purchase options via the Kindo app (now live!).

Pre-purchase your food and Tawhai coupons (\$10 & \$20) on Kindo to use for food and activities (excluding the coffee cart).

We can't wait to see you there for an unforgettable evening! 🌈

Upcoming dates




- **March Movin' March** began
- **Monday 17 March** (2 weeks) - Water Safety programme
- **Wednesday 26 March** - Upper Hutt Cluster Tu Rangatira Conference
- **Friday 28 March** - Camp Fundraiser **Colour Run**
- **Wednesday 2 April** - **Hoods Up** (see below)
- **Friday 11 April** - **Last day of Term**

Term 2

- Monday 28 April - Beginning term 2.
- Friday 30 May - Teacher Only Day

THE WORLD CAN BE
OVERWHELMING
WHEN IT WASN'T DESIGNED FOR YOU.

FOR SOMEONE WITH SENSORY PROCESSING
DIFFERENCES, THE WORLD CAN BE:

 LOUD	 BRIGHT	 OVERSTIMULATING
STREET NOISE SUDDEN SOUNDS HEAT PUMPS VOICES COMPUTERS WHIRRING	FLUORESCENT LIGHTS FLASHING LIGHTS NEON SIGNS	STRONG SMELLS CROWDS UNCOMFORTABLE CLOTHING TEMPERATURE CHANGES

Everyone experiences sensory sensitivity at times. But for many autistic people, sensory overwhelm can be a daily experience. It can make everyday activities like attending school, going to the supermarket, working in an office or going to a movie feel impossible.



INTRODUCING
**HOODS UP
VOLUME DOWN**

JOIN A NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT FOR
ACCEPTANCE, UNDERSTANDING & ACCESSIBILITY.

WE ARE ASKING BUSINESSES, WORKPLACES, SCHOOLS AND
ORGANISATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONAL 'QUIET HOUR' ON



WEDNESDAY, 02ND OF
APRIL 2025



10.00 AM



**TURN DOWN THE LIGHTS, TURN DOWN THE NOISE AND
TURN UP FOR THE AUTISTIC COMMUNITY OF AOTEAROA.**

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE

1. BUY A HOODIE

Purchase our limited edition Hoods Up for Autism 2025 Hoodie. Many autistic people use hoodies as a way to block out overwhelming sensory input, and our hoodies are super soft and comfy, helpful for those who are sensitive to touch and texture. **\$10** from every hoodie sold goes straight to Autism New Zealand, to help us continue our work to support the autistic and wider autism communities of Aotearoa.

2. ORGANISE A QUIET HOUR AT YOUR SCHOOL, WORKPLACE OR ORGANISATION

On Wednesday, April 02nd, at 10 am, we are holding a nationwide quiet hour. This is an opportunity to make your environment more accessible to autistic people, and while it might seem like only a moment, it's the start of a movement. During this hour, we will show the autistic community that as a society we are ready to truly accept autism and embrace the accommodations needed to create an accessible society. Check out our guide to creating a sensory friendly environment on our website <https://autismnz.org.nz/>

3. DONATE TO AUTISM NEW ZEALAND

During the Hoods Up, Volume Down quiet hour, every dollar donated to Autism NZ will go towards our work empowering the autistic and wider autism communities.

Autism New Zealand is a registered charity, with a commitment to empowering the autistic community to make informed choices and take action: every step together.

