

# Tawhai School News

## Week 5 Term 3!



Tuesday 12 August 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

As we settle into the colder weeks of winter, we want to remind everyone to stay warm and healthy. With the crisp, chilly mornings, extra layers, hats, and scarves are needed. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather, especially for outdoor activities and breaktimes. Also please ensure they have some spare clothing in their bag, just in case.

This is our first trial of using the Newsfeed feature via the Edge App. Hopefully by now you will have been able to load the Edge App and it's all running smoothly. Please pop into the office and see us if this is not the case.

A big shout out to Johanna Moss and Aimee Ah Wong for providing the children with a fun Floorball experience yesterday. It was so kind of you to give up your valuable time to spend the day with us.

### **Staffing Update – Welcome to Sean!**

We are delighted to welcome Sean Robertson, the new teacher for Room 11, who started today. Sean joins us from Aberdeenshire in Scotland, where he taught for a year. He will be with us for the next year. We are sure he will be a great addition to our school community!

### **BSLA (Better Start to Literacy Approach) survey**

As you may know, our school is using the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) for literacy instruction.

The BSLA research team at the University of Canterbury would like to ask parents/caregivers/whānau about their thoughts and opinions of their child's literacy learning and the Better Start Literacy Approach using an online survey.

We are emailing you on behalf of the University of Canterbury research team to invite you to complete this survey. The University of Canterbury research team do not have any of your contact details and will not know whether you have participated in the survey or not. It will take approximately 10 minutes of your time to complete this survey.

If you would like to take part in this survey, please click on this link to complete the survey:

[https://canterbury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_24YHvxHp2PvPi9o](https://canterbury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_24YHvxHp2PvPi9o)

You will also find the Information Sheet and Consent Form at this link.

This survey is voluntary. The survey is completely anonymous. The research team and the school

will not be able to identify you should you choose to take part in this study. This study has received approval from the University of Canterbury's Human Research Ethics Committee.

Every person who responds to the survey will go into a draw to receive one of five \$100 Prezzy cards. This research is funded by the Ministry of Education.

Please call Gail Gillon or Brigid McNeill on +64 3 369 3491 if there are any questions.

Thank you for considering this,

Your school administrator on behalf of the University of Canterbury research team (Better Start Literacy Approach).



## School Docs

We welcome you to participate in the policy reviews for this term.

Pop on the link and follow the review instructions [School docs](#)

Username : tawhai

Password: empowering

## What's coming up?

- Week 6 August 18-22 - **School Photos**
- Week 6 August 20 - **Paid Union Meetings - more information coming**
- Week 6 Friday August 22 - **PTSG Hot Dog fundraiser**
- Week 7
  - ◆ Tuesday August 26 - Art Splash Choir
  - ◆ Friday August 29 - Multicultural Day (hopefully you have received details of this celebration).
- Week 10 - The Dental Van will be on site
- Week 10 - Friday 19 September - **Last day of Term 3**

### **Term 4 - Monday 6 October, first day of Term 4**

- Week 3 - Friday 24 October Teacher Only Day
- Week 4 - Monday 27 October LABOUR DAY

Ngā mihi nui,

The Tawhai School Team

