

# Tawhai School News

## Week 9 Term 3!



Monday 8 September 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

Spring is definitely in the air! With just a fortnight left of the term, our school has been buzzing with activity and celebration. We've been enjoying a fantastic few weeks making memories, and we're looking forward to finishing the term on a high note before the school holidays begin.

**Art Splash -** What a fantastic performance by our Tawhai kids at the Art Splash in Week 7. A huge thanks to Janette Page, our amazing choir instructor, to our children performing and to our wonderful whānau for their support.

**Multicultural Day -** Wow! What an awesome day of celebrations and smiles! It was amazing to see how incredibly diverse our Tawhai School Community really is. A huge thank you to everyone who came along, as well as our wonderful whānau and staff who shared some of their talents with us. Please see our Newsfeed for some photos.

**Celebrating Success -** We love celebrating the successes of our students. If your child has achieved something outside of school that you would like to share with our community, please email me the details.

### **Aran Lee Waters: North Island Primary & Intermediate Ski Champs – Whakapapa, Mt Ruapehu**

Recently, Aran competed in the North Island Primary & Intermediate Ski Champs (NIPS) at Whakapapa on Mt Ruapehu.

He was racing for Tawhai School, in the year 3-4 category. This event was an incredible milestone as his first time ever training and ski racing in gates.

Aran raced as a one person team for Tawhai School and still placed 10th overall in the team standings all by himself.

Individually, he finished 7th among all primary school boys and an outstanding 2nd among Year 3 boys – a fantastic achievement given competitors ahead of him spend extensive time each year in dedicated race training programmes.

**Pool night fundraiser** - Thank you to our PTSG for organising this event which was a huge hit with our whānau. All the proceeds from this evening will go toward the Year 5/6 camp.

**Staff Changes** - As this term comes to a close, we have some staff news to share. We will be saying goodbye to Micaela Duffy, who is leaving her role as the Room 8 teacher to take up a new position in the education sector. We are so grateful for all of Micaela's hard work and dedication to our students and school community, and we wish her all the best in her new venture.

Fortunately, we have a seamless transition in place. We are delighted to announce that Megan Rowell, who is already a valued member of our team, will be the new Room 8 teacher through to the end of the year. Megan will spend some time over the next two weeks in Room 8 so that she can become familiar with the children and the programme.



## 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](#)

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## What's coming up?

- Week 9 - This week!
  - ◆ Tuesday - Whānau hui 5pm
  - ◆ Tuesday - School Board hui
- Week 10 - Māori Language Week
  - ◆ The Dental Van will be on site
  - ◆ 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 - Year 5/6 Camp
  - ◆ Monday 27 October LABOUR DAY

Ngā mihi nui,  
The Tawhai School Team