

Tawhai School News

Week 1 Term 4!



Monday 6 October 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to school – and a big welcome to all our new whānau joining us this term! We hope you had a great break and enjoyed some downtime over the holidays.

Term 4 is always an incredibly busy one, packed with activities and celebrations leading up to the end of the year. Please pop the important dates below on your calendar, and we will do our very best to follow up with timely reminders.

Important Communication: The EDGE App

We've been pleased to see the number of parents accessing the Newsfeed on the EDGE App increasing!

- **Need Help?** If you are still having difficulty accessing or using the app, please pop into the school office, and we will help you resolve the problem.
- **Double Communications:** Until we have everyone successfully onboarded, we will continue to email all major communications (apologies about the double-up).

Sun Safety & Clothing Reminders

As we head into the warmer months, please ensure your child is prepared for the sunshine and variable temperatures.

- **Sun Protection (Terms 1 & 4)**
Our school policy for Term 4 requires all children to wear sunhats in the playground.
If your child does not have a school hat, these can be purchased at the school office for \$5.00.
- **Dressing for Variable Weather**
It is a good idea to send your child to school wearing layers. We will still have some colder mornings, but it can warm up significantly throughout the day.
Please also ensure all items of clothing are clearly named. This helps us return lost property quickly.

From the School Board: Likely Strike on Thursday, October 23rd

You may have seen in the news that educators across Aotearoa are preparing for potential **national strike action on Thursday, October 23rd**.

Please note: the strike notice has not yet been issued.

This potential action includes teachers, support staff, and Ministry specialists standing together to call for the vital investment needed in our education system.

This action is about more than just pay. Educators are taking this necessary step to secure:

- **Better Resourcing:** Ensuring our tamariki have the resources and support (like teacher aides in every classroom) they need to thrive.
- **Fair Value:** Upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi in education and fairly valuing and offering secure work to all educators.

We understand this potential action causes disruption, but it reflects the seriousness of the challenges facing education and the urgent need for change to properly support our communities.

School Closure Details & Confirmation

- Tawhai School is highly likely to be closed for instruction on Thursday, October 23rd.

- We cannot guarantee adequate supervision for students on this day.
- We encourage all families to prepare to make alternative care arrangements for your children now.
- We will send out a final confirmation notice regarding the closure as soon as the decision is officially made by the union.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support for our staff and the future of education.



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?

Term 4 - Monday 6 October, first day of Term 4, Welcome back!!!!

The Dental Van will be onsite in Weeks 1, 2 and 3.

→ Week 2

- ◆ Tuesday 14 October - Mihi whakatau (welcome for our new whānau)
- ◆ Wednesday 15 August - Athletics Day, more details to come.

→ Week 3

- ◆ Thursday 23 October - Proposed Strike Action
- ◆ Friday 24 October Teacher Only Day

→ Week 4

- ◆ Monday 27 October LABOUR DAY
- ◆ **Year 5/6 Camp**, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- ◆ **Year 0-4 EOTC** - more details to come

→ Week 5

- ◆ **Tuesday 4 November** - School board hui 6pm

→ Week 6

- ◆ **Tuesday 11 November** - Cultural Festival at Harcourt park

→ Week 7

- ◆ **Thursday 20 November** - School Assembly , values T-Shirts

→ Week 9

- ◆ **Tuesday-Thursday** - Tawhai Cup

→ Week 10

- ◆ **Tuesday 9 December** - School board hui 6pm
- ◆ **Wednesday 10 December** - Parent Helper Morning tea

→ Week 11

- ◆ **Monday 15 December** - Year 6 Leavers' Dinner
- ◆ **Tuesday 16 December** - Final Assembly (Year 4/5 awards)
- ◆ **Wednesday 17 December** - **SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM**

Ngā mihi nui,

The Tawhai School Team