

Tawhai School News

Week 5 Term 4!



Monday 3 November 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

Wow! As well as the last few weeks being full of unpredictable weather, we have had some wonderfully exciting and memorable experiences.

Our Year 5 and 6 children exemplified the Tawhai School values during their time at Camp Kaitoke. Teachers were full of praise for the way the children took on new challenges and gave 100% to everything they tried. I would like to acknowledge all our amazing parent helpers and our teachers – without your support and organisation this wouldn't be possible.

The Year 0–4 visit to Jungleramama was enjoyed by all! The children had a wonderful time and once again exemplified our Tawhai School values. Thank you to the staff for providing this great experience for our children.

I had the absolute pleasure of attending the **Caroline Stewart Dance Recital** this weekend, and what a show it was! It was fantastic to see such a large group of our Tawhai students performing with such talent, skill, and energy. This included children from our gorgeous new entrants to our Year 6 students, and ex-Tawhai students. Your performance was outstanding, and you should be incredibly proud of what you achieved on stage!

In week 3, I was fortunate enough to attend the **Child Wellbeing Symposium** hosted by the University of Canterbury. This was an insightful day listening to world-leading experts discuss important topics to ensure our children's learning and literacy success. The keynote speaker was Dr Claire Achmad, the Children's Commissioner. Her description of children born with "boundless potential" and ensuring we always hold the highest aspirations resonated deeply with me. She was so engaging and her passion to really listen to and engage with young people, was evident in her messages and delivery.

Strike Action – a big thank you for your support with the Strike Action on Thursday 23 October.

Teacher Only Day: On Friday all our staff gathered at Maidstone Intermediate for a combined teacher only day. This was an awesome opportunity for staff to network with other teachers from the Upper Hutt Cluster and listen to some incredible key note speakers. We have a lead teacher group organising these events, with our school represented by Lynley Poole. One of the key note speakers that stood out in particular was Jase Patu – Jase spoke about wellbeing with a lens on ensuring we are attending to all 4 Pillars of Te Whare Tapa Wha. Here is a link to Jase's Ted Talk [Ted Talk](#)

Measles

Important information:

- Measles is circulating and is very contagious. There is now measles in Northland, Auckland, Manawatu, Nelson and Wellington, and we expect further cases across New Zealand.
- Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash: [Measles – Health New Zealand](#)
- Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.
- Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Health New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home).
- Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.
- People are considered immune to measles after having two doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before. For more information on measles immunity visit: [Measles immunity – Health New Zealand](#)



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
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What's coming up?

Term 4 Ahead

→ 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**