

Last of the info for 2025!



Kia ora e te whānau

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect with gratitude and pride on all that has been achieved at Tawhai.

To our incredible staff, thank you. Thank you for your mahi, your professionalism, and the care you show our tamariki every day. You bring patience, energy, creativity and commitment to your classrooms and across our kura, and the difference you make is felt in countless ways. I feel very lucky to work alongside such a dedicated team.

To our wider school community, thank you for your ongoing support. Whether you've helped at events, supported learning at home, responded to notices, sent encouragement, or simply partnered with us in the day-to-day journey of school life, it all makes a difference. We value the trust you place in us and the strong relationships that sit at the heart of our school.

To our Year 6 leavers - we are so proud of you. You have grown into capable, confident young leaders and you have contributed so much to Tawhai. As you move on to new schools and new opportunities, we wish you every success. Be brave, be kind, and keep giving things a go - we know you will do great things.

And to any whānau who are leaving our school at the end of the year, thank you for being part of the Tawhai whānau. We wish you all the very best for what comes next, and hope you will keep in touch. Once you are part of Tawhai, you will always be part of our whānau.

I hope everyone has a safe, restful, and happy holiday break. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year, refreshed and ready for another great year together.

Ngā mihi nui
Karen Poole

We are thrilled to share our Tawhai Team for 2026 :

Year 4/5/6 hub - Led by Dave Whiteman

Year 5/6	Janette Page
Year 5/6	Karen Johnston
Year 5/6	Dave Whiteman
Year 5/6	Jillian Adams
Year 5/6	Cleo Syph
Year 4	Nicola Simons
Year 4	Rachel Hosnell

Year 2/3 hub - Led by Lynley Poole (Assistant Principal)

Year 2/3	Jake Harris
Year 2/3	Ryan McGarry
Year 2/3	Lucy Fox
Year 2/3	Sean Robertson
Year 2/3	Lynley Poole
Year 1	Jane Cox
Year 1	Fiona Burney
Year 1	Deb Barnden

Specialist Literacy Teacher - Karen Jones

Learning Support Coordinator - Fiona Glen

Part time teachers:

Jill Finlayson
Jessica Harris
Julia Dorgan
Anna Sissons
Annelise Auker
Megan Rowell

Teacher Aides

Patsy Roberts, Debbie Howie, Alana Mills

Sports Coordinator - Aimee Ah Wong

Caretaker - Lloyd Laurent

Office Manager - Kelly Robinson

Deputy Principal - Sharon Boese

Principal - Karen Poole

What's coming up....

Friday 12 December

Christmas Carols from 2:40pm all welcome

(Lost Property will be out on display - anything unclaimed will be donated to a good cause)

Monday 15 December

Year 6 leavers' dinner

Tuesday 16 December

Year 4/5 Award Assembly followed by our

Poroporoaki (leaving ceremony for Year 6, staff and other student leavers)

Wednesday 17 December at 2pm School finishes for the year

(children will come home with their school report, which will also be emailed to parents, their class for 2026 - which includes where to purchase 2026 stationery)

Tuesday 3 February 2026 - School is back!!!



