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# TALKING TAOROA

The official newsletter of Taoroa School



## Important Dates

**February 27th**

School grounds working bee

**March 16th**

Harold Bus-Mangaweka

**March 17th**

Well being catch-ups

**March 18th**

Rural schools swimming sports

**March 25th**

Inter school swimming sport

**April 5th**

Hearing and vision testing

**April 12th**

Student leadership course

Palmerston North

**April 14th**

End of term 1

## Principal's Report

### WELCOME BACK

We have had a great start to the year with our tamariki excited to be back and engaged in their learning. There is certainly a very positive atmosphere in our little kura! I would like to welcome everyone who is returning to Taoroa for 2022 and extend a special welcome to our new families who have started with us. We are looking forward to continuing our partnership as part of the 'learning triangle' to help achieve the best possible outcome for each of our learners. We have lots of exciting things in the pipeline in terms of professional development for our kaiako mā (teachers) and I am looking forward to seeing this new learning put in to action in our classrooms. The future is looking bright for Taoroa School, bring on 2022!

Ngā mihi nui,

Lara Stevens



# Welcome

Nau mai, haere mai to not one but FIVE new Taoroa tamariki.

Last week we had the wonderful Millie Wells, Isla Levao, Jimmy Brown, Everson Haitana and Rigby Haitana join our learning whānau. You have all fitted in wonderfully and we are loving having you as part of our team. Lucky Taoroa School!

## Learners Corner

### *Lyric Turton and Alqana Stoney Campus*

Kia ora koutou katoa,  
Everyone has had a really good break over the holidays. When we got back to school things were a little bit different- we had 5 new students join our school, our school pool has been painted and filled and there were some new planter boxes too! Some of our students came back excited about new sports, so we have been busy playing cricket and tennis with Miss Stevens during morning tea and lunch. The older kids got to design the layout for room 2 so they could feel comfortable in the space and make it their own. We all looked at traditional and modern classrooms and picked out our favourite parts of each. We are loving being back together and are looking forward to getting to know the new students even better!



# School Pool

After 13 long, hot years the revival of our pool is finally in the works. We have had a group of local legends that have worked tirelessly throughout the summer holidays cleaning up, digging out old concrete paths, painting, filling the pool and now fixing parts that need repairing. A special mention to Nathan Bellamy, Matt Churchward, Matt Brown, Richie Law and their families for their hard work and also to Pete Marshall along with Taoroa Hall Committee for their generous donation of paint. We are so grateful to be a part of such a supportive local community!

## Board of Trustees

Congratulations to Katerina Kupenga (Presiding member), Nathan Bellamy, Sarah Wells and Brylee Bond who have joined our school board as a result of the by-election that took place in December. Thank you for everything you are doing for our ākonga (learners) and extensive mahi you are already putting in!

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## Working Bee

On the 27th of February at 9am we will be having a working bee to get our school grounds whipped in to shape. We have 25 spaces and would love for anyone that is able to attend to contact the school so we can put your name down. We will be following social distancing guidelines.

## Sunscreen

While we are loving the hours of sunshine, we are also very wary of how dangerous the sun is at the moment. If you have sunscreen at home it would be great if all tamariki could please come to school wearing it in the morning. We are still lathering them up at school too!

## Well being catch-ups

These will take place on Thursday 17th March at school. We encourage all children and whānau to book one, as we find they contribute to a positive year of learning! More information will be sent home next week regarding how to book a time with your child's teacher.