

TALKING TAORO A

The official newsletter of Taoro a School



Important Dates

May 20th
Pink Shirt Day

May 25th
BOT meeting

June 6th
Queens Birthday
(Public Holiday)

June 9th
Grip Student Leadership
course

June 22nd
BOT meeting

June 24th
Matariki (Public Holiday)

July 8th
End of term 2

2022 Term Dates

Term 2
May 2nd - July 8th

Term 3
July 25th - Sept 30th

Term 4
Oct 17th - Dec 14th

Principal's Report

Over the last three terms our staff and BOT have been working extensively on setting the strategic direction for our school. Our community hui back in December last year proved to be incredibly valuable not only for giving us all the opportunity to connect but also by getting input from our community around your hopes and dreams for the future of Taoro a School. As a result this document has evolved significantly since our first draft in order to reflect the strong themes that came through from our community. Seeing something that every single one of us can take ownership of is incredibly special and powerful. In addition to finalising our strategic plan, we have also been through a rebranding process as we felt it was time for a refresh and we wanted something that reflected our local area and school with depth and pride. Our tamariki have been on this journey with us and you will see in this newsletter some of their ideas which shows what they wanted reflected in our logo. We also had support from our local iwi who gifted us a whakatauki (maori proverb) and helped us with our school pepeha (a way of introducing yourself) which you will see on the attached pages. We are excited to finally share this with you and we welcome any feedback so make sure you check out the video on our school facebook page where our ākonga (learners) explain the different parts of our logo. Ngā mihi nui,

Lara Stevens

Students Corner

After the holidays we were excited to come back to school. We have been having fun in our teacher workshops with Miss Stevens. Workshops are when you get to go to the teacher in a quiet place and the teacher talks you through how to do tasks you're stuck on and to teach you new things. Sometimes Miss Stevens chooses what we learn in workshops and sometimes we ask for them (for example this week I asked for a workshop to help me with my maths problem solving task). We get sad when we don't get picked first for a workshop.

Unity-Rose Crow (Year 4)



Nau mai, Haere mai (Welcome)

Welcome to **Tihi Tweeddale** and his whānau who have joined us this term. Tihi turned 5 during the holidays and we are already so impressed by his skills out on the sports field. Thank you for choosing us Tihi, it is wonderful to have you as part of our team!

We are really excited to share that we have employed **Hannah Totman** as our new school administrator. Hannah is based in Omatane but has close ties to the Taoroa community. We are already loving having her as part of our team! She will be in the office at different times throughout the week so make sure you introduce yourself when you pop in to school.



Logo drafts

Check out some of these great logo designs that our tamariki come up with:



Original logo



Hei konei ra (Farewell)

Our lovely office administrator Alishia Burrell has resigned after taking maternity leave at the end of last year. She has been an important part of our team and while it is sad for us to be losing her, we wish her all the best with her study to be a Veterinary Nurse.

Kylie Gilbert has been covering for us in the office since December and is finishing up with us this week. We are so grateful for everything she has done for Taoroa and we will definitely miss her friendly smile every Wednesday.

Our final farewell is for Jamie Severinson who was with us every Tuesday to cover principal release. Our tamariki absolutely loved her and we know she has a very bright future in education. She is off to Hawkes Bay with her partner Dylan and we wish them all the best for their next chapter.



Thank you

We are so grateful for the time people are putting in behind the scenes to help with the ongoing maintenance of our school. From moving ewes in for grass control, to pruning trees, to digging up drains, to keeping our vegetable gardens watered. Often these things happen without even being asked so please know that this work doesn't go unnoticed and we know how lucky we are to be in this community. A shout out to our cleaner and caretaker too, our school is looking great and ready for an awesome term of learning! If anyone reading this is keen to lend a hand in any way, please contact the school!



Mihimihi (Greetings)

Tēnā koe: Hello (to one person)

Tēnā kōrua: Hello (to two people)

Tēnā koutou: Hello (to three or more)

Kia ora, e hoa: Hi, my friend

Gymnastics

This term we have coaches from the team at Whanganui Boys and Girls Gym Club coming out to teach our tamariki a range of different gymnastics skills over 5-6 sessions. This will take place over in Community Hall later in the term.

Zero Waste Education Programme

In week 5 we are taking part in a programme that focuses on Sustainability. Our junior unit will focus on looking at rubbish commonly found around the home and exploring how we could recycle and reuse. Our seniors will be looking into composting and will even get to make a worm farm! We are looking forward to learning new skills that enable us to be more sustainable.

Kia Kaha unit – Constable Peter Marks

This term Peter Marks will be joining us to help run a Kia Kaha unit which focuses on enabling students to develop strategies for respectful relationships where unkind behaviours are not tolerated.

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