## **TALKING TAOROA**

The official newsletter of Taoroa School



#### **Important Dates**

**2nd December**Pool Party

**8th December** Papanui Athletics

**13th December**Prize Giving/Christmas
Assembly

14th December Last day of school year

TBC
Whānau fun day moved to
Term 1

#### 2023 Term Dates

**Term 1**7th February6th April

Term 2 24th April-30th June

**Term 3**17th July22nd September

**Term 4**9th October20th December

## **Principal's Report**

There have been lots of very cool things happening at our kura over the last month. We kicked the term off with our first Craft Day and Pet day in many years and it was fantastic to see our tamariki participating in the different events as well as seeing our community come together to enjoy the day with us. Our beautiful mural has been installed and we are absolutely thrilled with the end result. We want to acknowledge the talented artist Joe McMenamin along with the Rangitikei District Council and Creative NZ for supporting this beautiful project and bringing this visual representation of our community to life! We were incredibly privileged to have two horses at school during the week of Pet Day and our learners spent their afternoons with Sarah Wells and Tui Gower teaching us how to ride and groom. Very lucky tamariki! It has also been great to see our school touch team take the field for the first time and I have no doubts that this team will go from strength to strength throughout the season. Did I mention we were also the winners of a Vege Pod? There really has been so much happening but amongst the chaos that is term 4, our learners have been very settled in the classroom and our literacy and numeracy programmes are absolutely thriving! We are looking forward to enjoying the last few weeks with our ākonga before a well deserved summer break.

Ngā mihi nui,

Lara Stevens

# New World colouring competition

This term we were the very proud and lucky winners of the Vegepod that was up for grabs through a New World promotion. All of our tamariki completed the colouring and competition our learners wrote letters to the New World staff explaining the reasons why we would be the perfect winners for the competitionsthey agreed! We are really looking forward to putting the Vegepod to use so our tamariki can graze on delicious fruit and veg during school time.





## **Swimming pool**

Our School Pool is open for use! If you would like access to the code, please contact the school for information around this. We are also hosting a pool party on Friday 2nd December from 3:15 pm. BYO food and drink- all welcome.

Thanks to Nathan who has spent a lot of time maintaining the pool throughout the winter and to Fitz for taking over the reins in time for summer.





# Taoroa Fundraising Committee

Taoroa Tiki Tour Scenic ATV/side by side tour 18 February 2023

We will need help for this event to be successful to raise money for our kids and school. We need hands on deck on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th of February. Please lock this date in and if you can confirm by email to ctaoroa@gmail.com if you can help that would be appreciated. More details will come as we continue to plan. Please feel free to make contact to email above if you have any questions or ideas for the day. We look forward to us coming together and creating a fun successful day. Thanks!

Taoroa Fundraising Committee

#### **Students Corner**

It has been a great term so far! We have done lots of amazing stuff like horse riding lessons, putting up our perfect mural and having our first pet day. Every day we start our learning with an iDeal workshop and that helps us improve our spelling and practice writing better sentences. It helps our writing and our reading too. We are busy working on a Christmas play with Rachel and we are really excited to share it with all of our whānau at the end of the year. We have been having lots of fun, learning heaps and think our school is doing great.

Whiti Wells (7) and Ollie Powis (9)



### **Papanui Athletics**

We have started training for our upcoming interschool athletics day which will be held at Papanui School on Thursday 8th December. More information on this to come via seesaw.

# Prize Giving/Christmas Play

On Tuesday 13th December 2022 we will be hosting our end of year Prize Giving assembly. This will also include a special Christmas play that will be co written by the tamariki and staff. This will kick off at 5pm- all whānau and friends warmly welcomed. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards.

\*Please can all trophy winners from last year get them back to school ASAP ready for this years engraving.



#### Get in touch

**Email:** office@taoroa.school.nz

**Phone**: 06 388 0053

Address: 43 Pukeokahu Road,

Taoroa Junction

**Website:** https://taoroa.school.nz/

Scan this QR code to follow our facebook page- Taoroa School and community



