

Ngāti Toa School

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Tēnei te mihi ki a koutou katoa, Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura - he tau hou! He raumati tino miharo ki kōnei i Porirua.

Welcome back to kura. We have had a wonderful start to the new school year with children settling into their new classes and reacquainting themselves with their friends and their teachers. The smiles, the hugs, the stories about the holidays - all these warm our hearts. It really is great to be back!

A special welcome to our new students and their whānau - Kia ora to Skye, Miller, Kahura, Grace, Gabriel and Acel who have joined us in Kora. In Kōrekoreko a big welcome goes out to Ylai and last but not least, welcome to Theo who joins us in Hahana. Nau mai, haere mai ki tō kura hou, Ngāti Toa!

We also welcome ngā kaiako hou - Whaea Taylor joins us in Tūrama. Taylor has family connections here in the bay and last year worked at Titahi Bay North. Whaea Annika and Whaea Mollie are currently studying for their Masters degrees in Education and are part of a pilot programme which we are in partnership with Ngāti Toa Puna Matauranga and Victoria University. Annika and Mollie will be placed here at school every Wednesday and if you are down at the Puna you will them there every Tuesday.

We have lots happening over the next few weeks - please mark the key dates in your calendars.

Staff are super excited about our new year. We look forward to catching up with our whānau very soon!

Staffing for 2023

Here are the classroom teachers:

Year 0/1 - Judy Cross - Room 5 (Kora)

Year 2 - Jude Nieland - Room 6 (Hahana)

Year 2/3 - Emma McKnight-Room 7 (Korekorekō)

Year 4 - Bronwyn Pope-Room 8 (Whakawhetū)

Year 5/6 - Crystal Southey-Willis-Room 10 (Marama)

Year 5/6 - Taylor Tuffery - Room 9 (Tūrama)

Support Staff

Ivy Reedy, Tracey Cockroft, Tirita Gray, Kanisha Davis, Isaya O'Neill, Rebekah Torea, Jamie Mill (Caretaker), Corrina Perenise (Office Manager).

Paid Union Meeting

There is a paid union meeting for teachers on Tuesday 28th February.

School will finish earlier on this day. If you are unable to collect your child and need supervising until 3:00pm, please email your teacher or the office. A separate notice will also go home with the early finish time.

FREE Dental Checks

The Bee Healthy Dental van will be visiting our school from Tuesday 21st February to Friday 3rd March.



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Kapura Lunch in schools

Kapura are now providing hot lunches everyday for our school. We started this week and it has been nice to see the whole school eating together in the hall.

A big ngā mihi to Whaea Tracey who has been in the kitchen making sure the lunches are heated through and serving it to our tamariki.

Breakfast Club

We are still running breakfast club every morning in the hall from 8:15am - 8:45am.

Fundraising Committee

If you are interested in being part of our fundraising committee, please email the office.

Afterschool School Patrol

If anyone is available to help supervise our patrols after school, please email the office. Times are 2:55pm - 3:10pm.

Lost Property

Week 2 and there is some clothing in our lost property unnamed. Please name your child's clothing so it can be returned.

Updated contact details

Please make sure we have the most updated contact details incase of an emergency. There is a form available in the office if you need to update any details.

End of Tag Season

Big shout out to our Ngāti Toa All Blacks U9's Tag team. They were entered as a last minute school team that they put together themselves. Big ngā mihi to Jamie and Patsy for all the trainings and organising and our committed whānau for getting them to the games over the summer.

Lateness/Absentees

Just a reminder if your child is late for school, please remind them to come to the office to sign in. They will be given a late pass for their teacher. If your child is absent, please contact the office as early as possible. You can also send a pm to our school facebook page.

Dates to remember

**21st February - 3rd March
Dental Van in school**

**24th February
Junior school trip to Titahi Bay beach**

**27th February & 2nd March
Parent Interviews**

**28th February
Paid Union Meeting - school closes early**

**6th March
School Trip to Wainuiomata Pools**

**21st March
Year 1 & 2 Football Festival**

**24th March
Trip to Island Bay sea aquarium TBC**

**30th March
Kaumatua Day**

**3rd April
School Fun run - more details to come**

**6th April
Last day of Term 1**

**24th April
Teacher Only Day**



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