

# Ngāti Toa School

## Pānui wiki tuawhitu Wāhanga tuatoru 2025



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E te whānau

Ngā mahi a ngā tūpuna i tuku iho ki te tamaiti.

We are currently reviewing the Mauri Ora plans with whānau. I have been to a couple and have some more to attend. These plans gather background information that is important to teaching and learning. When we are working with your tamariki, we are working with their whānau, mātua and tipuna. Our tamariki do not stand alone in their learning journey. That is why we gather as much background information as possible so we can know how your tamaiti best learns and who are their supporters.

### NZEI Union Meeting

Ka mihi nui ki a koutou!

Thank you to everyone who supported our kaiako and kaiāwhina last Friday by collecting your tamariki early from school. Your support allowed all our kaiako — and some of our kaiāwhina — to attend a very important NZEI union meeting.

We'll share the outcomes of the meeting with you as soon as we can.

### Attendance

Attendance is a key priority for the Government and for us here at Ngāti Toa School. This term, we've been focusing on improving Friday attendance, which has historically been our lowest day of the week.

We're pleased to share that Friday attendance has improved by 10% this term!

- Term 2 Friday average: 74%
- Term 3 Friday average (so far): 84%

To celebrate this improvement, Matua Jamie will be running a Friday sausage sizzle — ka rawe!

We are aiming for 60% or more of each class to have 100% attendance (every day) this week. *Haere mai, Welcome!* All tamariki who attend school every day next week will go into the draw to win a meat pack for their whānau. There will be three meat packs up for grabs, and the draw will be held on Friday.

While we do encourage regular school attendance, if your child is unwell, please keep them home. There are a lot of bugs going around at the moment, and keeping sick children at home helps prevent the spread to others.

Ngā mihi o te ahiahi e te whānau,

Ānei te whakataukī rongonui mō te wiki: Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei.

This whakataukī encourages us to chase our dreams and goals. It reminds us to keep going despite challenges and to only bow our heads when facing truly significant obstacles.

Since we're also at the beginning of Te Whā o Mahuru according to the maramataka, now is a great time to write your goals or dreams you would like to achieve this marama or even the rest of the year.

Kia pai tō tātou nei wiki!!!

Hitira'a Mahana

NGĀTI TOA SCHOOL



NGĀTI TOA SCHOOL VALUES  
Haere mai, Welcome!  
Ngāti Toa School Values  
Te Mana, Te Manaaki, Te Kahurangi, Te Kotahitanga, Te Manaaki

Whāia te iti kahurangi  
ki te tūohu koe me he  
maunga teitei

Pursue excellence;  
should you stumble,  
let it be to a lofty  
mountain

## Achievement / Whakatutukitanga

We know that when attendance is high, achievement is usually high too. That's why, for the second half of the year, we're raising the bar and setting higher achievement goals.

Our focus is on improving both attendance and achievement, and our kaiako have already put strategies in place to help us reach these goals.

By the end of the year, we are aiming to achieve:

Reading Goal / Whāinga Pānui

✓ Improve achievement by 10% from mid-year

🎯 Target: 65% of ākonga at or above expectation

Maths Goal / Whāinga Pāngarau

✓ Improve achievement by 10% from mid-year

🎯 Target: 65% of ākonga at or above expectation



Writing Goal / Whāinga Tuhituhi

For Writing, kaiako have set specific goals for groups of ākonga across different year levels.

FLAG These goals will be published in the next newsletter

## Ngā Tamariki

Our Tamariki represent Ngāti Toa School in many events. They are so lucky to be involved with local interschool events, celebrations and competitions. Our tamariki often keep our school values in mind especially when they are representing Ngāti Toa School.

## PPSSA Rippa Rugby

Thanks to all the whānau and kaiako who supported Ngāti Toa School at the Rippa Tournament. Reports say that all our tamariki represented our school and demonstrated the school values at all times. My understanding is that the year 7/8 Raptors team won their final.

Congratulations to all who participated.

## Ngā Uara /Values

Ako - We are all teachers and we are all learners. We all help each other grow smarter

Hauora - We make healthy choices for our minds, bodies, wairua, whānau, and our kura

Iti kahurangi - We dream big, try our best, and celebrate what we achieve!

Kotahitanga - When we work together and support each other, we win together.

Aroha - We are kind, respectful, and caring towards ourselves, our friends, and our places.

## Kaiako/Kaimahi/Staff

Ngāti Toa School welcomes Francis Wi Neera-Mulvihill to our team.

Nau mai haere mai - haere mai ki te kura Francis!

Francis brings experience working with young people and his referees describe him as patient, calm and someone who encourages tamariki to do their best. He also comes from an international basketball background which aligns well with the interests and energy of our tamariki. He will be working primarily as a teacher aide in the senior classrooms. Mauri ora!

## Dates to remember

### 3 Hepetema

Election Day

### 4 Hepetema

Science Road Show

### 10 Heptema

Board takes office

### 15 Hepetema

Yr 4-6 Girls

Futsal Tournament

### 15 - 20 Hepetema

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

### 19 Hepetema

Last day of Term 3, 3pm



## Property

Our school hall renovations are almost complete. We hope to have a blessing for the re-opening some time soon. We will try and give you a date so you can attend if you wish.



## Whakamahara

The Corrections crew will be working around the school grounds each fine Saturday between 9:00am and 3:00pm. If you see or hear anything unusual at Ngāti Toa School outside of school hours, please contact Rhys on 021 133 8707.

## Term 3 Policy Review

This term, Ngāti Toa School is reviewing several policies in the Health, Safety, and Welfare section.

We invite you to be part of the review process by visiting our school's SchoolDocs site at:

<https://ngatitoa.schooldocs.co.nz> (note: there is no "www." in the address.)

☞ Instructions for accessing SchoolDocs follow on the next page.

## Policies Under Review:

- Child Protection
- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Food and Nutrition
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Missing Student Procedure

If you would like to provide feedback, you can do so:

- via the link in each policy document, or
- by contacting the school office directly.



## Te Poari

I have witnessed the important work that the current Board has done over the time I have been here. The most important piece of work has been the appointment of a new principal. It is always difficult to make these types of high level decisions. The other big piece of work was the Education Review Office visit. The Board had to review their performance as well as support the school with our review. It was a very reflective time for us all. The board has been actively involved with governance of the school, making sure things happen such as, camp, health and safety of staff and tamariki, resourcing teaching and learning. So, thank you to the Ngāti Toa School board for all your work and support.

## 📢 Board Elections – 7 Days Left!

Board Elections close in 7 days! You can vote online or return your voting papers to the school office before 3 September.

## Saturday Netball

Ngāti Toa Netters vs Tawa Taniwha. 3:50pm

Games are played at Ngāti Toa Domain. All the best this weekend to our team.



## Quick Guide to SchoolDocs for the School Community

Information for school staff, students, parents, and whānau

SchoolDocs is an online policy platform for schools in Aotearoa. Your SchoolDocs site contains policies that are specific to your school and can be accessed by the whole school community.

### Using SchoolDocs

Website	<input type="text" value="https://ngatitoa.schooldocs.co.nz"/>
Username	<input type="text" value="ngatitoa"/>
Username	<input type="text" value=""/>
Password	<input type="text" value="heart"/>

Enter the login information for your SchoolDocs site here.



Related policies are grouped together on SchoolDocs, with links to supporting information and resources.

- To find a policy, type a keyword into the search bar, or browse the site using the table of contents. Click the black arrows to open each section.
- Search for **Quick links for staff** and **Quick links for parents and whānau**, which provide links to useful policy information.



- For more information about using SchoolDocs, see the **Help** tab at the top of the site.

### Reviews and feedback

**Start your review**

All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review cycle to keep policies up to date. For review information each term, see **Current Review** at the top of the site.

- You can provide **content feedback** to suggest changes to improve the content of a policy.
- You can provide **implementation feedback** about how the policy is implemented at your school.



If you find information that's incorrect during a review (e.g. location of first aid supplies), **do not** submit this through the review tool. Let the principal or board know that it needs to be updated.



If you'd like to comment on a policy that's not under review, you can use the **feedback button** to send an email to your school. This feedback is not sent to the SchoolDocs team.

# Community Notices

**SEPTEMBER**

## Holiday Heroes

**WEEK 1: IT'S BEATLES WEEK**

OVER 3 FUN-FILLED DAYS. PICK YOUR INSTRUMENT (DRUMS, GUITAR/UKULELE, BEATLES HITS) WRAP IT UP WITH A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FOR YOUR PARENTS ON THE LAST DAY! NO MUSIC EXPERIENCE NEEDED

3 DAY WORKSHOP: \$199.00  
9.00AM - 4.00PM

EARLY START: \$10  
8.30AM - 9.00AM

FOR 6 YEARS & OVER

**TUES 23 SEP**  
Welcome & introduction  
Choose your instrument for next 2 days  
Start rocking out to Beatles hits!

**WED 24 SEP**  
Keep learning and perfecting your Beatles song  
Enjoy plenty of breaks with our fun games

**THU 25 SEP**  
Final practice and polish  
Perform your song at a special show for parents at 3:15 pm

PLUS COOL GAMES TO BURN OFF SOME STEAM;  
BASKETBALL!  
AIR HOCKEY!  
ARCADES!  
FOOSBALL!

Goodtime Music Academy, Lower Hutt

[WWW.GOODTIMEMUSICACADEMY.CO.NZ/HOLIDAY-PROGRAMME](http://WWW.GOODTIMEMUSICACADEMY.CO.NZ/HOLIDAY-PROGRAMME)

**OCTOBER**

## Holiday Heroes

**WEEK 2: IT'S NZ MUSIC WEEK**

OVER 3 FUN-FILLED DAYS. PICK YOUR INSTRUMENT (DRUMS, GUITAR/UKULELE, OR KEYBOARD) AND LEARN COOL KIWI HITS! WRAP IT UP WITH A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FOR YOUR PARENTS ON THE LAST DAY! NO MUSIC EXPERIENCE NEEDED

3 DAY WORKSHOP: \$199.00  
9.00AM - 4.00PM

EARLY START: \$10  
8.30AM - 9.00AM

FOR 6 YEARS & OVER

**TUES 30 SEP**  
Welcome & introduction  
Choose your instrument for the next 3 days  
Start rocking out to NZ hits!

**WED 1 OCT**  
Keep learning and perfecting your NZ hits songs  
Enjoy plenty of breaks with our fun games

**THU 2 OCT**  
Final practice and polish  
Perform your song at a special show for parents at 3:15 pm

PLUS COOL GAMES TO BURN OFF SOME STEAM;  
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**Porirua Judo Academy**  
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**School Holiday Programmes**

22 September-3 October

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**NATURE BRACELETS**  
**OPEN NIGHT**



**Girl Guiding**  
New Zealand

Titahi Bay Brownies have places available for next term. We're having an Open Night on Tuesday 2nd September for girls who are 7 years old (or turning 7 before the end of the year) to come along for a free visit.

Brownies make lifelong friends, discover the thrill of outdoor adventures, and learn skills that will shape their future. Titahi Bay Brownies meet on Tuesday 4pm - 5.30pm at Tireti Hall. Fees are \$110 per term at all levels of Guiding.

If you'd like more info or to save a place for the Open Night, please email [tbayguiding@gmail.com](mailto:tbayguiding@gmail.com) or enquire via the Girl Guiding NZ website.