

Ngāti Toa School

Pānui wiki rua Wāhanga tuawhā 2025



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Fakaalofa lahi atu,

Nau mai, hoki mai, haere mai koutou ki te kura. Welcome back to school everyone.

A special welcome to all our new whānau. Thank you to whānau for attending our mihi whakatau last Monday. I was impressed with our tamariki getting straight back into supporting the mihi whakatau without any practice. Tamariki were confident in waiaata and mihi mihi. They showed excellent listening and concentration when others were speaking. Tamariki have shown that they have come back rested and ready to learn.

Kua reri rātou i te ako ki te mahi kura me te pukumahi.

Ngā Tamariki

Ngā mihi ki ngā kaikōrero tamariki i runga i te pae. Our senior boys who sit on the pae at Ngāti Toa School do a very important job of welcoming new whānau. They represent the school in a special way at mihi whakatau. They are natural speakers and role model all the AHI KA values of Ngāti Toa School. He tauira pai ngā tama.

Mauri ora!

Kia ora from the Board

Our new school board has had its first meeting, and we're looking forward to the mahi ahead. A big thanks to everyone who's supported the board so far, and to our previous members for all they have done for Ngāti Toa School.

Your board members are: Jeff Hunkin (Presiding Member), Nirvana Wi-Neera, Aimee Bishop, Cherie Parai, Hannah Abara, Rhys McKinley (Interim Principal), and Crystal Southey-Willis (Incoming Principal). We're a mix of parents, staff and leaders, and we're all here with the same goal: helping all tamariki at our school thrive.

We're already getting stuck into some important work, including financial planning, setting goals for assessment, and putting our ERO action plan into action.

We'll keep you posted and welcome your ideas and feedback along the way.

Ngā mihi,
Ngāti Toa School Board
board@ngatitoa.school.nz



PB4L/AHI KA

Our focus this term for our ākonga is **Kotahitanga** – when we work together and support each other, we win together.

There are many occasions where kotahitanga can be demonstrated in everyday life. Please use the word Kotahitanga when you see it in action to help reinforce its meaning and understanding with your tamaiti. This will support our learning and culture here at school as well.

Attendance - Taenga ki te kura

Congratulations to all our whānau for sending your tamaiti to school every day in term 3. Our official attendance for Term 3 was 51% regular attendance – meaning 51% of our ākonga were at school regularly, with fewer than 5 days absent during the term. This is an improvement from 46% in Term 2, showing a 5% increase in regular attendance!

More time at school means more learning, more progress, and more chances for success. Our goal for the rest of the year is to reach 56% regular attendance, and with your continued support, we're confident we can get there together.

Ngā Kaiako/Kaimahi

Nau mai haere mai Anthony Perenise (Ants). Ants is joining us as a casual teacher aide reliever this week, covering for Francis, our regular teacher aide.

He brings a wealth of experience from his role as a youth caregiver with Oranga Tamariki. Ants will be primarily supporting Tūrama this week, though you may see him working in other classrooms throughout the term. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Ants!

Absences - Kore taenga

We are required to send accurate absence information to the Ministry of Education, so it's important that we know why your child is away – whether it's due to sickness, an appointment, or family reasons.

Please remember to contact the school if your child is absent.

You can let us know by:

- Calling the office on 236 7785
- Texting 027 236 7785
- Emailing office@ngatitoa.school.nz
- Sending a message via the Hero app or Facebook Messenger

After School Pick-ups - Kohinga ā muri te kura

School parking safety signs provided by Porirua City Council will be out each afternoon to help keep our tamariki safe during pick-up times. Please watch for the signs, park safely, and help us protect our kids around the school gates.



Dates to remember

15 Oketopa

Ki o rahi
tournament

16 Oketopa

NZ Shake out/
Earthquake drill

21 Oketopa

NTS Athletics Day
Kura St Park
All welcome

23 Oketopa

NZEI members
STRIKE DAY
Notice to come

24 Oketopa

Senior Road Patrol
Training

26 Oketopa

Labour Day
School CLOSED

28 Oketopa

Board Meeting
5:30pm



Rawa - Property

This is a reminder that the corrections crew are still working through their list of jobs at Ngāti Toa School. They are here on fine Saturdays between 9am and 3pm. Please keep clear of their working space while they are here.

Heat pump installations are underway across the school. The work in the administration block has been completed, and installation is now progressing through block 1 and then block 2.

It means each classroom will be able to control its own temperature — creating a more comfortable and consistent learning environment. A well-regulated temperature supports ākonga to stay focused and ready to learn.



Policy Review - Arotake Kaupapa

The following policies are open for review. Please review by clicking on the links below, or go to <https://ngatitoa.schooldocs.co.nz/> and click on the blue tab titled review. These policies will be open for review for all of term 4.

[Bullying and Harassment](#)

[Behaviour Management](#)

[Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property](#)

[Minimising Physical Restraint](#)

[Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion](#)

[Staff Wellbeing and Safety](#)



Thursday 23 October

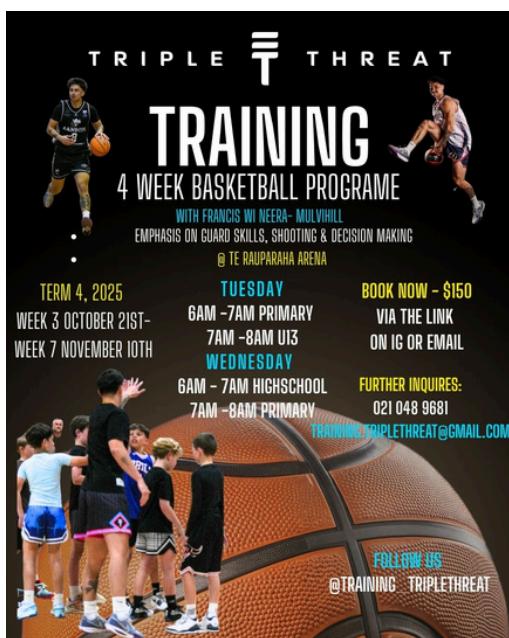
This is a heads up that there will be a possible teacher strike day.

Arrangements for this day will be decided on the 20 October by the school board and a notice will be sent to whānau on 21 October. This follows the lawful process.

Thank you for your understanding.



Community Notices



Kia ora koutou,

Francis Wi Neera- Mulvihill here from Triple Threat Training. For those who are unfamiliar with me I am a basketball player from Porirua who has played professionally in 5 different countries. Starting in Week 3, October 21st I will be running a 4 week basketball skills program on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings out of the Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua.

Each session will run for an hour before school and will focus on important skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting and decision making.

The age grades available will be, U10, U13 & Secondary school. If you're interested feel free to sign up via the link below or on the pdf. Please note spots are limited.

[Sign up form](#)

Thanks for your support.

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="ngatitoa"/>
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 your SchoolDocs 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.