

# Ngāti Toa School

## Pānui Wiki 8, Wāhanga Tuatahi 2026



Email: [office@ngatittoa.school.nz](mailto:office@ngatittoa.school.nz)  
Phone: 04 236 7785 / 027 236 7785

Kia ora e te whānau,

### Mauri Ora Whānau Hui

Ngā mihi maioha to all our whānau who made the time to attend our Mauri Ora whānau hui with your tamariki. We truly appreciate your time, your willingness to share your moemoeā for your tamariki, and for allowing us, as kaimahi, to nurture those moemoeā alongside you. We hope these whānau hui were as valuable for you as they were for our kaiako and kaimahi.

### TODs for 2026

#### Curriculum Refresh Dates

As you may be aware, the New Zealand Curriculum was refreshed in late October 2025. To ensure our kaiako remain up to date with the latest curriculum changes, assessment frameworks, and reporting to whānau processes, they will be attending professional learning development (PLD) on the following dates.

Please note that the school will be closed for instruction on these days.

We thank you in advance for your tautoko.

- Term 3 Week 5 Friday August 21st 2026
- Term 4 Week 2 Friday October 23 2026

Congrats to **Toloa Lyndon-Rohe**, who competed in the Tamariki/Kids Manu division of the Pōneke Regional Manu Competition, earning an impressive score of 8.7 to place first in the Tamariki division and qualify for Nationals. Toloa then went on to compete at the National Manu Competition in Tāmaki last week, placing 7th overall in the country. E tino whakapehapa ana mātou ki a koe – we are so proud of you!

Crystal Southey-Willis

**Tumuaki (Principal)**

### Ngā Toa o te wiki

Tino pai rawa atu! Kei te tino whakahihi mātou ki a koutou. Showing our kura mātāpono of Kotahitanga in wiki 8.



## Attendance / Te tae ā tinana

You will be aware that the government has been taking strong action this year to improve student attendance. In alignment with this, your child will have received a separate pānui outlining Ngāti Toa Schools' Attendance Management Plan (AMP).

This plan has been developed in line with government requirements and is intended, first and foremost, to support our kura and whānau to work together to improve student attendance and engagement.

### Why attendance matters

Regular attendance helps tamariki build confidence, develop friendships, and achieve success. Even missing one day every two weeks adds up to around four weeks of lost learning each year. Our goal is for every child to feel they belong and thrive.

### Our approach

We follow the Ministry of Education's Stepped Attendance Response (STAR). As absences increase, we move from check-ins and friendly reminders to hui with whānau, support plans, and—if needed—external support services. Our focus is always on working together to remove barriers and support your child.

### Traffic Light System

We use a simple traffic light system to show attendance levels across the year:

- **Green (90%+ attendance):** On track for success
- **Amber (80–89% attendance):** Early support may be needed
- **Red (below 80% attendance):** More support and planning required

### When support is triggered

- 5–9 days: Hui with whānau
- 10–14 days: Attendance Support Plan
- 15+ days: External support may be involved

### How whānau can help

- Let us know if your child will be away (preferably before 9am)
- Talk with us early about extended absences
- Keep us updated on any challenges
- Celebrate progress—every day at school counts!

### Our commitment to you

We actively monitor attendance, follow up unexplained absences, and keep whānau informed. We work alongside whānau and support services to help every student attend and succeed.

If you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or the school office.

Together, we can empower every learner for the future.

## Year 7 & 8 Technicraft / Hangarau Tau 7 & 8

Our Tau 7-8 cohort have had a great term at tech. They have enjoyed food tech and digital technology this term.

A reminder that all Year 7 and 8 students need to come to kura with closed-toe shoes and their hair tied up every Tuesday throughout the year. Our amazing kaimahi are spending lots of time on Tuesdays phoning whānau and chasing up gear when they shouldn't be.

Please ensure your child is coming prepared for learning.

## Dates to remember:

**31 Maehe**

Interschool Touch  
tournament

**31 Maehe**

Junior trip to  
Rangituhi

**Taite 2 Aperira**

Last day of Term 1

**3 Aperira**

No kura  
Good Friday

**20 Aperira**

First day of Term 2

9:30am - Mihi Whakatau

All welcome

**27 Aperira**

School CLOSED  
ANZAC day (observed)

**Term 2 Wiki 4**

Yr 7&8 Noho Marae  
Separate panui to come



### Moving March / Māehe Manawa Ora

It's been awesome to see the burst of stamping energy during the final week of Movin'March! A huge mihi to all our taura, whānau, and kaiako who embraced the challenge and got involved—walking, scooting, biking, skating, and park-and-striding to kura. Let's keep it going! Our school gate has been more fun, more active, and much safer with everyone choosing to walk and wheel. Te Rōpū Kākāriki ran a fantastic Wacky wheels Wednesday event. It was great to see so many tamariki bring their wheels to school alongside their fantastic costumes. Congrats to all our prize winners.

### Park & Stride

If your whānau live too far away to walk or wheel all the way, you can also park away from the school gate and walk or wheel the rest.

Last day is 31 March.

### Ngā Whakaurunga hou - New Enrolments - 2026

If you have a child turning five or know of anyone who is considering enrolling with us this year, we recommend to pre-enrol as soon as possible for planning purposes. Enrolment forms are available in the office or on the school website [www.ngatitoea.school.nz](http://www.ngatitoea.school.nz)



### Kōrero from our Sports Captain

"I want everyone to work hard this year and encourage everyone to just try your best."

"Give everything a go, even if it's hard. I think everyone should just try a sport - you don't know if your gonna be good or not until you try. Even if you like try and you're not that good, you can practise to get better."

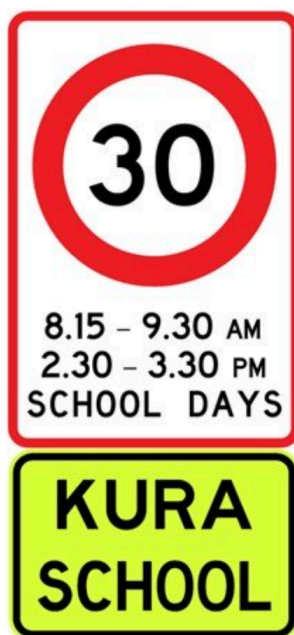


### New variable 30km/h speed limit signage outside school gates -

We have received a notification from the Porirua City Council that over the next three months, Porirua City Council is installing new variable 30km/h speed limit signage outside school gates.

The variable speed will apply approximately 150 metres either side of each school gate. For our school these speed limits will be in place from 8.15-9.30am each morning and 2.30-3.30pm each afternoon. This will go live in Titahi Bay and Takapūwāhia from 15 June 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the Transport team at the Council.



### Ngā Akoranga Kaukau / Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for our junior students in Yr 0-3 will take place on Thursdays from Week 3 of Term 2. Students will be walking to the Arena every Thursday. If you are a whānau/parent who can help with walking with your child's class to and from the pool on a Thursday, that would be greatly appreciated. Please get in touch with your child's kaiako.

### Te Patu Kutu / Head Lice

Head lice can sometimes spread during swimming activities. If your child requires treatment or a lice comb, these are available in the office. Please feel free to see Whaea Corrina or Whaea Ivy for assistance.

### Kaiāwhina Mātua / Parent Helpers Needed

We are needing parent helpers for after-school patrol on Monday and Tuesday. Please see the office.

### Wā Parakuihi / Breakfast Club

A reminder we have breakfast club every Monday and Friday in Term 2 in the school hall.

### Pānui Hākinakina / Sports Notices

#### Touch Turbo

Big mihi to all of our teams and coaches this season. Just a friendly reminder that **Touch Turbo fees for Term 1, 2026 are overdue**. This is a separate fee from the Term 4, 2025 Touch Turbo fees. Please pay \$18 (per child) into the school bank account. Thank you to those who have paid already.

Ngāti Toa School Board of Trustees

12-3254-0191023-00

Ref: child's name T1, 2026

### Whakataetae Poitūkohu / Basketball Competition

Basketball 5v5 season has begun for the after-school competition. All games are played at Titahi Bay School. Coaches/Managers will send a text out with game times.

### Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne | Wildlife Sanctuary

Last week, some of our seniors were lucky enough to visit Zealandia as part of our inquiry learning around the kaupapa 'Taiao'. Students enjoyed their day learning about changes in the ngahere, as well as learning about both our local and national taonga.

### Māuiui / Illness

There are a number of illnesses circulating in our community at the moment. COVID-19 remains present, and we are also seeing several cases of stomach bugs causing vomiting and diarrhoea.

Please ensure that tamariki who are unwell or showing symptoms are kept at home.

If your child experiences vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for **at least 48 hours** after their last episode, and please notify school.



# Ngā Pānui o te Hāpori /Community Notices

## PORIRUA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Tuesday April 14th to Friday 17th April

9am - 10am: Kōtiro & Wāhine (Girls and young women)

10am - 11am - Tāne (Boys)



To register, email [info@senserugby.co.nz](mailto:info@senserugby.co.nz)

or for more info visit [senserugby.co.nz](http://senserugby.co.nz)



## Porirua Judo Academy

Level 1, 11 Cobham Court, Porirua CBD



Judo is a martial art that builds resilience and determination in kids. Whether your kids are already involved in sports or you are looking to find the right activity for your sports shy kid, judo has something to offer anyone.

At Porirua Judo Academy we have a team who are eager to introduce your kids to the start of their martial arts journey. Committed coaches, dedicated students, PJA is the complete package. First four lessons free.

Contact: [info@porirujudo.org.nz](mailto:info@porirujudo.org.nz) 021 081 98340

## ATTENTION PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS!

Do you care for a child aged 10-18 years?

Do you and your child permanently live in New Zealand?



### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Our research explores how parents and caregivers feel about youth legal rights and how well they understand them.

Complete our 20min online survey and go in the draw for **one of four \$50 vouchers**.

Scan the QR code to participate in the confidential survey.



Email [amelia.romijn@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:amelia.romijn@vuw.ac.nz) for any queries. Ethical approval has been granted by the Victoria University of Wellington Human Ethics Committee (No. 2025/HE040044)



## TE RĒHIA TAMARIKI

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

## APRIL 11-21

AGES 5-10  
SWIMMING, MAORI SPORTS, ART, FUN GAMES, KAI + MORE.

CALL NOW TO REGISTER. FEES APPLY.  
PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED

P: 04 237 7749 | E: [enquiry@poriruawhanau.org.nz](mailto:enquiry@poriruawhanau.org.nz)  
Porirua Whānau Centre 16 Bedford Ct, Cannons Creek

# Friday Library Club

## March 2026 activities

Friday 6 March, 3.30–5.15pm

### **Book Swap & Sale**

Have a book or two that you no longer have room for at home? Bring a book to swap and/or peruse our pre-loved book sale table.

Friday 13 March, 3.30–5.15pm

### **Leaping Leprechauns!**

Join us for a St. Patty's Day themed story time and make a leprechaun trap to take home.

Friday 20 March, 4–5.15pm

### **Amazing Adventures!**

Start your journey at our adventurous story time. Next, join the group to write an adventure of our own. Reach your final destination at the crafting tables, working up something amazing!

Friday 27 March, 3.30–5.15pm

### **Easter Eggstravaganza**

Find all our hidden Easter eggs and complete the quest worksheet to win a prize!

These events require adult supervision, ngā kaitiaki/caregivers to remain with children at all times.

For any programming enquiries, email [cherise.lesueur@porirucity.govt.nz](mailto:cherise.lesueur@porirucity.govt.nz)



## 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.

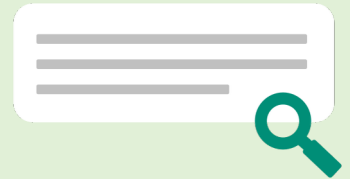
### Using SchoolDocs

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

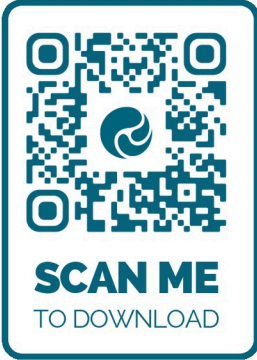
All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review cycle to keep policies up to date. For review information each term, see **Current Review** at the top of the site.

- 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.



# READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by following these steps

## 1 DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

## 2 SELECT "NEW USER"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password.

## 3 CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five minutes.

If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.

1

2

3

4

5

6

## 4 ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select "Next"

## 5 SELECT "SUBMIT"

Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.

## 6 FOLLOW THE LINK

This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.