



Letter From the Acting Principal

BY HANNAH O'BRIEN

Kia ora koutou,

Please take a moment to read through the attached letter containing important information about the management and teaching structure at our kura for the next few weeks.

I want to thank you all again for your patience and support as we work to get things running smoothly here at school. My priority over the next few weeks will be to keep everything functioning as well as I can.

We have many exciting events coming up, so please take note of our calendar on the right. This week, we are very fortunate to have Amy and Harold the giraffe at school from the Life Education Trust. The programs run by the Life Education Trust provide excellent learning opportunities for our tamariki on real-life topics, primarily related to the health curriculum. The lessons are engaging, interactive, and fun for the kids, which really helps them learn.

Over the next few weeks, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, and I will do my best to help.

Ngaa mihi nui,
Hannah

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Important Dates

**24th & 25th
OCTOBER 2024**

Harold Life Education Trust

28th OCTOBER 2024

Labour Day - School is
CLOSED

31st OCTOBER 2024

Ruben the Safety Bear JRS

6 NOVEMBER 2024

Picture Day!

8 NOVEMBER 2024

Jr Sports Ruawaro Year 1-3

15 November 2024

Teacher Only Day. No
School.

12 November 2024

Te Akau School Athletics
(Rain Date 19 Nov)

22 November 2024

Senior Athletics

26 November 2024

Room 2 - Trip Raglan Rock

3rd December 2024

Room 1 & 3 - Trip to the
Hamilton Zoo

Housekeeping

DAILY SCHOOL BELLS

9am	School Starts
11am	Morning Tea
11.30am	Session Two
12.50pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Session Three
2.30	Home Time



SUN SMART

Te Akau School is a sun smart school. We require our students to wear sun hats while outside during Term 1 and Term 4. Please send your child with a clearly named hat to school every day. Sunscreen is available from the staff room and the students are encouraged to use this, however it would be wise to apply a layer before coming to school.

Garden to Table

Garden to table is run every Friday for Room 2 & 3 with Jodie and Kate. The students have been harvesting cauliflower, spinach and radishes. We currently have an abundance of spinach and silver beet in the garden for anyone who is interested please let us know. Recently our students have been learning how to recognize herbs and edible flowers.

Our sunflower and watermelon seedlings we planted in Term 3 have popped up over the holidays, what hasn't been eaten by slugs and snails is looking great!

Loads more seeds are going to be planted over summer planning, the students are really keen to see their plan of a bamboo teepee come into fruition as well as maybe some chickens.

Week 1 of term 4 we made Cauliflower and Cheese Muffins with White Chocolate and Raspberry Jam Lamingtons. This Friday we are planning to make Mac and Cheese with broccoli and cauliflower from our garden. We are always keen to have parent involvement during these sessions, if you would like to join please email jodie@teakau.school.nz

Last term Matua Paul from Parekore came to do a waste audit with our students, this term we will continue to look at what Para Kore would look like at Te Akau School.



Bus Sponsors

Te Akau School is incredibly grateful to our sponsors for their support in helping us achieve our goal of maintaining our school-owned bus.

Your contributions have made a significant impact, ensuring our students have safe and reliable transportation getting to and from school and also to various educational activities outside our school.

Thanks to you, our school community is stronger, and our students have more opportunities to thrive. Thank you for believing in our vision and for being an essential part of our journey!



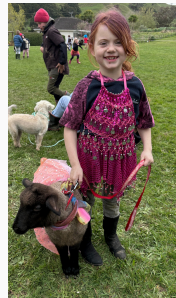
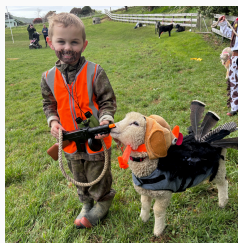
Pet Day

Congratulations to all our students who worked super hard on their pets and art work in the lead up to Pet Day 2024, you all did amazing!

Huge thanks to the BOT for running this super fun day for us every year!

Thanks to our sponsors Gay -PGG Wrightson's Hamilton, Jamie Ward - Affco, Jenny Simpson - Mighty Mix and Bronwyn Main - Ranworth Farms for hooking us up with amazing prizes and food!

We are creating a board in our foyer with photos from pet day. If you have any cracker pictures like the ones Whaea Hannah took below, please email them to office@teakau.school.nz



Champion & Reserve Champions

Champion Lamb/Goat:

Lyla Merrilees with Patch

Reserve Champion Lamb/Goat:

Reagan Lilley with Shadow

Champion Dog:

Tommy Rowe with Luna

Reserve Champion Dog:

Angel Sheehan with Rosie

Champion Calf:

Declan Tovey with Butterfly

Reserve Champion Calf:

Lucian Williamson with Coconut

Champion Indoor Pet:

Delilah Andrews-Wright with Charlotte

Reserve Champion Indoor Pet:

Angus Glenn with Speckle

HOUSE POINTS

466

Rimu

457

Totara

399

Kauri

At Te Akau School our students are divided up into three houses. Totara, Rimu and Kauri. During the year the students get opportunities to earn points for their house and special rewards. At the end of the year the house with the most points is presented with the Te Akau School House Challenge Shield!

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YEAR 6-8 TECH DATES TERM 4

Year 6 to 8 students attending Tech at Ngaruawahia Primary school. Your dates this term are every second Thursday, 24th October 2024, 7th November 2024, 21st November 2024 and the 5th December 2024.

Board Of Trustees Update

Kia ora Te Akau whānau!

A massive thank you to everyone who attended Pet Day last term, what a day! We're fortunate to be able to run Pet Day but couldn't do it without our families making the effort with their pets, and costumes. If you have any feedback about the day that you would like to share, please do so, we love to know what worked well and ways we can make it even better - please email one of our members.

You may have noticed an angelic voice over the loud speaker on Pet Day, this new capability is a feature of our fancy new fire alarm system upgrade. Gabbie is in the process of drafting a new Emergency Management Plan which will be available for view in the office once we have finalised this.

We're in store for another busy term as we work in collaboration with staff to get the library up and running ready for 2025. Purchasing a book at the upcoming Book Fair will be a great way add your little bit of legacy to our library for the generations to come. I'm excited to see the costumes for Book Character Day!

Policies are an important part of ensuring our school runs effectively and provides guidelines for dealing with situations as they arise. Your feedback into these policies ensures they align with the values of Te Akau School families so your feedback is important. We have a policy review schedule which highlights various policies for review each term.

Please login to SchoolDocs (details below) and take a look. SchoolDocs will guide you through the process of giving feedback on policies.

Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini - My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

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School Policies

All of our policies are available from the office or online on our SchoolDocs page:
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Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING
Monday 18 November
5pm
Te Akau School

All welcome!