



## Letter From the Acting Principal

BY HANNAH O'BRIEN

Kia ora koutou,

Looking at the last few weeks of the school year is a little daunting! We have so many wonderful things coming up - Ruawaro Junior Sports, Te Ākau School Athletics day, Senior Athletics, Room 2's overnight camp, a trip to the Zoo, trips to the Refinery, Book Character day, Prizegiving.....

Our tamariki are very lucky to have so many exciting things to fill their last few weeks at school before Christmas.

Please take special notice of the change to our Teacher Only Day - this is now on the 15th of November. Next year we will be implementing a number of changes to the English and Maths curriculums and this teacher only day will be our first introduction to how that will look. We are all feeling hopeful that these changes will have a positive impact on learning outcomes for our akonga (learners) and we are lucky to be able to work alongside some other local schools to work through these changes and support each other.

Enjoy your week!

Ngaa mihi nui,  
Hannah

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### Important Dates

**8 NOVEMBER 2024**

Jr Sports Ruawaro Year 1-3

**12 November 2024**

Te Akau School Athletics  
(Rain Date 19 Nov)

**13 November 2024**

Book Character Day

**14 November 2024**

GIRLS Rm2&3 - Refinery

**15 November 2024**

Teacher Only Day. No  
School.

**20 November 2024**

BOYS Rm2&3 - Refinery

**22 November 2024**

Senior Athletics

**26-27 November 2024**

Room 2 - Overnight Camp  
Raglan

**3 December 2024**

Room 1 & 3 - Trip to the  
Hamilton Zoo

**4 December 2024**

GIRLS Rm2&3 - Refinery

**9 December 2024**

Term 4 Working Bee

**12 December 2024**

BOYS Rm2&3 - Refinery

**17 December 2024**

Last Day, Prize Giving

# 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.

# Student Sports Achievements

Congratulations to Angel Sheehan, Declan Tovey and Lyla Merriliees who went on from our School Pet day to compete at the **Lower Waikato Schools Group day**. Lyla placed 4th for most obvious pet, 5th for leading and 1st for rearing, Angel placed 5th for most obvious pet, 4th for leading and 3rd for rearing and Declan placed 5th for leading and 5th for rearing.



Further more Declan and Lyla gave the **Waikato A&P** a go where Lyla placed 6th for most obvious pet, 6th for leading and 3rd for rearing. Declan placed 4th for leading and 6th for rearing! Well done team!



Congratulations to Tommy Rowe who competed at the **Waingaro Gambler Stakes** in Show jumping and Cross Country taking home 5th place in his class.

If your child/ren are competing in any sporting or cultural events outside of school, please let us know. We would love to celebrate their efforts and achievements

# 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!





# Te Akau School Athletics

Te Akau School athletics will be held on the **12th November 2024**, with a back up rain date of the 19th November 2024.

Our students have been training to participate in the following events:

- Long Jump    \* High Jump    \* Shot Put    \* Sprints    \* Discus    \* House Relays

Please dress in your house colours and make sure you are able to run and jump comfortably in your choice of outfit. PTA will be selling sausages and bread at lunch time for \$3.00 cash only.

## Kauri

Te Hiritanga (House Captain,  
Ollie & Benjamen (Deputy Captains), Samantha, Blake, Jayden, Delilah, Declan, Aggie, Lucy, Maui, Angel, Ocean and Luka

## Rimu

Tommy (House Captain, Jessica & Aiden (Deputy Captains), Kade, Mason L, Ariana, Katara, Paige, Koby, Sadie, Lillie, Rhyda, Santana, Sasha and Macey

## Totara

Hikaka (House Captain, Noah & William (Deputy Captains), Billie, Rory, Angus, George, Lucian, Reagan, Lyla, Jocelyn, Mason K, Lachie, Esme and Piper

## HOUSE POINTS

522

Rimu

515

Totara

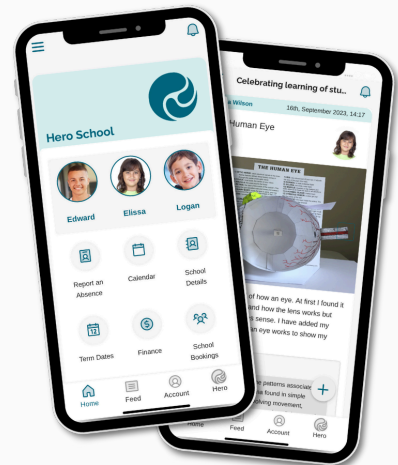
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Kauri

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!

## HERO STUDENT MANAGEMENT APP

Download the Hero Student Management App today!  
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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.

## Harold Life Education Trust

Harold from Life Education Trust visited us at Te Akau School on the 24th and 29th of October. Harold brought engaging educational programs aimed at promoting health, well-being and resilience among our students.

Through interactive tailor made workshops our students learnt to make informed choices about their health, relationships and personal growth. With a focus on fostering a positive mindset and essential life skills.



## Ruben The Road Safety Bear

Ruben the Road Safety Bear made a special visit to our school on the 31st October 2024. Ruben taught our years 0-3 about the importance of road safety. With his bright smile and engaging stories, he shared essential tips on how to stay safe while walking, biking or crossing the street.



## Restoration Project



Laying under an overgrown area of the native patch. Our students found this bench seat in need of some TLC. Choosing to clean it up during their own lunch time, demonstrating massive mana and respect we discovered this bench seat is in memory of the late John & Josie Harrisson. We would love to honor and restore the seat to its former. If you have skills in the world of outdoor furniture restoration and could lend some direction to these keen students please get in contact.



## We Appreciate You!

To our Te Akau School PTA, we wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution in purchasing a new trampoline for our Kura (school). As you may have noticed our old trampoline finally broke beyond repair last term. The trampoline was a big hit with all our students and was sorely missed!

Your support not only enhances our playground but also provides our students with a fun and engaging way to stay active and build their coordination and teamwork skills. Your commitment to our children's well-being and development makes a significant difference in their lives.

Thank you to all of the PTA and especially Sarah Glenn, Becks Jackson, Jessica Murphy, Aimie Lawson, Jamie Andrews and Mike van den Bemd for coming on down Wednesday morning to assemble the new 15ft tramp all before morning tea! Here is a few snaps of our Big PTA Kids performing some quality control tests.

Sincerely, The Staff and Students of Te Akau School



Almost halfway through the term means that our kaiako (teachers) are getting ready to assess and evaluate our tamariki learning over the year. This information will also feed through to the Board to indicate whether the strategies & programmes we have supported our teachers to implement, and the resources we have provided, have proved successful. It also allows us to plan for next year and ensure our Strategic & Annual Plans are targeted where we need them most.

We're excited about the upcoming EOTC (Education Outside of The Classroom) events. It's tricky balancing classroom learning time with time out of the classroom with learning in unique settings, but we're positive that the adventures and experiences planned will build on classroom learning and provide contexts and shared experiences that can feed through into future learning.

Our team are looking ahead to 2025 and are pleased to share that we intend to trial a new timetable for Term 1, 2025. The intention behind this is to extend our learning time to maximise our children's learning experience each day.

We welcome your feedback on the changes, please email one of our members if you have any comments for us to take into consideration.

## TRIAL TIMETABLE

School start: 9am

Snack/Refuel: 10am

(This is applicable to all classes where the tamariki can have a quick snack)

Morning tea: 11am - 11.30am

Lunch: 12.50pm - 1.30pm

School will finish at 3pm



## Working Bee - Monday 9 December from 9am

Melissa will contact our whānau who are rostered on for the working bee in Term 4. Thank you to those who have contributed this year, and to those that are about to do so. We require all hands on deck to keep our school looking amazing.

Thanks to a donation from the PTA, we have purchased a new Jumpflex trampoline! Thank you to Sarah and team for putting this together and bringing the bounce back into our student's play times!

Kia pai tō rā, the BOT Team

## School Policies

All of our policies are available from the office or online on our SchoolDocs page:  
[teakau.schooldocs.co.nz](https://teakau.schooldocs.co.nz)  
LOGIN: teakau  
PASSWORD: lifelonglearners

## Next Meeting

Monday 18 November  
5pm  
Te Akau School  
All welcome!