



## Letter From the Acting Principal

BY HANNAH O'BRIEN

Kia ora koutou,

This week is the last full week of on-site learning this term, before we head away on camp next week and then into the Easter holidays. We are all very excited about camp which will be a wonderful learning experience for all of our tamariki.

If your family uses the Te Akau School bus, you will have received an email about proposed changes to the bus route for next term. If you would like to have your say on this decision, please reply to that email by the 12<sup>th</sup> of April.

In weeks 1 & 2 of Term 2 I will be away on leave. My eldest son has gained entry into a USA national Archery competition in California so we are heading over there as a family to support him and have a holiday beforehand. I am leaving you in the very capable hands of our Deputy Principal, Hayley, who will manage day-to-day running of the school. If you need any help during this time, please contact Gabbie in the office for admin related matters and Hayley for any concerns regarding your children.

Shortly after I return, in week 3 of next term, all of our teachers will be away for 3 days from the 14-16 April to attend a course on Structured Literacy. This is very important learning for our teachers, aimed at improving outcomes in Literacy for our learners across the school. During this time, the children will be in the very capable hands of Gabbie with Danielle van den Bemd in Rm1, Sandra Parrott in Rm3 and Julia Ballard in Rm2. We are very fortunate to have such excellent relief teachers available while our teachers undertake this very important training.

I hope that your whānau have a wonderful Easter and I will look forward to seeing you all next term.

Nga mihi nui,  
Hannah

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## Important Dates

**Friday 4th of April**  
Mufti Day

**7-10th April 2025**  
Whole School Camp

**11th April 2025**  
Last Day of Term 1

**28th April 2025**  
First Day of Term 2

# Housekeeping

TERM 1, WEEK 10

## DAILY SCHOOL BELLS

9am	School Starts
11am	Morning Tea
11.30am	Session Two
12.50pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Session Three
3.00pm	Home Time

Please remember to use a vivid to write your Child/rens names on their hot lunches. We are spending a lot of our break time to do this for you.



## HOT LUNCHES

Mondays and Fridays, students can bring hot lunches wrapped in tin foil and clearly labeled to heat up in the oven.

## Mufti day this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of April

Friday 4 of April will be having a Mufti day.

Can you please bring a gold coin for our donation for Ronald McDonald house. Your kids clothes have to be in school dress code (Appropriate mufti attire). We will have a house challenge for points and some other games to have fun .Please bring some food or snacks for a shared lunch. It will be at lunch time. Can you please pack morning tea for your kid\child.

**NOAH, BEN, JESS, AIDEN, ANGEL, SAMANTHA**

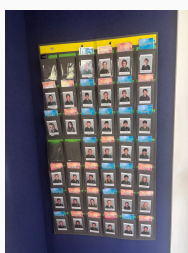
## 3pm school day finish

As you will be aware, this term we have been trialing a 3pm finish to the school day. From our end, teachers are happy with this change as it gives an extra half hour of instruction each day. We are conscious, however, that the buses at the end of the day can be long, and children are getting home later than they were last year. We are hoping that by changing the Te Akau School bus run we can help support some of our younger students with these longer days.

We are proposing to **move permanently to a 3pm finish**, however we invite your feedback on this decision. We would like to know if the new school day is working for your whānau, and we invite you to send your feedback via email to [bot@teakau.school.nz](mailto:bot@teakau.school.nz) by the 11<sup>th</sup> of April so that we can make an informed final decision.

## School Library

Our school library is being transformed! This has been a huge job involving putting up shelves, implementing library software, inputting all of our books and barcoding them, as well as covering, labelling and inputting all of the new books we have recently purchased. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Gabbie for doing all of this amazing work for us, as well as another HUGE thank you to our PTA for a generous donation towards furniture, shelving and new books for the library. We are very excited to re-open the library at the beginning of next term.



## 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, ensuing 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!



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**Important notes to remember:**

- **Depart School:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 10am
- **NO BUSES MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL TO THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL.**
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, school as usual. Go Bus will be running but NOT Te Akau School Bus.
- Please arrive at school on Monday by **9.30am** for a 10am departure to Camp Adair.
- **All medications must be clearly labelled and handed over to Hannah on Monday morning.**
- A packed lunch for Monday will be required, the first meal provided by Camp Adair will be dinner Monday night.
- Two items of baking (or packet baking) are required. Please do not pack this in your child's bags. Whaea Donna will collect this on Monday morning before departure (or upon arrival if you are meeting us there).
- **In case of emergency please call: Hannah 027 467 9103 or Camp Adair (09) 292 4886.**
- **Return to School:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm - no bus, please collect your child/ren from school.
- **Reminder: No phones, lollies or money at camp.**

**Transport:**

**Danielle van den Bemd:** Lachie, Billie and Paige  
**Morgan Lilley:** Piper, Reagan and Lyla  
**Tom Lilley and Jack Bregmen:** Mason, Blake and Luka  
**Sheldon and Hayley Smith:** Jayden, Koby and Esme  
**Tim and Jocelyn Orlando-Reep:** Sasha  
**Jamie Andrews:** Delilah, Lucy and Angus  
**Katrina Hooper:** Jocelyn, Ben and Aiden  
**Caitlan Culley:** Lillie and Noah  
**Chrissy Johnston:** Rhyda, Jess and Angel  
**Josh MacDonald:** Macey and Sadie  
**Simon O'Neill:** George, Declan and Lucian  
**Jemma Harris:** Gracie, Katara, Ariana and Samantha  
**Hannah O'Brien:** Kade and Rory

**Hugh Lambie Village****Cabin #15:**

**Danielle, Jocelyn,** Lachie, Sasha, Esme, Jocelyn and Lucy

**Cabin #16:**

**Sheldon, Simon,** George, Angus, Declan, Blake, Lucian, Jayden and Koby

**Cabin #17:**

**Jack, Tim, Josh,** Sasha, Macey, Sadie and Luka

**Cabin #18:**

**Katrina, Jemma,** Gracie, Samantha, Katara, Billie, Ariana and Angel

**Cabin #19:**

**Chrissy, Caitlan, Morgan,** Piper, Delilah, Lillie, Rhyda, Lyla, Jessica, Paige and Reagan

**Cabin #20:**

**Tom, Jamie,** Noah, Aiden, Mason, Kade, Ben and Rory





In Garden to Table, our students explored where seeds come from and the importance of seed saving – a key part of the plant life cycle and an exciting link to our science learning. In the kitchen, they harvested fresh silver beet, kale, and parsley to create a delicious garlic greens pasta. As they continue to develop their knife skills, the focus was on working safely and efficiently while preparing ingredients.



It was wonderful to see the students collaborating—whether carefully collecting seeds for future planting or working together to create a nutritious meal. Great teamwork, everyone! – Whaea Kate



Tamariki get stuck in and get their hands dirty, with adults acting simply as observers and guides. Practical life skills develop alongside awareness of sustainability and environmentalism.

Hard work and patience pays off with a sense of achievement and whakahi, pride for children. Produce straight from the garden provides more nutritional benefits and it tastes better too!

Kids develop skills for life by cooking meals from scratch. Learning to use kitchen tools, weighing and measuring, and the science of food, all provides links to core curriculum concepts.

Everyone sits down to eat together, taking part in the age-old ritual of sharing food. Tamariki are often more adventurous about eating meals from food they have grown and prepared.





## FOR SALE

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## TEACHER AIDE VACANCY

### Teacher Aide Position at Te Akau School

Te Akau School is seeking a dedicated and caring Teacher Aide to join our team! This is a part-time, fixed-term position for 20 hours per week, secured until the end of Term 2 (potentially longer). We are looking for someone who is passionate about supporting students and helping them succeed in a nurturing, community-focused environment. Experience working with children is preferred, but not essential.

If you're enthusiastic, compassionate, and ready to make a difference, we'd love to hear from you!

To apply or for more details, please contact the school office.



## HOUSE POINTS

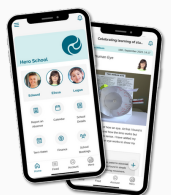
Kauri  
136

Tofara  
86

Rimu  
83

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9m x 12m - \$250

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Te Akau School

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# Board Of Trustees Update

TERM 1, WEEK 7

Kia ora Te Akau whānau,

The BOT Team

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## 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

17 March 2025  
5.30pm  
Te Akau School  
  
All Welcome!

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