



Letter From the Acting Principal

BY HANNAH O'BRIEN

Kia ora koutou,
 A big focus for us as a school this year is going to be improving our rate of 'regular attendance' for our students. The government's target is to have 80% of students attending school 90% of the time. This means less than 5 days absent per term. To help meet this new target, the Ministry of Education have recently introduced their Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) for absences. For our school, you will notice some changes because of this new response system. If your child is absent from school, and you haven't notified us, you will get a call, message or text from the office to find out if your child is at home and the reason for their absence. If your child's attendance falls below 80% in a term, you may get a letter from me at the end of the term asking for ways we can support your whānau to improve attendance.

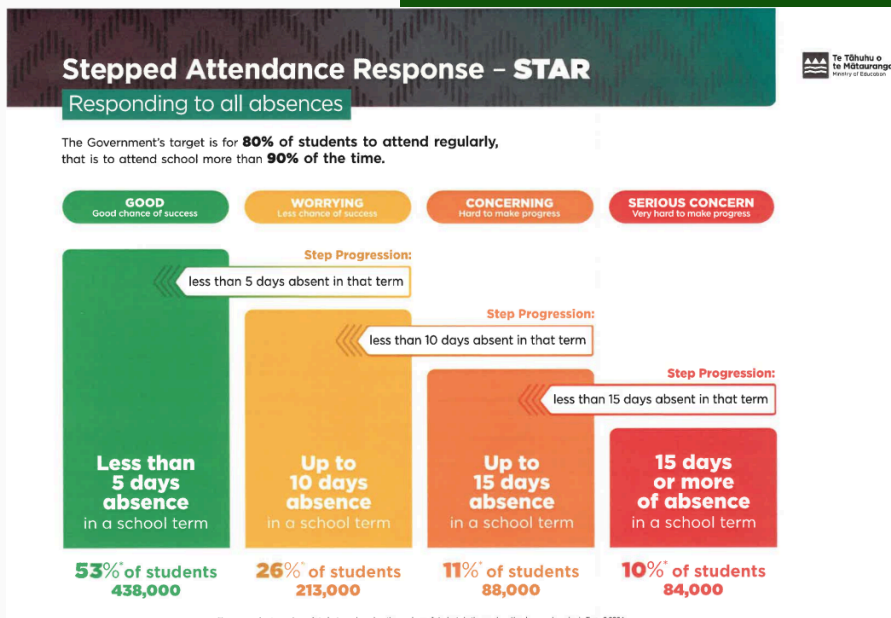
I know that it is sometimes tempting to pick your child up early if you're passing, or to keep them home if their sibling is sick, however each minute of instruction is valuable, and consistent attendance ensures they don't miss out on crucial learning opportunities. Even seemingly small absences can add up over time and impact their academic progress and their attendance data. By prioritising full-day attendance, you're setting a strong foundation for their educational success.

We know that illness can be a big barrier to school attendance and we don't want kids coming to school sick but we have some great resources available and access to an excellent Public Health Nurse whenever you need support with health related concerns.

Nga mihi nui,
 Hannah

Important Dates

- 28 February 2025**
 YR 4/8
 Cluster Swimming Sports
 Glen Massey
- 4 March 2025**
 Parent Teacher
 Conferences
- 6 March 2025**
 Hapa haka
- 10 March 2025**
 CLOSED
 Teacher Only Day
- 7-10th April 2025**
 Whole School Camp



Housekeeping

DAILY SCHOOL BELLS

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

HOT LUNCHES

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

Kapa Haka



TERM 1, WEEK 5

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!



RESPONSIBLE

RESILIENT

RISK TAKER

RESPECTFUL

Te Akau School's swimming sports were a huge success!

A big thank you to all the parents and caregivers who came out to support our students – your presence made the day even more special.

This term our students have worked hard on improving their form and building confidence in the water, it was fantastic to see their progress in action. Each race earned participants 1 house point, and those who placed in the finals were rewarded with extra points:

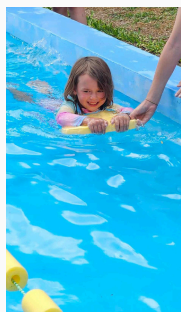
10 points for 1st, 5 points for 2nd, and 3 points for 3rd.

Congratulations to all our finalists – your efforts and achievements were truly outstanding!

Juniors 6 & 7 year old's 1 length:

Finals Freestyle:

1st Lillie Crawford
2nd Lyla Merrilees
3rd Lucy Glenn



Finals Breaststroke:

1st Lyla Merrilees
2nd Lillie Crawford
3rd Lucy Glenn

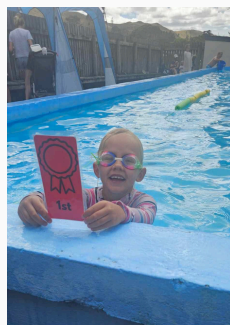
Finals Backstroke:

1st Lillie Crawford
2nd Lyla Merrilees
3rd Lucy Glenn

Middle School 8 & 9 year old's 1 length:

Finals Freestyle:

1st Angus Glenn
2nd George Jackson
3rd Koby Smith

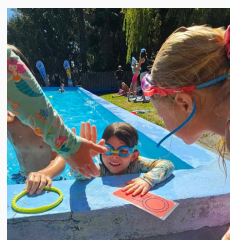


Finals Breaststroke:

1st Angus Glenn
2nd George Jackson
3rd Koby Smith

Finals Backstroke:

1st George Jackson
2nd Angus Glenn
3rd Koby Smith



Senior School 10 & 11 year old's 1 length:

Finals Freestyle:

1st Ollie Jackson
2nd Angel Sheehan
3rd Jessica Horsley



Finals Breaststroke:

1st Angel Sheehan
2nd Noah Crawford
3rd Jessica Horsley

Finals Backstroke:

1st Ollie Jackson
2nd Jessica Horsley
3rd Angel Sheehan

House Relays

1st place representing Kauri:

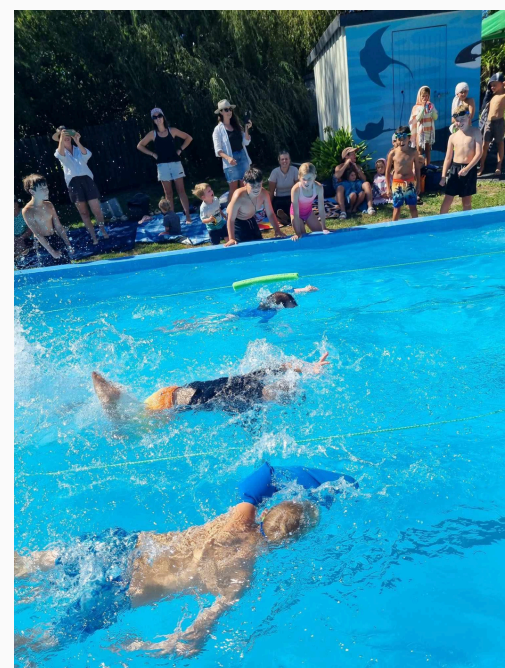
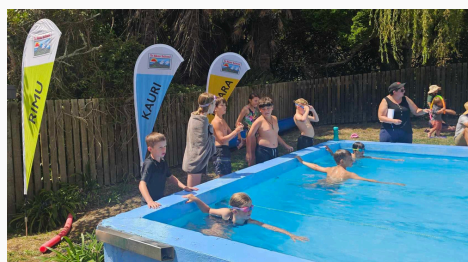
Lillie Crawford, George Jackson, Rory McRoberts-Maihi and Noah Crawford

2nd place representing Totara:

Delilah Andrews-Wright, Jayden Smith, Angus Glenn, Mason Lilley and Angel Sheehan

3rd place representing Rimu:

Lucian Williamson, Reagan Lilley, Blake Bregmen, Ollie Jackson and Jessica Horsley



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TE AKAU COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDRAISER

FAMILY TOUCH RUGBY & BURGER NIGHT



Come on down to the Complex for a game of Touch Rugby and Burgers! The Bar will be open.

Friday 28th February

6pm: Kids Game (under 12)

Followed by Adults Game - all are welcome!!

RAGLAN JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

MUSTER

**2nd March
2-4pm**



THE BBQ WILL BE CRANKING



**FUNGAME OF
TOUCH.**

**WEIGH THE
KIDDOS IN.**

**ALTERNATIVE
WEIGH-IN-
6TH OF MARCH
4-5:30PM.**

RJRC muster is on the 2nd March from 2pm - 4pm.

Jeff will have the bbq cranking.

New players please bring birth certificate or passport.

Alternative weigh in date is 6th March 4 - 5:30pm.

Socks & shirts will be available for purchase and hoodie order forms.

HOUSE POINTS

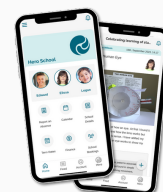
**Kauri
136**

**Tofara
86**

**Rimu
83**

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9m x 12m - \$250

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office@teakau.school.nz

Kia ora Te Ākau whānau,

Thank you to our staff who ran an enjoyable Swimming Sports event last Friday, it's always a highlight to see our tamariki living our values – resilience and risk taking – by participating in an event such as this one. Another massive thank you to the parents who dusted off the goggles and gave the students a run for their money in the Student vs Parents race!

At our last meeting our team approved the draft Budget and draft Annual Implementation Plan. This plan details how we will go about achieving our Strategic goals. Our goals for 2025 include improving achievement in Literacy and Mathematics, improving student attendance and improving the use of assessment to accelerate learning within our school. Staff will work towards implementing these goals while the Board monitors progress and provides resources as required.

In line with our timeline for the principal recruitment process, we have approved the Applicant Information Pack and are now preparing for the advertisement to go live on the Education Gazette website on 3 March.

A reminder about our board training session with Richard Clake at 4pm on 6 March at school. With BOT elections taking place in September, we encourage anyone interested to join us to gain a deeper insight into the roles and responsibilities of the Board. Serving on the Board is a valuable way to contribute to the future direction of our kura by overseeing governance areas including finance, property, policies and procedures, personnel and health & safety. If you would like more information about the Board, training or elections, please email principal@teakau.school.nz

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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

17 March 2025
5.30pm
Te Akau School
All Welcome!