



Letter From the Acting Principal

BY HAYLEY SMITH

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing break and managed to spend some quality time with your whānau during the school holidays. We're eager to dive into another busy term filled with enriching learning and experiences.

A warm welcome to our new Te Akau School whānau! We are excited to have **Jemma Harris** join us as a Teacher Aide. Jemma will be working in Rooms 2 and 3 this term. Additionally, we welcome **Riley, Mason, Frankie**, and **Te Whai Ao** to Room 2. We look forward to getting to know each of you and watching you flourish as part of our school community.

Term 2 brings various events including our inaugural Mother's Day breakfast - a lovely way to acknowledge all that the mother figures in our school community contribute to our kura.

We have been working with Sport Waikato to identify the needs and barriers to accessing and participating in active activities. Sport Waikato invite our community to complete a survey to find out how active our people are (or aren't) and what barriers they face to being active, so that they can help support opportunities for play, active recreation and sport to be more exciting, accessible and inclusive.

Finally, as my time in the hot seat comes to an end, I'd like to thank our staff members for their hard mahi, their dedication and support while I've been covering the Principal position. I've valued the opportunity to gain insight into another aspect of school life although I'm looking forward to getting back into the classroom full time when Hannah returns next week.

Nga mihi nui,
Hayley

SCHOOL CONTACTS

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Important Dates

Friday 9th May

Mothers Day Breakfast
8.30am – 9.30am

Friday 16th May 2025

PINK Shirt Day

Wednesday 21st May 2025

Spelling Bee

Friday 30th May 2025

Cluster Schools Winter Sports – Te Akau Complex

Monday 2nd June 2025

CLOSED – Kings Birthday

Monday 9th June 2025

CLOSED – Teacher Only Day
– Math's Professional Development

Wednesday 18th June 2025

Te Akau School Matariki Celebrations

Friday 20th June 2025

CLOSED – Matariki

Friday 27th June 2025

Last Day of Term 2

Monday 14th July 2025

Term 3 Starts

YEAR 7-8 TECH DATES

May – 8th and 22nd
June – 5th and 19th

Behavior Management

To kick off the new term, we include a reminder of the expectations of behaviour and how behaviour is managed at Te Akau School. We aim to create a safe, respectful, and positive learning environment by promoting core values—**Responsibility, Resilience, Risk-taking, and Respect**.

Key strategies to achieve this include:

Clear Expectations

We believe that clear, consistent expectations help students understand what is expected of them. At the beginning of each school year (and regularly thereafter), teachers will review the following key expectations with their students:

- **Respect for self and others:** Treat everyone with kindness, fairness, and dignity.
- **Respect for property:** Care for our school environment and belongings.
- **Active participation:** Engage in learning and contribute to the classroom community.
- **Safety first:** Make safe choices in all activities, both physical and social.

Positive Reinforcement

When negative behaviour does occur, we focus on restorative practices that help students learn from their mistakes, repair relationships, and rebuild trust.

Positive Classroom Strategies

Teachers implement proactive strategies to prevent behavioural issues before they arise.

A tiered response to behaviour

The school uses a graduated approach to address escalating behaviour, ranging from minor infractions to more serious misconduct. The response is tailored to the individual needs and the severity of the behaviour.

Support for Akonga with Additional Needs

Some students may need extra support due to emotional, social, or developmental challenges. These students will receive tailored strategies that may include an individual behaviour management plan, monitoring and check-ins and whānau support.

Staff Training and Consistency

All staff will receive regular training in behaviour management strategies, including restorative practices, conflict resolution, and trauma-informed teaching methods. Consistency across the school is key to providing a stable environment where students know what to expect.

Our Behaviour Management process is available for viewing in full at the Office, please let us know if you have any queries.

Housekeeping

TERM 2, WEEK 2

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 doing 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.

Assembly Certificates

Congratulations to our certificate recipients this week!

These awards are given to students who have shown outstanding commitment to the **Te Akau School pillars** of **Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, and Risk Taking**.



We are proud to celebrate their positive choices, growth, and leadership these students are demonstrating in their learning and behaviour. **Ka pail!**



Aiden Chamberlain, Rory McRoberts-Maihi, George Jackson, Ariana Potter, Lachie van den Bemd, Sasha Orlando-Reep, Jocelyn Chamberlain, Luka Bregmen, Macey MacDonald and Esme Foley!

Cold Coin Mufti Day Success!



On April 4th, our school leaders – Jess, Angel, Sam, Noah, Ben and Aiden – organised a Gold Coin Mufti Day to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charity.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated! Thanks to your generosity, we raised **\$81.00** to support families in need.

Pink Shirt Day – Friday, 16th May

Join us in taking a stand against bullying by wearing pink on **Friday, 16th May**.

Pink Shirt Day is all about promoting kindness, inclusion, and respect. By wearing **pink**, we show our commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

Let's stand together and raise awareness – every pink shirt makes a difference! Gold coin donations towards the cause are welcomed.

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!



RESPONSIBLE

RESILIENT

RISK TAKER

RESPECTFUL

Can you help Room 1?

Rainy Day Toy Donations for Room 1

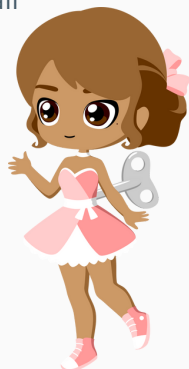
Whaea Hayley and her wonderful Room 1 learners are on the lookout for more rainy day toys to enjoy during indoor play. While they already have plenty of construction and vehicle toys, they are hoping to grow their **family play and puzzle/ board game collection**.

If you have older children who are ready to part with any of the following items, your contribution would be warmly appreciated:

- Dolls and doll clothing
- Dollhouse furniture (to help furnish our beautiful dollhouse!)
- Pretend shop/play store items
- Board games/ puzzles

If you're able to donate, please email hayley@teakau.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui for your support!



Community Notices



TOP TEAMS 2025

Teams of 4
 \$15 per person (dinner included)
 Table tennis, Darts, Indoor Bowls, Mini Putt & Badminton
 Contact Dani on dmbemd@gmail.com
 or 027 420 6902 to enter
 Max teams 14- first in first served
 Friday 4th July 6pm
 Te Akau Waingaro Community Complex

DON'T FORGET TO DRESS UP

HOUSE POINTS

Kauri
263

Tofara
178

Rimu
166

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Te Akau School celebrates and rewards students who show exceptional commitment to their learning through consistent attendance.

At the end of each term, students with the top three attendance records (provided their attendance is above 90%) will receive special certificates and House Points as follows:

- 🏆 1st Place – 50 House Points
- 🥈 2nd Place – 30 House Points
- 🥉 3rd Place – 20 House Points

🏆 1st Place with an impressive 100% attendance is:
Piper Lilley!

🥈 2nd Place:
Paige van den Bemd

🥉 3rd Place equal:
Noah Crawford, Lucian Williamson, Lillie Crawford, and Luka Bregmen!



🌟 Well done to all our winners so far – your dedication is inspiring! 🌟

CAMP ADAIR

A Huge Thank You to Our Amazing Camp Volunteers!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful parents who joined us on camp last term: **Morgan and Tom Lilley, Chrissy Johnston, Danielle van den Bemd, Katrina Hooper, Jocelyn and Tim Orlando-Reep, Jack Bregmen, Jamie Andrews, Sheldon Smith, Josh MacDonald, Jemma Harris, and Simon O'Neill.**

Your time, energy, and enthusiasm made a huge difference. The students had an unforgettable experience –full of fun, learning, and adventure–thanks to your support! Don't forget to check out our photo wall on your next visit to relive some great memories!



We're excited to announce that the date for this year's Hunting Competition has been set .
More details and tickets on sale soon...

To pull off such a big event, we need all hands on deck, we'll be having a planning meeting at school
next **Wednesday 14th May**, 12.45pm at school. Look forward to seeing you there!

WE'RE BACK!

HUNTING COMP 2025!

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

27 - 29 JUNE

SUNDAY WEIGH IN



WINTER SPORTS

Winter Sports is coming up on Thursday 30th May, and as usual, we'll be running the kitchen to raise funds for our school.

We'll need helpers in the kitchen and for clean-up, so please mark your calendars! I'll be calling for volunteers closer to the time, but a heads-up now helps everyone plan.

Many hands make light work – and sharing the load means no one's stuck in the kitchen all day, so we can all get out and cheer on our kids. Thanks legends!

Sarah Glenn - PTA Chairperson

Board Of Trustees Update

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Kia ora Te Ākau whānau,

Thanks to those who donated their time and energy at the working bee last term, many hands make light work! Keep an eye out for the Term 2 working bee later in the term. We'll be in touch with families closer to the time.

Another thanks goes out to the parents who supported our tamariki on camp and the PTA for their generous donation towards camp fees. Without the PTA donation, camp can be an unattainable experience for some tamariki and we appreciate all that our PTA, and those who donate, do in order to ensure all our students can attend.

As you will be aware, we have been recruiting a new Principal. It's a lengthy process but we received a good response to calls for applications and, notwithstanding any unforeseen circumstances, we're looking on track to have someone in the position for the start of Term 3.

We will be participating in another training day with Richard Clarke later in the term. Everyone is welcome to attend and we'll share further details as we know more.

As always, we're available should you have any queries about any governance matters - our contact details are below. Our next meeting will be 19 May where anyone is welcome to in.

Finally, a reminder that our policies and procedures are available for viewing and review at your leisure. We have a policy review schedule detailing which policies are due for review and when, we welcome your feedback via the SchoolDocs website as we're always seeking to improve. Login details are below.

Have a wonderful Term 2!

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
LOGIN: teakau
PASSWORD: lifelonglearners

Next Meeting

19 May 2025
5.30pm
Te Akau School
All Welcome!

RESPONSIBLE

RESILIENT

RISK TAKER

RESPECTFUL

WIN!

5x \$100

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