



# Letter From the Principal

BY HANNAH O'BRIEN

Kia ora koutou,

Last Friday, we had a fantastic pōwhiri at Pukerewa Marae, alongside Waikaretu School, ahead of our Matariki performance next week. The experience felt very genuine and provided excellent localised learning for our students. Developing an understanding of Māori culture, customs, and te reo Māori is an important part of the curriculum, and one of the unique aspects of being a New Zealander. We warmly invite you to join us on **Thursday 26 June at 5:15pm (for a 5:30pm start) at Pukerewa Marae** for our Matariki celebration. The students have been practising hard and are very excited to showcase their amazing kapa haka skills. Please bring a plate to share for kai after the performance.

At the end of next week, students will bring home their mid-year reports. This report format is new to our school and has changed somewhat from our previous version. To align with the new curriculum, government regulations on reporting have changed, aiming to make students' progress clearer for whānau. You will notice new vocabulary being used in the reports, as detailed in the table below, in line with the government's requirements. We are using these criteria to make our best assessment of progress within the new curriculum. We look forward to celebrating your children's progress at school with you.

**Manawatia a Matariki** – enjoy your Matariki celebrations this Friday, and I look forward to seeing many of you next week for our school celebration.

Nga mihi nui,  
Hannah

Four Descriptors	Details
Needs support	Students; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Are not meeting expectations for their year level and need support to help them develop sufficient knowledge and skills (as described in the year-by-year teaching sequence).</li><li>Can complete tasks with significant guidance and assistance.</li><li>Need adjusted classroom practice, tailored responses, or additional learning support.</li></ul>
Progressing towards	Students; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Are progressing towards meeting the curriculum expectations for their year level.</li><li>Can complete tasks with some guidance and assistance.</li><li>Need targeted support to increase the rate of progress and achievement to develop sufficient knowledge and skills (as described in the year-by-year teaching sequence).</li></ul>
Proficient	Students; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Are meeting expectations for their year level.</li><li>Can consistently complete tasks accurately and independently, and show they are continuing to develop sufficient knowledge and skills (as described in the year-by-year teaching sequence). They are making the expected progress to achieve the end of phase progress outcomes.</li><li>Need continued responsive learning experiences to allow for deeper exploration of the curriculum.</li></ul>
Exceeding	Students; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Are exceeding expectations for their year level.</li><li>Can consistently demonstrate an advanced understanding of concepts, knowledge and skills for their year level. This means they can clearly communicate their thinking, and transfer knowledge to a range of situations.</li><li>Need extended learning and enrichment activities through the breadth and depth of the curriculum.</li></ul>

## Important Dates

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
CLOSED – Matariki

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
Jumping June event & Playcentre Disco

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
Matariki performace Pukerewa Marae

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
PTA Hunting Competition weigh in – Te Akau Complex

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
Term 3 Starts

**YEAR 7-8 TECH DATES**  
June 19<sup>th</sup> no Tech due to Ngaruawahia Teacher Only Day

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# Housekeeping

TERM 2, WEEK 8

## DAILY SCHOOL BELLS

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



## HOT LUNCHES

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

## MARQUEE FOR HIRE



Te Akau School Marquee for Hire 100% of hire costs goes straight into our School.

9m x 12m - \$250

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Te Akau School  
Ph 8254777  
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## HOUSE POINTS

Kauri  
373

Tofara  
288

Rimu  
236

## 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!



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## Jumping June – Wednesday 25th June

Get ready for Jumping June, happening on Wednesday 25th June! Our students have been practicing their skipping skills and are excited to show what they can do – and you're warmly invited to come along and support them.

In addition to our Jumping June activities, Te Akau School will be attending the Te Akau Playcentre Disco on Wednesday 25th June, held in the school hall.

**We kindly ask that students bring a gold coin donation to support the valuable work of our local Playcentre.**

This will also be a mufti day, and students are encouraged to come dressed in jungle-themed attire to join in the spirit of the event. We look forward to a fun and engaging day while supporting our wider community.

## Matariki Performance



A huge thank you to everyone who attended the pōwhiri at Pukerewa Marae last Friday, provided transport, and supported our tamariki. We truly appreciate the effort you made to show up and be part of the kaupapa.

A special shout-out to our students – we know it was a long day of rehearsal, but you carried yourselves with pride and focus. Ka pail! Remember, rehearsals are always longer than the actual performance.



We're looking forward to seeing you all again on **Thursday 26th June, from 5:15pm for a 5:30pm start.**

**Please bring a shared plate for supper.**

Ngā mihi nui,

## PTA Hunting Competition – Bake Sale & Raffle Donations

As part of the upcoming Hunting Competition fundraiser, Te Akau School will be holding a Critters **Themed Bake Sale at the Weigh-In on Sunday, 29th June.**

**We're calling all bakers in our community** – if you're able to donate baking for the stall, we would greatly appreciate your support. All proceeds from the bake sale will go directly towards supporting our tamariki. Check out some of last years creations for inspiration!

**We are also still seeking grocery item donations to contribute towards our raffle prizes. Every contribution helps make this event a success!**

For anything food or kitchen-related, including bake sale contributions, please contact Melissa Copeland or Morgan Lilley.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

**Please remember to send all your raffle tickets to school by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June and grocery items for the raffle to school by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**





# WIN!

## 5x \$100 GROCERY GIFT CARDS

**Take 5 minutes to tell us:**  
**how you keep active (or what stops you) and be in to WIN!**

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\*voucher prizes drawn at the end of every month during 2025

**Take the survey**

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## Board Of Trustees Update

### Upcoming School Board Elections

Kia ora whānau,

Our upcoming School Board Elections will be held on **Thursday 11th September**. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and caregivers to actively contribute to the future direction of our kura. We encourage those interested in standing for election to consider the valuable role they can play in supporting our learners and upholding the values of our school community.

**Nominations will open in Week 1 of Term 3**, so start thinking now about how you might get involved or who you would like to nominate.

Ngā mihi nui for your continued support.

### Board Of Trustees Contact Details

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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

14 July 2025

5.30pm

Te Akau School

All Welcome!