



TERM 1, WEEK 2

7th February 2024

Newsletter

Welcome to 2024!

We are really excited about the year ahead and the expertise we have on our staff.

Over the last few weeks we have posted lots of important reminders and updates for our kura onto Facebook and Skool Loop.

We have also included those here with introducing you to our new staff. The newsletter will come out each fortnight on the Wednesday and we will post this to Skool Loop and our website by the end of the week.

Te Pūtahitanga - Year 0-3 - Auraki

Team Leaders - Whaea Ursula & Whaea Janie

Whaea Ursula - Room 8 - Year 2/3

Whaea Genesis - Room 9 - Year 2/3

Whaea Sam - Room 10 - Year 1/2

Whaea Janie - Room 10 - Year 0-1

Te Kōwhitinga - Year 4-6 - Auraki

Team Leader - Whaea Marilyn
Pa Stephen - TK11

Whaea Marilyn - TK 12

Whaea Alice - TK 13

Whaea Teresa - TK 14

Te Re Pūtahi - Rūmaki Reo

Team Leader - Matua Stacey

Whaea Alana - TRP6 - Year 0-3

Matua Stacey - TRP 5 - Year 4-6

Māhuri Tōtara Year 7/8 - Auraki

Team Leader - Pa Jacob

This team will be in the school hall while the Junior build is happening.

Whaea Sharon

Whaea Hannah

Pa Jacob

CONTACTS

We ask everyone who has had a change in address, phone number or emergency number please contact the office and make these changes. We have had a number of issues getting through to whānau when children are sick. Emergency contacts must live in Palmerston North, regularly have credit on their phone & have transport to collect a child if we cannot get hold of the main contacts

Follow us on Facebook @

Takaro School / Te Kura o Takaro



We have noticed a resurgence of head lice. It is really important that you treat your child if you have found they have lice or eggs. Shampoo is easily accessed at the pharmacy and using a comb will ensure eradication.

What's On

Elite Ki o Rahi
19th March, 9am

Tough Kids
22nd March

GOOD FRIDAY
29th March

EASTER HOLIDAYS
1st and 2nd April

Last day of the term
12th April

I look after my
environment

PB4L WEEK 1 & 2
TERM 1

Tri'd the Tri Series

KIDS TRIATHLON

For Kids 4-12 Years

Manawatu & TRC
Toyota



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www.triclub.co.nz



EPIC!

DRUMS
Age 7+

KEYBOARD
Age 7+

GUITAR
Age 8+

FOUNDATIONS
Ages 5-6

EPIC LESSONS:

These are our popular 25-30 minute group lessons with 2-4 students, run during the school day, in school grounds. Students are given their own tuition book which tracks their progress. They also earn a new coloured wristband after passing each test.

MUSIC FOUNDATIONS:

This is our group lessons for years 1 & 2 only. In this programme, they get to try a range of different instruments while still learning the basics of music including: rhythm, harmony, melody, playing together in a group, and how to read music.

Girls' Brigade ~ www.girlsbrigade.nz

Want to have some fun, learn new things, be creative and make new friends.

Then come along to GB. Summer programmes starting soon

Fun and affordable.

We have companies in:

Milson (Thursday, 4.30-6pm) - Joanne 027 2337025 or email: 4thpngb@gmail.com

Highbury/Takaro (Tuesday) - Suzanne 021 149 3250 or email: suzbest2@gmail.com

TE PŪTAHITANGA

Kia ora koutou
ko Sam toku ingoa.

I am the year 1/2 kaiako in Te Pūtahitanga for 2024. I was born and raised in Manawatū and I love being outdoors, camping with my family, playing sports, and being creative.

I have one fur baby who is very needy so basically a real child. I am incredibly excited and feel very fortunate to begin my teaching journey at Te Kura o Takaro and I can't wait to meet the tamariki and Whānau!



Malo le Soifua maua ma le lagi e māmā, nau mai haere mai ki te ao miiharo o ngaa kaakano i ruia mai i rangiatea o Te Kura o Takaro.

O lo'u alalafaga i Samoa o Asau ma Falealopu i Savaii. Te Wherowhero te tangata, Ko Taupiri te maunga, ko Waikato te awa, ko Tainui te waka, Ko Tainui te iwi, ko Ngaati Kooroki kahukura te haapu, ko Turangawaewae te marae.

I am the kaiako for Year 2/3 in Akomanga 9, with 7 years of experience in early childhood education. My commitment and dedication to learn, play and grow alongside your tamariki so they can reach their full potential and become independent proud capable citizens. I am a mama to seven tamariki and whānau time is my all time favourite.

I look forward to meeting you all.



TE KŌWHITINGA

Ko Ruahine te maunga e rū nei taku ngākau.
Ko Manawatū te awa e mahea nei aku māharahara.
Nō Tamaki-Nui-a-Rua ahau.
E mihi ana ki ngā tohu o nehe, o Papaioea e noho nei au.
Ko Cammock tōku whānau.
Ko Nooroa tāku tāmā.
Ko Teresa tōku ingoa.
Nō reira, tēnā koutou katoa.



Kia Ora!

My name is Teresa Cammock and I have moved to Palmerston North from Wellington with my son, Nooroa who is 7 years old to live with my partner, Craig. I have been living in Wellington for the last 10 years but I thought that it was time to move closer to my family. I completed my degree at Victoria University of Wellington and got to experience my first year of teaching at Mākara Model School as a release teacher.

I am beyond excited to be a kaiako at Takaro School and to be teaching the wonderful students of TK 14 with Years 4-6. I can't wait to work with the taura and to learn all the wonderful things that this kura has got. I am a passionate, kind, caring and friendly kaiako who wants the best for all children. I am looking forward to meeting all the taura and their whānau to be able to work together for help their tamariki grow.

I am originally from Dannevirke, where I attended primary and high school. My family is still living there which is one of the reasons why I have moved up this way. Some of my interests is spending time with my whānau, especially my son and my partner. Getting together with friends to catch up and hang out. I like to do walks, gardening, puzzles, crosswords, cross-stitch, anything crafty to keep me busy. I also enjoying playing video games on Nintendo, watching some sport and hopefully join a social team.

MAHURI TŌTARA

Ko Kāpiti te motu e rū nei taku ngākau
Ko Waikanae te awa e mahea nei aku māharahara
Nō Papaioea ahau
E mihi ana ki ngā tohu o nehe, o Papaioea
e noho nei au
Ko Tangata Tiriti te iwi
Ko Udy tōku whānau
Ko Christina raua ko Semi āku tamariki
Ko Sharon tōku ingoa
Nō reira, tēnā koutou katoa



Kia ora koutou,

My name is Sharon Udy. Many of you will have seen me around Takaro over the last few terms as I worked here often as a relief teacher. I am very excited to be teaching fulltime with the amazing kaimahi and taura at Te Kura o Takaro.

I lived in Palmerston North as a child, and have a lot of whānau living in the Manawatū. A few years ago, I brought my two tamariki back to my hometown after many years of travelling and living away. Christina is in Year 8 and Semi is in Year 5, and both will be at Te Kura o Takaro with me.

I have been teaching for over 15 years, and for the last three years I have worked with gifted and neurodiverse tamariki, as a specialist teacher. This year I will be working with our Year 7 and 8 taura in Māhuri Tōtara, which I am really looking forward to. I am excited to share my passion for learning with the taura, particularly in maths and sciences, and I am equally excited to find out what they are passionate about.

When I have spare time I love to learn new things. I am furthering my te reo Māori skills this year, as well as trying to teach myself guitar (it's a slow process!) I enjoy playing and watching sports, I like to learn new crafts, I read a lot and I love music.

I look forward to getting to know you all and having a wonderful year together.

COMMUNICATION

This will clarify the different platforms we use and what they are for.

FACEBOOK - all events, reminders, event photos, class updates, sports draws and school information is shared on here, we also check the messages once a day but not always during school time. So this is not the place to send an important message. We also periodically go live for events to ensure everyone can be a part of our day. Day to day information will go on here first - eg if events are cancelled or postponed.

EMAIL - We are in the process of setting up a new website and on this will be all staff emails. Please feel free to email staff about anything, staff check these afterschool. All staff will send an email next week to the students in their class this year which will include their contact email.

SCHOOL PHONE - PLEASE call the school for anything that is time sensitive or important, this is the best way to ensure that we receive information in a timely manner. If I am not available straight away I do my best to call you back as soon as I am free.

OFFICE - the office staff are available 8.30am - 9.30am each day, I am also around if you need to see me about anything. It is always best to book an appointment if this is important. This can be done by ringing the office.

SKOOL LOOP - this is a free app that houses our school calendar, permission slip portal, instant messages, school newsletter and is also where you can log an absence as this is checked daily.

SKOOL LOOP - we have used this app over 5 years and have not been able to get more than 60% of whānau connected. Staff spent a lot of time posting and sadly had minimal engagement. To the few parents who used this a lot we appreciate your comments on posts and likes. In the end it was used mostly as a message portal. As you see from the above, the number of platforms we are running is becoming too many to manage realistically.

Staff will be meeting over the next month to talk about ways to connect with whānau using the feedback we have received from the whānau hui survey so thank you for that information.

ATTENDANCE PROCESS

It's really important that you know how all our systems work. Attendance being a very important one.

If your child is absent and you do not call, send a message in Skool Loop, reply to the text or leave a message on our school phone

- attendance is marked as T - truant

If you reply late to the text we do adjust the code

If your child is sick they get marked with M- medical, but after 3 days if we do not receive a medical certificate then your absence moves to E - explained but not justified.

If your child is absent for 2 weeks and we do not hear from you during this time, and none of our attempts are responded to then your child COMES OFF OUR SCHOOL ROLL - this is an MOE process that we must follow.

This is really important to know as you will need to make an appointment to re-enrol your child. At this meeting we will check contacts are correct and then talk about our attendance process and make a plan.

OUR GOAL - ATTENDANCE

This year one of our goals is attendance and working to improve this across all year levels. Across the region our statistics were average but we can improve and as we all know attendance has a direct correlation to academic achievement.

Here is a breakdown of what regular in-attendance can look like over time. One day here and there does not seem like much, but when it is regular over a number of years it can equate to quite a deficit.

We hope you will work with us to help support your whānau in getting all our tamariki to school regularly.