

TONGARIRO SCHOOL

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February 20th

Kia ora parents, caregivers and whanau

Things are very busy here at school. We have a lot of Education Outside the Classroom activities happening at the moment. For our senior school these are happening every Friday for this term. Please make sure the any consent forms are returned to school promptly. Without these forms being returned students can not take part in the activities. The activities are part of our drive to include aspects of the curriculum using our local resources and is part of our revised local curriculum.

Attached to this newsletter is a draft Cell Phone policy for Tongariro School. As you will be aware the new government has mandated a no cell phone in classrooms policy. This policy included is an attempt to meet the new requirements in the most simply way possible. Any comments you would like to make about this policy should be sent to administration@tongariro.school.nz and would be much appreciated.

The refurbishment of the new senior block into a Modern Learning Environment (MLE) is progressing but unfortunately is running behind schedule. We are unlikely to move into the new building before the beginning of term 2. All of the furniture for the new block is here and is being stored in the hall until we move in.

A reminder that the area surrounding the school on both Te Rangitautahanga Road and Waipapa Road is a permanent 30 Km zone. Please stick to these limits so that we protect our tamariki.

Have a great week

**Steve Allen
Principal
Tongariro School.**

Year 1&2 Overnight Sleepover

Wow! What a wonderful experience for our tamariki.

Thank you to all of our parents and caregivers who came along to support their tamariki and the teachers.

Thank you to Matua Brenton, Whaea Denise and Whaea Gill.

We set up our beds, we played games, we sang and danced, we ate supper, we brushed our teeth and then into our beds for a moe.

Every child slept through the night (for some their first night away from home or from their parents)

Up the next morning to pack up their beds and belongings then off to Breakfast Club with Whaea Gill.

A walk to the pools to swim and then lunch at the Park.

NB : there are still a couple of unclaimed dishes that need to be collected.





A group of young children and an adult teacher are standing in a classroom, holding up their drawings of flowers. The children are dressed in casual clothing, and the teacher is smiling. The background shows classroom shelves, a whiteboard, and a large window.



Sketching Pihanga.



Year 9 - 10 News

Friday was the beginning of the Ngatoroirangi program for the Year 9 and 10s. The aim of this program is to help students connect to local significant sites within Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

Group One and Five combined and had the opportunity to go rafting with Tongariro River Rafting. For many of the students this was their first time. Our Kaupapa was Waikato Falls and identifying the smaller rivers that come together at the falls to begin the Tongariro river.

The students learnt about Te Pukaimatakirikiri o Turangitukua and the significance of this area.



Visiting the source of the Waikato river. Waikato iti. They learnt about how Ngatoroirangi named Waikatoiti after an ancient teardrop of Ranginui.

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9 to 11
12 & 13
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Independent Activities Set up near children's area Board Games Set up in teen area	Independent Activities Set up near children's area Board Games Set up in teen area	Independent Activities Set up near children's area Board Games Set up in teen area	Independent Activities Set up near children's area Board Games Set up in teen area	Independent Activities Set up near children's area Board Games Set up in teen area	Independent Activities Set up near children's area Board Games Set up in teen area
	AA DRIVER LICENSING MOBILE UNIT 10AM – 4PM Update your license, IRD, RealMe, IDP, and AA memberships. Tuesdays: 30 January, 26 March, 28 May, 23 July, 28 May, 23 July, 24 September, 24 November.	AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES 2.15PM - 3.15PM Every Wednesday during the school term. From the 14th February. Supervision required for children under 8 years old. Singing, story time, learning about interesting topics, and crafts. Suitable for children from 5 to 10 years old. CHILDREN'S AREA and sometimes WI-FI MEETING SPACE	BRICK CLUB 3.15PM - 4.30PM Every Thursday during the school term. From the 15th of February. Time to let your imagination run wild and create something amazing with bricks! Suitable for ages 5+. All bricks supplied. WI-FI MEETING SPACE	TODDLER TIME 10AM - 11AM Every Friday during the school term. From the 16th February. Singing, story time, fine motor skills and crafts. Supervision required. CHILDREN'S AREA	
		GENEALOGY GROUP 1PM - 2.30PM 3 rd Wednesday of every month. Meet volunteers who can help you research whakapapa. From the 21st February. WI-FI MEETING ROOM	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 12.30PM - 1.30PM WI-FI MEETING ROOM		



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ACTIVITIES
ON AT THE
TŪRANGI
LIBRARY!**

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AND OTHER LIBRARY EVENTS –
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REMINDER: If you or someone you know is unable to get to the library please phone to ask about our housebound service 07 376 1575.



Kia ora all Parents/Caregivers

My name is Andrea Muir and I am the school-based Rangatahi (youth) nurse for Turangi. I am available to see all year 9-13 students for any of their health needs when I am at the school on a Wednesday.

Part of my role includes offering all Year 9 students a comprehensive health assessment. This assessment involves a physical check of height, weight, blood pressure, skin, screening of eyesight, and ear health, checking their dental health and immunization history.

This assessment also includes a comprehensive check based on a health screening tool called the 'HEEADSS assessment tool'. This tool has been extensively used and is specific to Rangatahi (Young people).

The HEADSS assessment we use is based on Hauora, (Whole health/wellbeing) and includes; Taha tinana (Physical well-being); Taha hinengaro (Mental and emotional wellbeing); Taha whanau (Social well-being) and Taha wairua (Spiritual well-being).

The model has many positive outcomes for students. It allows them to identify what they feel is going well for them in life and what they may be struggling with. Sometimes it results in the early identification and management of certain health issues or concerns that might affect their physical as well as emotional well-being (including learning).

We also aim to help students increase their learning about making good choices about their health and wellbeing.

These assessments will be carried out during the year, starting in February 2024 for all year 9 students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me andream@anamata.org.nz or phone on 08002626282.

Yours sincerely

Andrea Muir
RN (School Nurse)

TŪHURA TUARANGI

AOTEAROA IN SPACE

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

FROM TUE 27 FEB - THU 7 MARCH

INFO

- Session length: 1 hour
- Group size: 10-15 students (any more than 15 will be a bit cramped in the space)
- Age: 7-12 year olds are our primary target (although we regularly have groups of all ages from new entrant, through to Year 13s, and university students)
- **SPECIAL GUEST SESSION TUE 27 - WED 28 FEB with Dr Andrew Mills (Curator and creator of this exhibition) + Te Wharau Walker (Reo Māori) from Tūhura Otago Museum.**

For more information contact:

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11 JAN - 11 MAR
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Letter to Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koe

Tūwharetoa Health is providing a free pre-school and school-based Child Health Nursing Service.

My name is Kay McRae and I'm pleased to be the first point of contact for you and your tamariki.

Each week I will be visiting every school in the rohe and every two weeks I'll be visiting pre-schools.

Your child's pre-school / school has provided consent for the children to be seen by the nurse if there are any health concerns.

The service is free for all children up to Year 8, and no appointment is needed.

I am an experienced Child Health Nurse, able to assess your child, instigate any tests, treatment and follow up as required.

If antibiotics, or other treatments are needed, I will contact you the same day to discuss your child's needs. It is important that you understand your child's condition and give consent for any treatment.

However, if for some reason I am unable to get consent from you, the service is approved by the Ministry of Health to ensure your child's health is managed appropriately.

If you do not want your child to be part of this programme, you can "opt out" by filling out the form at the bottom of this page and returning it to the Pre-school or School.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay on 022 419 4062 OR 0800 942 7454.

Nāku noa, nā

Kay McRae
Registered Nurse
Tūwharetoa Health

OPT OUT of Pre-school / School Health Nursing Services

- ☐ I do not wish my child to be seen by the Tūwharetoa Health Pre-school and School-based Health Nursing Services and **do not consent** to my child having assessments or tests done.

Child's Name		Date of Birth	
Pre-school /School		Date	
Name		Signed	

Cellphones

We do not recommend that students bring cellphones to school. Cellphones are not necessary to have during the day. However, we understand that some parents like their children to have a phone to communicate with them after school.

If a student does bring a phone to school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen phones.
- Students must turn their phones off in class and keep them out of sight.
- If a staff member observes a student with a cellphone during class time, the student must hand it to the staff member immediately when asked. The phone will be kept in the office and can be collected by the student at the end of the day.
- If cellphones are used for a learning activity, this will be at the teacher's discretion and the phone's use will be supervised by a staff member.
- Cellphones may be used at break times although we advise against this.
- Students may take a cellphone on EOTC activities. These guidelines and other relevant school policies will apply.

If a parent needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office.

Inappropriate cellphone use

If a student is observed using a phone inappropriately, it will be confiscated and a parent must pick up the phone from the office. If possible, students should lock their phone before handing it to staff.

Inappropriate use of a cellphone may include:

- any sort of bullying, e.g. disrespectful messages about staff or other students
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- forwarding inappropriate messages or content.

Related topics

- **Digital Technology and Cybersafety**
- **Bullying**
- **Surrender and Retention of Digital Devices**
- **Privacy**