TERM 3

Tongariro School Newsletter

Tumuaki Kōrero

Kia ora e te whānau,
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and refreshing break and is ready for another busy and positive term at Tongariro School.

We have begun the term with a strong focus on attendance. Every day at school matters, and regular attendance gives our ākonga the best opportunity to learn, connect and succeed. This term, we are continuing our weekly draws to recognise students who attend for at least 90% of each week. Thank you to our whānau for supporting our goal of increasing regular attendance to 55%. Every improvement makes a difference.

We are also excited about the range of learning pathways being developed for our secondary students. These include our Māori Tourism programme, the Equine Squad planned for Term 4, our Building Academy and the Rangatahi Alternative Education Wānanga delivered in partnership with Te Korowai Rōpū Tautoko. These opportunities reflect our commitment to providing meaningful, practical and culturally connected pathways that respond to the strengths and aspirations of our rangatahi.

Teaching and learning remain at the heart of our work. Our teachers are continuing to examine achievement information, reflect on their practice and work collectively to raise outcomes for all learners. This includes strengthening our shared approach to quality teaching, developing our Tongariro Common Practice Model and providing targeted support where it is most needed.

We are also continuing to improve our school environment. Recent fencing upgrades have made several areas safer and more secure, and planning for the replacement of our junior playground is progressing. We are grateful for the support of our Board, staff, whānau and wider community as we work to create a school environment in which every learner can thrive.

There is much to look forward to this term. I encourage our ākonga to attend regularly, make the most of every learning opportunity and continue demonstrating our school values of Whakaute, Kotahitanga, Tuakiritanga and Whanaungatanga.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our kura and our tamariki and rangatahi.
Ngā mihi nui,
Sharlyn Holt
Tumuaki | Principal

TONGARIRO SCHOOL

He hau o Tongariro

Upcoming TEACHER ONLY DAY

FRIDAY
7
AUGUST

SCHOOL CLOSED
FOR INSTRUCTION

Our teachers will be working together to strengthen teaching and learning for all ākonga.

WHAT ARE TEACHERS FOCUSING ON?

CURRICULUM & PLANNING
Strengthening our planning and curriculum to ensure high quality, connected learning.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Building our knowledge and skills to support improved outcomes for our ākonga.

DATA & STUDENT PROGRESS
Analysing student data to identify needs and plan for targeted support.

WELLBEING & RELATIONSHIPS
Strengthening our practices to support wellbeing, inclusion and relationships.

Thank you for supporting this important day of learning for our staff.

Ngā mihi nui

WHAKAUTE | KOTAHITANGA | TUAKIRITANGA | WHANAUNGATANGA

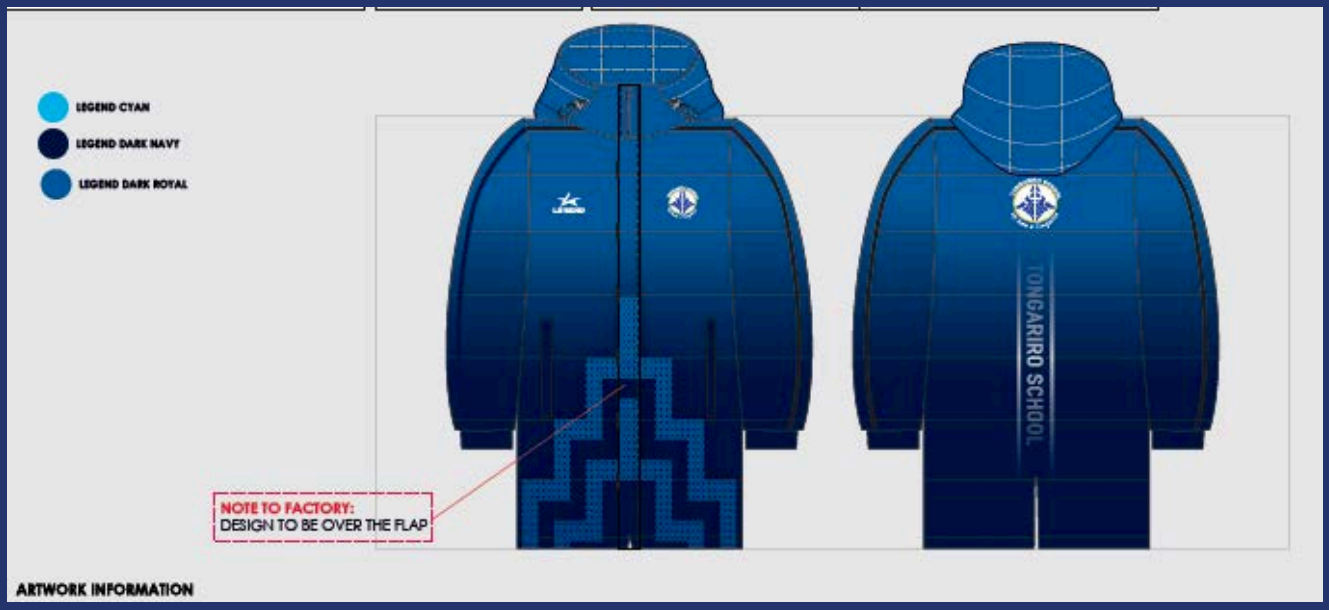
Tongariro School Uniform Update

We are excited to introduce two new additions to our school uniform range: a spectator jacket and fleece-lined trackpants. These warm and practical items feature the Tongariro School colours and logo.

Spectator jackets
Youth sizes: ($92 including GST)
Adult sizes: ($103.00 including GST)

Fleece-lined trackpants
Youth sizes: ($62.00 including GST)
Adult sizes: ($73.00 including GST)

Further information about available sizes and how to order please contact the front office



STUDENT CHROMEBOOK REMINDER!

Working together supports student success!

CHROMEBOOK ISSUING STARTS AT 8:00AM EVERY DAY!

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:45AM

Be here, be ready, be learning!

Once you leave the library, the Chromebook is your responsibility!

Report any damage immediately!

OUR CHROMEBOOK PROCESS

1. ARRIVE BEFORE 8.45 AM

If you need a Chromebook, you must arrive before 8.45 AM After 9:00am, classes have started and Chromebooks will not be issued.

2. FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Chromebooks are for learning at school and are to remain on **school grounds at all times.** They are **not to be taken home.**

3. RETURN BY THE END OF THE DAY

All Chromebooks must be returned before leaving school each day.

4. DO YOUR PART

Be responsible. Use your Chromebook for learning and follow school expectations.

WORK TOGETHER

When everyone arrives on time and returns their Chromebook each day, devices are available and ready for others to use.

When we work together and follow the process, we create the best environment for learning!

Request for Clothing Donations

Kia ora whānau,
As the colder weather continues, we would greatly appreciate donations of good-quality, warm children's clothing in sizes 5 – 14.

If you have any clean, gently used items to spare, please drop them off at the school office.
Ngā mihi nui for supporting our tamariki.

⭐ Spelling Super Stars⭐

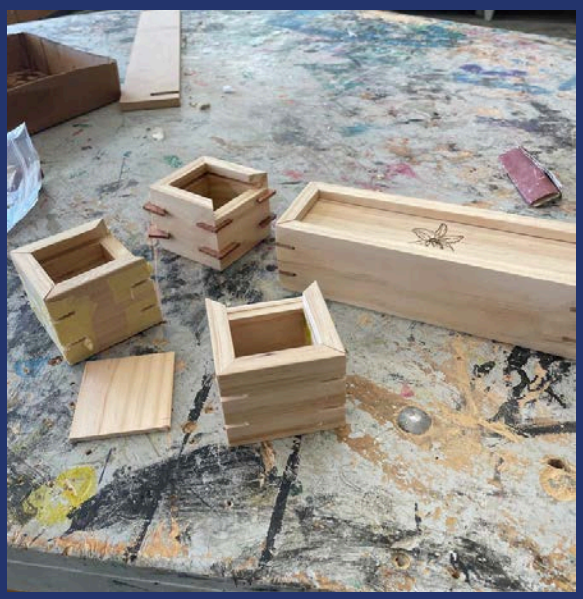
Our students have made a fantastic start to The Code – Spelling programme! Every day, students work in small groups where they learn new sounds, letters and spelling patterns through explicit lessons designed just for their learning stage.

Congratulations to our Week 2 Spelling Super Stars:

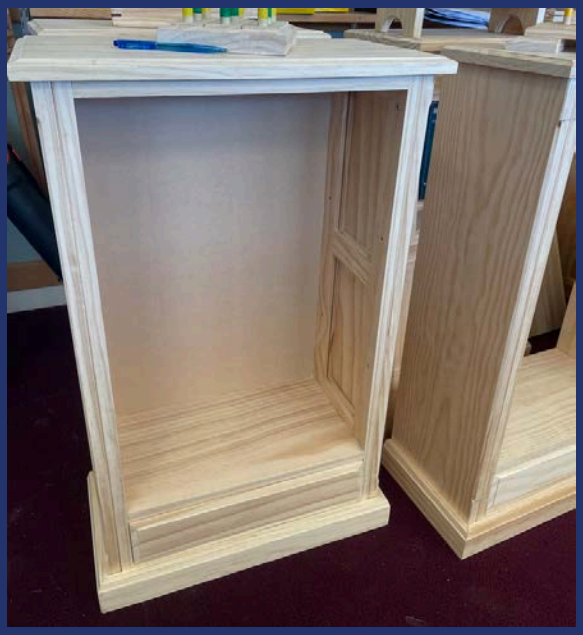
Molly Clausen Slade Bradnock
Te Omeka Duff-Gage
Ava Holley
Stassi Waru
Lucy Panapa
Kyron Lewis
Teri-Leigh Tamati
Tegan Wigzell
Kereru Shepherd
Kane Lopez
Jeremy-Lee Mani
Kyshaleigh Fitzhum
Bella Phal
Quintin Jensen

We are so proud of your fantastic effort, positive attitude and hard work!
Some groups will be bringing home a spelling notebook each week with a list of words to practise. Spending just 5–10 minutes a day reading, saying, spelling and writing these words together is a great way to reinforce learning and build confidence. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home—we really appreciate it!

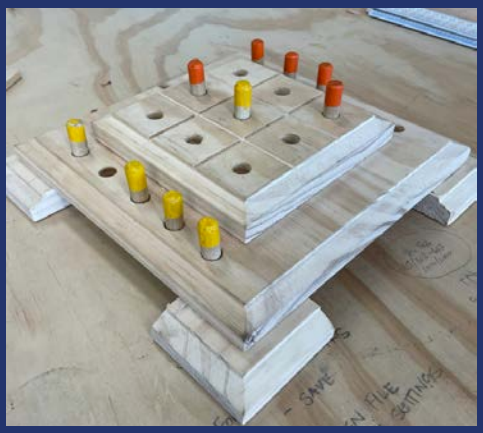
Our latest mahi from our Woodwork Classes



Work by McKenzie Wihongi - Year 10 - Pencil Case



Year 11/12/13 students building Book Cases



Year 8 - 10 students making Tic-Tac-Toe and Cellphone Stands

Writing Samples from Room 11

Should we Have a Sleepover at School?

In my opinion, I think we should have an educational centre overnight stay because you can bond with your friends and have entertainment with them. Also, you can make new friends at the school. We can do enjoyable things with our friends. Furthermore, you can do fun stuff like spotlight races with people, make yummy food, play spotlight, red light activities and participate in basketball. But the drawbacks are that people can stay up too late and be tired, but it is entertaining staying up late because you get more time to play with your friends.

Also, when you want to chill and relax, you can watch a movie. If you want, you can have pleasure in class. It's fun to play basketball; you can keep warm and it is fun with two classes, double the fun with other people.

It is fun to participate in food and chill at a learning centre sleepover. We can play soccer with our friends in groups and have fun. The sleepover is extremely entertaining. We can have educational food, play games, basketball, soccer and watch a movie on Netflix. We can play spotlight, races and red light, green light. So, in my belief, I think we should have fun with friends and have a good time with our friends playing touch rugby.

Chase Panapa - Year 6

Should we Have a Sleepover at School?

In my opinion, we should have a sleepover at school because we have an amazing day. Since last year, when we had a sleepover at school, all the students and teachers had an amazing day.

My friend and I had a very fun day at the sleepover. At the sleepover, we had noodles and a Milo. Some of the mothers and dads stay with their kids. I remember when the rain hit the roof it woke me up in the middle of the night.

When it is daytime, the kids get up, brush their teeth and start to walk to the cafeteria. We have toast for our breakfast, then we walk back to class to learn.

While we are in the gym, we watch a movie. I think we should a sleepover because we would have so much fun.

Failan Te Rangi-Church - Year 6

Should we Have a Sleepover at School?

In my opinion, I think we should have a sleepover at school because students get time to bond with each other and make new friends. Secondly, having sleepovers at school is so amazing, especially when we play spotlight, tag or any other games, as well as when we make noodles on our homemade stoves. Spending time at school is so exciting with the people we like, such as friends or best friends, because people who feel left out can actually have time to make friends. Although there are drawbacks, such as naughty kids, plus teachers do not get to see their family or spend time with them, it is okay, as that is what teachers are for.

Even though teachers think that they are taking us away, they really are not; plus, they give us a chance to have some alone time with no noise or yelling. On the other hand, teachers also save us from doing chores like unloading the dishwasher, folding our clothes and other chores. However, if some people are the only child they could finally be able to talk to someone, then they could even become friends. Furthermore, those were my reasons I think we should stay the night at school.

Maia Flight - Year 5

❄️ Snow Squad 2026 Hits the Slopes! 🏂⛷️

Tongariro School's Snow Squad officially kicked off its 2026 season on Tuesday, 4 August, with an adventure that proved you can't always judge a day by the forecast!

The morning brought icy road conditions and strong winds, and with the upper mountain closed while staff worked hard to de-ice the chairlifts and Sky Waka gondola, we thought our day on the snow might be cut short.

Instead, our students embraced the conditions with enthusiasm, spending the morning in Happy Valley, where they participated in instructed ski and snowboard lessons. Despite a few snow flurries throughout the day, smiles were everywhere as students built confidence, learned new skills, and supported one another on the slopes.

The afternoon brought an exciting surprise when the Rockgarden Chairlift opened. Our more experienced riders seized the opportunity to head higher up the mountain and enjoy some longer runs, finishing the day on a real high.

A huge thank you goes to Outdoor Active Adventures, especially Trina Marshall and Weti Tihi, for ensuring our students travelled safely to and from the maunga in their comfortable 21-seater shuttle bus. Your support and commitment to keeping our tamariki safe is greatly appreciated.

We can't wait to see what the rest of the Snow Squad season has in store. Here's to more days of learning, challenge, resilience, and making unforgettable memories on our incredible local maunga, Mt Ruapehu!

BACK to SCHOOL

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Te hau o Tongariro

TE HIKOI TĀPOI

THE JOURNEY INTO TOURISM

OUR STORIES. OUR PLACE. OUR FUTURE.

MĀORI TOURISM ACADEMY

Learn how to create authentic visitor experiences while gaining skills in hospitality, guiding, tikanga, storytelling, customer service and Māori tourism.

LEARN THROUGH EXPERIENCE
Hands-on learning in real world environments

MANAAKITANGA
Lead with respect, care and hospitality

SHARE OUR STORIES
Celebrate culture, heritage and identity

CREATE AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES
Inspire visitors and uplift our communities

THE SCHOOL PROGRAMME

The Māori Tourism Academy is a two day per week course designed for Year 12 & 13 students who want to learn, experience and grow.

COURSE DETAILS

- Two days per week
- Hands-on, practical learning
- Experiential learning in our local area and beyond
- Supportive environment that values culture, identity and whānau
- Work with experienced tourism professionals and cultural experts
- Working towards **NCEA Level 3**

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

You will develop skills in:

- Manaakitanga and customer service
- Tikanga and **kawa**
- Guiding and hosting visitors
- Storytelling and interpretation
- Te reo Māori in tourism
- Local history of Tongariro and **Ngāti Tūwharetoa**
- Hospitality and event management
- First aid and safety
- Tourism operations and sustainability **(kaitiakitanga)**
- Marketing, social media and digital skills
- Entrepreneurship and business

WORKING TOWARDS

Students will work towards

NCEA LEVEL 3

PATHWAYS

Your journey can lead to:

- NZ Diploma in Tourism and Travel (Level 5)
- Certificate in Tour Guiding (Level 4)

...and many more opportunities in tourism and beyond.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Year 12 Students
- Year 13 Students
- Attendance expectation: minimum 80%
- Literacy/Numeracy requirement: must have Level 1
- Practical learners who love working with people and sharing culture

SPACES ARE LIMITED
Minimum: 10 Students
Maximum: 15 Students

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

LEARN THROUGH EXPERIENCE
Gain real-world skills and confidence.

LEAD WITH MANAAKITANGA
Welcome visitors. Build connections. Create impact.

SHARE OUR STORIES
Be a storyteller. Protect and promote our culture and place.

CREATE AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES
Inspire visitors. Strengthen communities. Build a future in tourism.

Your culture is your strength.
Your future starts here.

SEE WHAEA SHARLYN FOR AN APPLICATION

BACK to SCHOOL

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BUILD YOUR FUTURE

BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADE ACADEMY

A FULL-TIME TRADES ACADEMY FOR YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS

LEARN BY DOING | EARN QUALIFICATIONS | BUILD REAL PROJECTS | CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

YOU WON'T JUST LEARN ABOUT CONSTRUCTION— YOU WILL BUILD SOMETHING THAT MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHAT IS THE ACADEMY?

The Building & Construction Trade Academy gives you the opportunity to gain nationally recognised qualifications while learning through real construction projects.

THIS IS NOT A TRADITIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Students enrolled in the Academy:

- Attend the programme 5 days per week
- Complete one period of theory each day
- Spend the rest of the day on the tools, learning through practical work
- Work alongside an experienced construction tutor
- Build real projects that benefit our community
- Gain Level 3 credits and BCITO micro-credentials

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

You will develop practical skills in:

- Safe use of tools and equipment
- Measuring and calculations
- Framing and structural construction
- Roofing and cladding
- Exterior joinery
- Reading plans and specifications
- Working at height
- Health and safety in construction
- Teamwork and project management

BUILD SOMETHING THAT MATTERS

Students will work on authentic construction projects that benefit our community.

These local building projects might include:

- Community facilities
- Local building projects
- Facilities improvements
- Future housing initiatives

Real projects. Real impact. Real legacy.

QUALIFICATIONS & PATHWAYS

Students can achieve:

64 LEVEL 3 CREDITS

BCITO MICRO-CREDENTIALS

These qualifications provide pathways into:

- BCITO Apprenticeships
- Carpentry
- Building and Construction
- Civil Construction
- Plumbing
- Electrical Trades
- Painting and Decorating
- Further Trades Training
- Employment in the Construction Industry

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Year 12 Students
- Year 13 Students
- Students interested in practical learning
- Students considering apprenticeships or employment after school
- Must have Literacy and Numeracy
- Must have greater than 80% attendance

SPACES ARE LIMITED
Minimum: 10 Students
Maximum: 15 Students

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

LEARN BY DOING
Develop real skills on real projects.

EARN QUALIFICATIONS
Achieve Level 3 credits and industry recognition.

BUILD REAL PROJECTS
Create something lasting for our community.

CREATE OPPORTUNITIES
Pathways to apprenticeships, employment and beyond.

Your future is in your hands. Let's build it together.

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BACK to SCHOOL

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE

TE RANGITAUTAHANGA ROAD & WAIPAPA ROAD

SLOW DOWN

When students are crossing the road.

DO NOT PARK ACROSS THE ROAD

Parking there means students have to cross through moving traffic.

SCHOOL BUSES ONLY

The bus stop on Waipapa Road is for school buses only.

Thank you for helping keep our tamariki safe

FREE EAR & HEARING CLINIC

FOR INTERMEDIATE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Good hearing helps you learn, stay connected and be your best.
Don't ignore ear problems.
We're here to help.

CAN'T HEAR PROPERLY? DON'T IGNORE IT.

- BETTER FOCUS IN CLASS
- STRONGER CONNECTIONS
- ENJOY MUSIC AND SPORT
- CONFIDENCE EVERY DAY

YOU MIGHT BE EXPERIENCING:

- Blocked ears
- Difficulty hearing teachers or friends
- Ear pain
- Ringing in your ears (tinnitus)
- Ear wax build-up
- Repeated ear infections

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

FREE APPOINTMENTS AT AWHI HOUSE

Every second Thursday
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

- Ear health checks
- Assessment of hearing concerns
- Advice about wax and blocked ears
- Assessment of ear infections and glue ear
- Referrals to specialist services if needed

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT:

Phone
022 074 1134

Email
info@thct.co.nz

Facebook
Follow the Awhi House Facebook page for upcoming clinic dates and updates.

YOUR HEARING. YOUR FUTURE. TAKE CARE OF IT.

♡ All children and rangatahi are welcome, and the clinic is completely FREE.

TERM THREE CALENDAR 2026

WK	Mane	Turei	Wenerei	Taite	Paraire
3	3/8 **Advanced Leaders - Whenuapai** BOARD MEETING RYDA road safety workshop Y12-13	4/8 **Advanced Leaders - Whenuapai** **Careers Road Show - Taupo Year 11-13** **Snow Squad** RDF - Taupō (FLS & MGN)	5/8 **Advanced Leaders - Whenuapai** **Massey Uni Open Day - Palmerston North** **Whakapiki ake visit** **Year 0-3 team Bike Taupō 9am-12pm**	6/8 **Advanced Leaders - Whenuapai** **School X Country** **Desk top sales**	7/8 **Advanced Leaders - Whenuapai** **TEACHER ONLY DAY**
4	10/8 NZCER Wellbeing Survey Yr 5-13	11/8 **P3 & 4 Year 12 All Things Sex** **Snow Squad** RDF - Taupō (FLS & MGN)	12/8 **Course Planning Waikato Uni**	*13/8*	14/8 **Inter-School X Country**
5	17/8 **Adventure Challenge - Okataina**	18/8 **Adventure Challenge - Okataina** **Snow Squad** RDF - Taupō (FLS & MGN)	19/8 **Adventure Challenge - Okataina**	20/8 **Adventure Challenge - Okataina**	21/8 **Adventure Challenge - Okataina**
6	24/8 Year 12/13 Tough Guy & Gal - Rotorua NEU	25/8 **Snow Squad** RDF - Taupō (FLS & MGN)	26/8	27/8	28/8
7	31/8 WiTeaching BSLA training HPA & MDS HBE Rangaranga reo	1/9 LIFE ED **Snow Squad** BSLA training HPA & MDS	2/9 LIFE ED	3/9 LIFE ED	4/9 LIFE ED

8	7/9 LIFE ED AIMS GAMES	8/9 LIFE ED Rippa Rugby Snow Squad RDF - Taupō (FLS & MGN)	9/9	10/9	11/9
9	14/9 WiTeaching BOARD MEETING Derived grades exams	15/9 TAIOPENGA Snow Squad RDF - Taupō (FLS & MGN)	16/9 TAIOPENGA	17/9 TAIOPENGA Year 0 - 3 & 4 - 6	18/9 TAIOPENGA
10	21/9	22/9 Rippa Rugby Taupō Y5&6 Snow Squad RDF - Taupō (FLS & MGN)	23/9 Rippa Rugby Taupō Y7 & 8 Turangi Careers Expo Year 11-13 go 11am-12pm Years 9-10 go 1-2pm	24/9 Attendance Party Badminton?	25/9 LAST DAY Year 4-6 End of Term Trip