

# TONGARIRO SCHOOL PANUI

29th January 2025

On behalf of the School Board and staff, I would like to welcome all of our students and their families to the 2025 school year.

Naumai, haere mai.

We hope everyone had an enjoyable break.

Full school starts on **Monday 3rd February.**

A Whakatau will be held in the hall at 8:45am for all new students and staff.

## **COHORT ENTRY DATES FOR 2025 (New Entrants)**

Term 1 – 3rd February or 10 March

Term 2 – 28 April or 26 May

Term 3 – 14 July or 18 August

Term 4 – 6 October or 10 November

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our ground staff for their work done over the holiday break to get our school grounds looking so good for the New Year.

Whaea Sharlyn

Tumuaki

## 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

### BOARD MEETINGS

20TH JANUARY 2025 PRE-SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
17TH FEBRUARY  
24TH MARCH  
APRIL – NO MEETING  
12TH MAY  
16TH JUNE  
28TH JULY  
AUGST – NO MEETING  
1ST SEPTEMBER  
20TH OCTOBER  
10TH NOVEMBER  
1ST DECEMBER

### TERM 1

MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 11 APRIL

### TERM 2

MONDAY, 28 APRIL - FRIDAY, 27 JUNE

### TERM 3

MONDAY, 14 JULY - FRIDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER

### TERM 4

MONDAY, 6 OCTOBER – THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN 2025

WAITANGI DAY – THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS – 6TH APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY – FRIDAY, 18 APRIL

EASTER MONDAY – MONDAY, 21 APRIL

EASTER TUESDAY – TUESDAY 22 APRIL

ANZAC DAY – FRIDAY, 25 APRIL

KING'S BIRTHDAY – MONDAY, 2 JUNE

MATARIKI – 20TH JUNE

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS – SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

LABOUR DAY – MONDAY, 27 OCTOBER

# LATE FOR SCHOOL?

CHILDREN LEARN BEST AT THE START OF THE DAY

If your child misses....	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes a Day	50 minutes a Week	1.5 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1/2 Year</u> of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 Year</u> of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 Years</u> of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>2.5 Years</u> of lost learning

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, every day!

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning.

Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to an hour a week of lost learning. Over a year this adds up to one week of school missed in a year!



Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable and on the outer with peers.

Children need to arrive on time ready to settle into their school work. Arriving at least 5 minutes before the first bell allows your child to interact with their peers and teacher and get themselves ready for their busy day.

*Attending School regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work every day and on time.*

# Tongariro School

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Next review: Term 1 2026

## Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices

At Tongariro School, our approach to cellphones and other personal digital devices supports student engagement and achievement. Personal digital devices include cellphones, which we manage according to government regulations, and other devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartwatches. Devices that are part of a school-approved Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme have separate conditions for use.

Tongariro School does not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to school.

### Cellphone regulations

To comply with government regulations, we ensure students do not use cellphones during school hours, including break times. Parents/Caregivers can request an exemption from the school if required. We allow exemptions for students to use cellphones if they are required for:

- a specific educational purpose approved by a teacher
- health needs (e.g. to monitor insulin levels)
- disability or learning support needs
- a special circumstance approved by the principal.

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child during school hours, they should call the office.

Rules about cellphones and other personal digital devices made by the board are a **school bylaw**. The board consults with the school community when making or amending bylaws. We discuss school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed.

### Device requirements at school

The school promotes safe and responsible use of digital technology. Students are required to comply with our digital technology policies and procedures if devices are brought to school. See **Digital Technology and Online Safety**.

If students bring personal digital devices (including cellphones) to school, the following requirements apply:

- Students may be able to take devices on EOTC events, but should check with the teacher or person in charge whether the device is allowed before the event starts.
- Students must turn their devices off and keep them out of sight during school hours.
- If devices are used for a learning activity, this must be approved and supervised by teaching staff.

### Inappropriate use

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:

- using a device when not allowed
- any sort of bullying, including **online bullying**
- sending or sharing inappropriate content

- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device is managed according to the relevant school policy or procedure:

- **Behaviour Management**
- **Responding to Digital Incidents**
- **Surrender and Retention of Personal Digital Devices**

If a student uses a personal digital device inappropriately (including using a **cellphone** when it is not allowed) the student must hand it to a staff member immediately when asked. If possible, the student should lock their device before handing it to staff. The device will be kept in the office and can be collected by the student at the end of the day.

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The principal assures the board that the school does not allow students to use cellphones during school hours, including break times, unless students have been granted an exemption. See **Review Schedule and Board Assurances**.

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## Update of Student Details

If your circumstances have changed, please contact Kerry Gallagher in the school office to update your new information such as:

\*Address

\*Mobile Numbers

\*Contact Emergency Numbers

You can contact Kerry on 07 3868684 or email –  
kerry.gallagher@tongariro.school.nz



## New Uniform Information

Uniform is expected from Year 7 up.

Please log on to NZ Uniforms for the full range of products –  
<https://www.nzuniforms.com>

Footwear is black shoes or sandals, this includes crocs.

The shoe must be majority black.

If a specific uniform piece is no longer available from NZ UNIFORMS due to that particular stock being discontinued, please see Kerry at the front office in regards to a substitute

