

Tongariro School

18th September 2025

Kua taka te wā – the end of Term 3 is here!

As we reach the close of another busy and vibrant term at Tongariro School, we take a moment to reflect on the many kaupapa, achievements, and shared experiences that have enriched our kura and strengthened our connections.

Term 3 has been full of life – from the inspiration and insight offered through Life Education and the Rongoā Māori workshop, to the snowy adventures of our Snow Squad and the whanaungatanga shared during our recent Whānau Day.

A real highlight this term was our students' participation in Taiopenga. Our ākonga represented Tongariro School with pride, talent, and aroha – celebrating te ao Māori through waiata, haka, and performance. The energy, dedication, and mana on display was truly moving. He mihi nunui to all the kaiako, kaimahi and taura who worked tirelessly to prepare, practise, and perform – your mahi was outstanding, and as a kura, we are incredibly proud of what you achieved. You have shown what can be done when we stand strong together.

We also acknowledge the hard work and commitment shown through the Common Assessment Activities (CAA) – a valuable opportunity for our learners to show their progress and for us to strengthen our support for every student's journey. A heartfelt ngā mihi nui to our outgoing Board members – thank you for your service, dedication, and the impact you've made. We also warmly welcome our new Board members and look forward to working together in partnership as we continue to grow and strengthen our kura.

As always, we are proud of the resilience, creativity, and manaakitanga shown across our Year 1–13 ākonga, kaiako, and whānau. Your contributions, big and small, shape the wairua of Tongariro School.

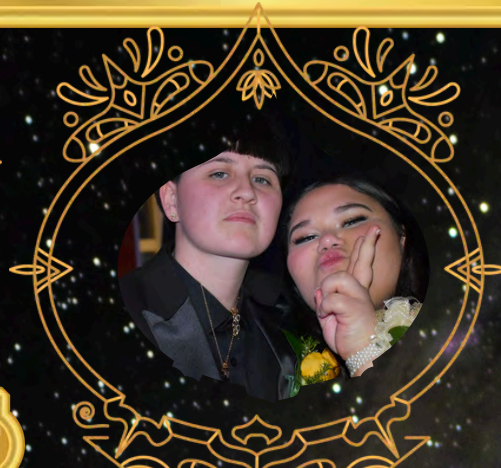
'Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.'
My strength is not that of an individual, but that of the collective.

We wish everyone a restful and restorative break over the holidays, and we look forward to seeing our kura whānau return with renewed energy for Term 4. School will begin on Monday 6th of October at 8:45am, starting with a whakatau to welcome our new students and whānau.

Tongariro School Ball 2025



QUEEN OF THE BALL
Bella Albert-Puhi



BEST COUPLE
Ysatis Perrett & Ashlyn Pohe



KING OF THE BALL
George Hemara



PRINCESS OF THE BALL
Layla Simeon



BEST DRESSED GIRL
Morgan Foxall



PRINCE OF THE BALL
Pakaurangi Tango-Thompson



THE BADDEST BADDIE
AWARD
Lexxia Crouch



BEST DRESSED TEACHER
Matua Weedles



BEST DRESSED BOY
Freyze Waru



LIFE OF THE PARTY AWARD
Tohu Hepi & Chris Matthews

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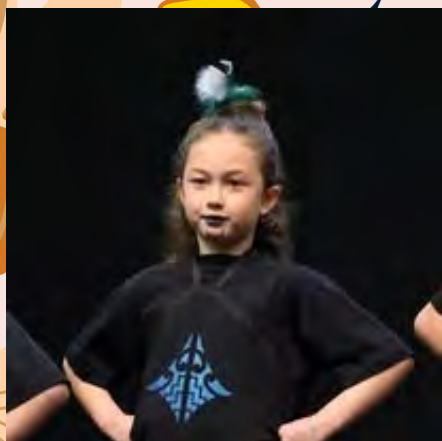
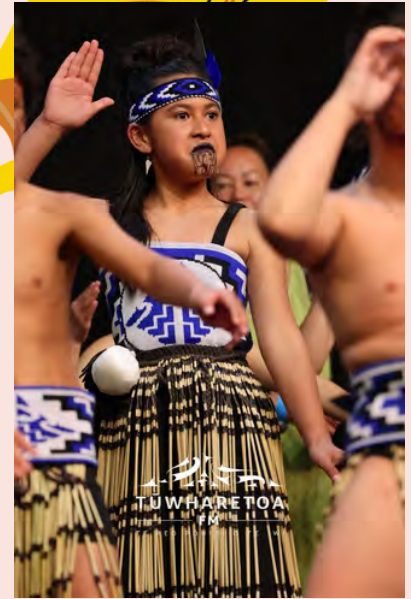
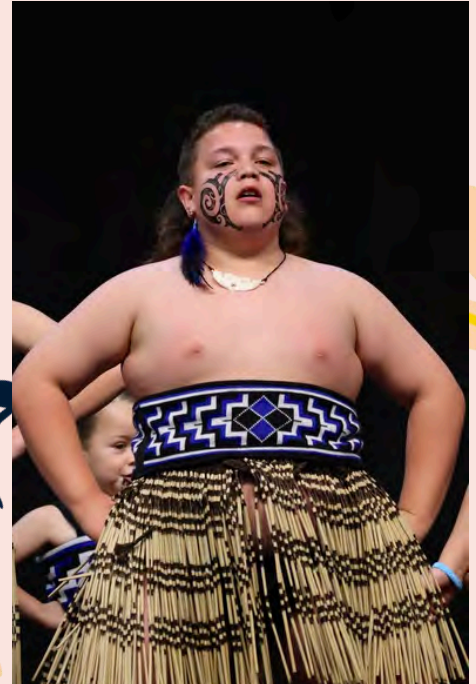
Taiopenga Dress Rehearsal



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Tuwharetoa Taiopenga - Taupo



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Cross Country Team - Finals in Taupo



Year 1-3 Awards Assembly



Room 3 went all out to dress up in yellow for Tongariro Schools Daffodil Day. We made beautiful daffodils and brought gold coin donations to help all the sick people who have cancer.

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Our inter school Rippa Rugby day with Tauhara School was a success. Tauhara enjoyed their day so much, that they have already said they want to come back! The energy, teamwork, and smiles made the day that much enjoyable.

A huge thank you to all the kaiako and tauira who pitched in to help make the day run so smoothly.

Ngā mihi tino nui to our Wharekura kaiako and tauira for your tautoko, taking lead and organising the whakarau. Our kaikorero Te Ariki Wanikau and RJ Caldwell – you made us all so proud.

Big mihi to the sports teams and refs Raumati Monaghan, Chris Tahau, Toby and Kingston Beauchamp for your help with setting up the fields and helping manage the games – your mahi made a huge difference.

And of course, to our tauira who participated today – you were absolutely amaaazing! The fun and good sportsmanship shown on the field was great to see.

Ngā Manaakitanga
Whaea Ngaraiti



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Any whanau who have spare uniforms they no longer need/use, can you please donate to the school. These can drop at office. Nga Mihi.



Last week Room 3 thoroughly enjoyed learning with Harold. The main focus was about our Hauora. We learnt we needed these important things for our well-being.

- 1. Sleep- at least 10-12 hours a night.**
- 2. Water - 7 glasses per day**
- 3. Shelter**
- 4. Exercise**
- 5. Oxygen**
- 6. Washing our bodies, clothing etc regularly**
- 7. Food - lots of healthy food**
- 8. Safety - wearing helmets to protect our brains, crossing the road safely.**
- 9. LOVE**



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Over the past term a library display promoting New Zealand authors has been set up.

To coincide with the display and to promote our New Zealand authors, anyone who issued, read and filled out the Read To Win form correctly, would go into the draw to win lunch supplied by Whaea Paula.

The winner was Rose Toko who read books written by Tim Tipene. These books are about Pipi, Pou and Nana - kaitiaki with a superhero difference!

Congratulations Rose! I hope you enjoyed your Burger King meal!



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AE students weighing and vaccinating young bulls at Rangatira E Trust Taupo.



Trades students putting more wires onto a fence to make it sheep proof at Taurewa Farm Trust.



The Legend of the 100% Attendance Stars – Term 3

Long ago, Tāwhaki climbed the heavens and placed shining stars in the sky. This term, twenty-two students shone just as brightly — their light never faded, for they stood strong each and every day.

✦ Ngarangi-Kamaea Te Rangi — a star of vision and guidance

✦ Logan Taipeti-Ith Beauchamp — a star of boldness and promise

✦ Amalia Beauchamp — a star of determination

✦ Saskijah Edwards — a star of courage

✦ Abigail Stewart — a star of friendship

✦ Kaleb Fleming — a star of commitment

✦ John Flores — a star of loyalty

✦ Max Whitmore — a star of creativity and light

✦ Quintin Jensen — a star of perseverance

✦ Ave-Maria Taewa — a star of spirit and song

✦ Faith Kempthorne — a star of hope

✦ Te Kahui Tamou- a star of strength and wisdom

✦ Estee Waru — a star of creativity and light

✦ Poppy Middleton — a star of joy

✦ River Murdoch — a star of flow and resilience

✦ Mahinaarangi McLaughlin-Hepi — a star of joy

✦ Ruby Pohatu — a star of beauty and brilliance

✦ Veronica Taewa- a star of fearlessness

✦ Zyah Ruke-Harris — a star of happiness

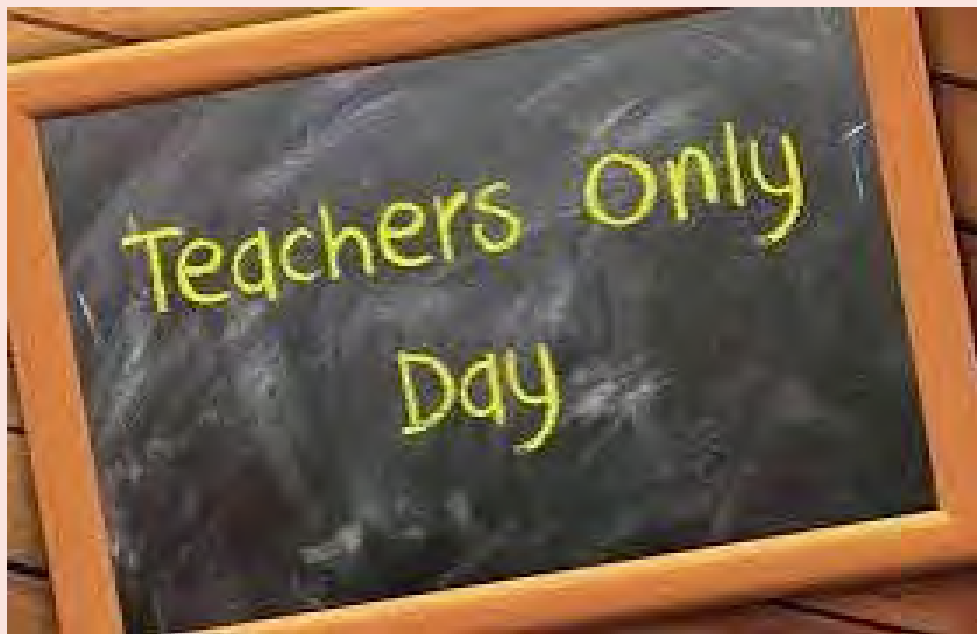
✦ Wolfgang Taewa — a star of mana

✦ Felix Whitmore — a star of strength

✦ Ave-Maria Taewa - a star of spirit and song

Together, they form a new constellation

Ngā Whetū o te Whakaute (The Stars of Commitment) May their
example guide
us all.



Friday 28th November 2025

Tongariro School
Parent & Staff Elections Results Declaration
16th September 2025



Parent representative votes:

Mel Albert - 61
Awhina Eru - 37
Paul Hallett - 35
Kylee Hema - 11
Reina Hepi - 18
Kiley Millar - 11
Gina Pohe - 45
Jeremy Saleman - 03
LaToya Searancke - 17
Tane Simon - 14
Tania Smallman - 04
Irena Te Wanikau - 41
Karauria Wall - 12
David Winterburn - 11
Invalid votes = 1

I hereby declare the following **duly elected:**

- **Mel Albert**
- **Awhina Eru**
- **Paul Hallett**
- **Gina Pohe**
- **Irena Wanikau**

Staff representative votes:

Witakere Biddle 28
Chris Te Whare 17

I hereby declare **Witakere Biddle duly elected.**

Student representative:

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received,

I hereby declare: **Jenifah Ruff duly elected.**

Kerry Gallagher - Returning Officer

UP AND COMING EVENTS IN TERM 4

WK	Mane	Turei	Wenerei	Taite	Paraire
1	6/10 SCHOOL STARTS Whakatau new staff and students Snow Squad	7/10 Anamata workshop TBC	8/10 KEA CROSSING TRAINING 11:30am	9/10	10/10
2	13/10 Practice Exams L2 Bio L2 Eng Board Meeting Snow Squad	14/10 Practice Exams L1 English	15/10 Practice Exams L2 Geo	16/10	17/10
3	20/10	21/10	22/10	23/10 Year 4-6 Floating Classroom Trip	24/10
4	27/10 LABOUR DAY No School	28/10	29/10	30/10 Services Academy and AKO 4 EOY Trip	31/10 Services Academy and AKO 4 EOY Trip
5	3/11	4/11	5/11 Tongariro Exhibition	6/11	7/11
6	10/11	11/11 Rongoa workshop	12/11 Year 7 - 13 awards Prizegiving	13/11 Year 4- 6 Rotorua Trip	14/11 Year 7 whanau class trip
7	17/11 Board Meeting	18/11	19/11	20/11	21/11
8	24/11	25/11	26/11 Year 1-6 awards Prizegiving	27/11	28/11 Teacher only day - Emma Nahna
9	1/12 Board Meeting Activity Week Year 4-6	2/12 Rongoa workshop Activity Week Year 4-6	3/12 Activity Week Year 4-6	4/12 Activity Week Year 4-6	5/12 Activity Week Year 4-6
10	8/12	9/12	10/12	11/12	



GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

Tūrangi LIBRARY PRESENTS

KEI RAROI TE MOANA



DIVE INTO AN UNDERWATER ADVENTURE THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

2pm to 2.45pm | Wednesday 24 September

Tūrangi Library

Choose a puppet from the Toro Pikopiko collection and swim through the library with a musical guide. Discover amazing taxidermy sea creatures –

For children 3 - 12 years of age

To book your spot in the adventure contact us at
thamilton@taupo.govt.nz or call +64 7 376 0899

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⚽ Turangi Football Summer League ⚽

We're kicking off on Wednesday, October 8th at Taupahi Reserve from 4pm–5pm.

- ✓ Open to all kids aged 5 years and up
- ✓ A one-off \$10 fee per child covers the whole term
- ✓ Separate games for 5–7 year olds running at the same time

It's all about fun, learning new skills, and enjoying football together.

Everyone is welcome – so spread the word and add them to this group message.

See you on the field! ⚽

🏑 2025 FUNSTICKS HOCKEY 🏑

6 weeks starting Tuesday 28th October to Tuesday 9th December

Years 1 and 2

3:30-4:30pm

\$45

Register online at www.taupohockey.co.nz

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greatest supporter





GIRLS BASKETBALL

CLINIC

COME AND JOIN US

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER

11:00AM - 12:30PM: GIRLS YEARS 5 & 6

1:00PM - 3:00PM: GIRLS YEARS 7 & 8

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER

11:30AM - 1:30PM: GIRLS YEARS 5 & 6

2:00PM - 4:00PM: GIRLS YEARS 7 & 8

VENUE: TAUPŌ EVENTS CENTRE GYM

COST: \$20.00 FOR PROGRAMME DURATION

**PLACES: LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS PER
GROUP (FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED)**

REGISTER HERE:

