

Kia ora koutou,

As we move further into the term, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and whānau. Our school continues to grow and evolve, and it's inspiring to see the way our community embraces these changes with resilience and enthusiasm.

This term, we have been focusing on strengthening our school value — tuakiritanga (identity), —both inside and outside the classroom. The values are the foundation of everything we do, and it's heartening to see our students demonstrating them daily in their learning, friendships, and interactions with the wider community.

We are also excited about the many opportunities ahead, from upcoming events and extracurricular activities to the continued development of our curriculum and learning spaces. I encourage everyone to stay engaged, ask questions, and participate wherever possible—it's through collective effort that we create the best environment for our tamariki to thrive.

A quick reminder to all whānau—please ensure that your contact details are up to date with the school office. Having the correct information allows us to communicate important updates, especially in case of emergencies. If you have changed your phone number, email, or address recently, please let us know as soon as possible.

I'd also like to extend a huge thank you to all parents and caregivers who notify the office when their child is absent. This helps us ensure that all students are safe and accounted for each day. Your support in keeping open lines of communication is greatly appreciated.

Whānau would have received an email which contained a survey around how we report on student progress and achievement. Please complete this survey before the end of the term.

Ngā mihi nui for your ongoing support. Let's continue working together to make our school a place where every student feels valued, challenged, and inspired.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Whaea Sharlyn

# WHĀNAU DAY



🔊 **NAU MAI, HAERE MAI E TE WHĀNAU!** 🔊

📅 **DATE: WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL**

🕒 **TIME: 11:30 AM - 12:50 PM**

📍 **LOCATION: TONGARIRO SCHOOL**

We warmly invite you to join us for Whānau Day—a special opportunity to see the learning in action and spend time with your tamaiti in their classroom.

## What to Expect:

- ✓ Experience the learning taking place in real time
- ✓ Work alongside your tamaiti and celebrate their progress
- ✓ Connect with teachers and other whānau
- ✓ Strengthen whanaungatanga within our kura

light refreshments will be available in the staffroom

📞 07 3868684

🌐 [www.tongariro.school.nz](http://www.tongariro.school.nz)



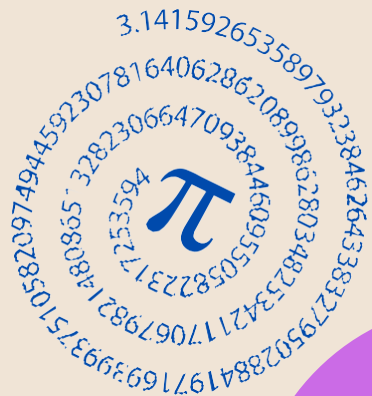
## TEACHER ONLY DAY TERM 2

THE TEACHERS OF OUR KURA WILL BE  
HAVING A TEACHER ONLY DAY ON THE

5TH MAY 2025  
MONDAY  
WEEK 2 OF TERM 2

THIS IS TO UPSKILL THE TEACHERS ON  
THE NEW MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM.  
THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS  
DAY.

NGĀ MIHI NUI  
DEB TE RANGIITA  
KAITIRIWĀ TUMUAKI



## **Attendance**

# **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

**All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.**

**You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure.**

Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky. If you are still unsure, get in touch with us and let's work together to support your learner.  
Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

Thank you to all parents who notify us when their child is absent. It really helps with keeping our rolls accurate and we really appreciate it.

If they are unable to make contact with us, you can send a note with your child when they come back to school.

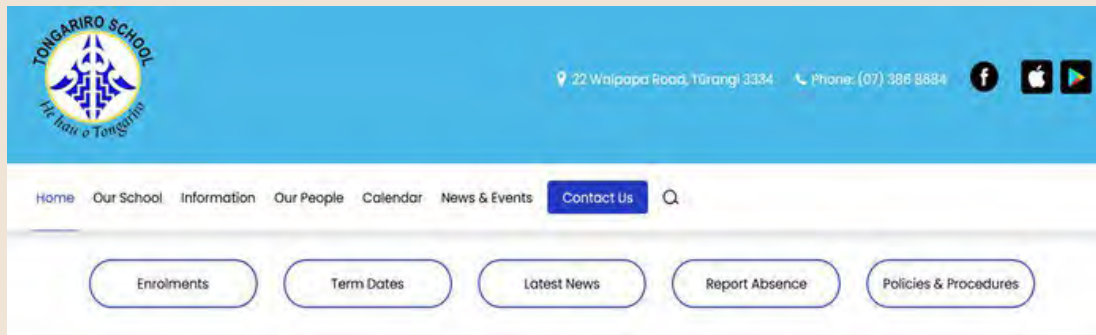
Any queries and issues with attendance please contact **Nikki Gosling** in the front office so we can work together.

**[nikki.gosling@tongariro.school.nz](mailto:nikki.gosling@tongariro.school.nz)**



## REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If your child is not going to be at school for any reason, please let us know.  
There are 3 easy ways to do it



Through our website

**[tongariro.school.nz](http://tongariro.school.nz)**

- Home page
- Report Absence
- Report a Childs Absence

Through the  **SKOOL LOOP** App

Download the Skool Loop App from the APP STORE or GOOGLE PLAY

- Select the Your School tab
- Select **New Zealand**
- Select **Waikato**
- Select **Tongariro School** – press the green tick
- Then press **Select Schools** at the top right of page
  - Then press **Orange** Choose button
  - Select **Absentee**
- Select Option to fill out Absentee form

or the 3rd option

Directly contact school by  
calling 073868684 - EXT 1

or emailing us at **[nikki.gosling@tongariro.school.nz](mailto:nikki.gosling@tongariro.school.nz)**

Its important we know where our tamariki are at all times

# What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

*Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?*

*That's when every minute counts the most!!*

***EVERY DAY COUNTS!***

STUDENT ATTENDANCE OVER  
90%+ FOR  
TERM 1,  
2025  
CONGRAULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

HARRY GAIR  
RAVEN-RAU MONKAGHAN  
KEA TE RANGI  
SASKIJAH EDWARDS  
CHEVYLAY BELLASS  
RJ CALDWELL  
PATRICIA RANGI  
CHARLIE BELLASS  
AVA HOLLEY  
RUBY POHATU  
RHIANNA VICKERS  
EVANGELINE WIRIHANA-WAKEFIELD  
MANAAKI KINGI  
PATRICIA COWARD-FLEMING  
DAVEE' FLIGHT  
SHYDON KEREMETE  
GIAVANNA LEVER  
MONYRACHANA LOY  
KADE NGATOKOWHA TE AKAU  
AROHA WALKER COTTON  
AZALIA ALI  
CARLITO BELLASS  
LOGAN FOOTHEAD  
MÀNÌ HANSEN  
TYVIESE KEREMETE  
MIKAERE TAMEPO  
NAVANA-JEAN VICKERS  
KAINO LACEY-REID  
SHARLIZE HOPA  
RAWIRI HURA

Azarhyaah Singh  
Autumn Solomon-Allen  
ROSE TOKO  
Molly Anne Wallace  
Malakai Woodmass  
Amaia Beauchamp  
Hakirirangi Epapara  
CARLOS WAIARI  
Daniel Thomas  
Kauika Naden  
Kaia Pohatu-Concina  
Tylar Rowe  
Ataahua-Jayde Toki  
Jessie Turanga  
Noah Wihongi  
Jacob Cater  
Shylar Simon  
CALLAN STEWART  
Brendan Topp  
ALMA WHITMORE  
Mckenzie Wihongi  
TREYCE WARU  
BELLA ALBERT-PUHI  
MORGAN FOXALL  
Xavier Hamilton  
George Hemara  
Tohu Hepi  
QUINTIN JENSEN

Dean Rowe  
Kaarina Tauroa-Koha  
Lily Wallace  
Lexxia Crouch  
Kianie George-Toko  
Zoe Hein  
SHAEDYN 'deBREEZE HAMILTON  
Keasyn Marshall  
Arana Puru-Hardie  
Te Hoka Wanikau  
Kirikotua Warena  
Raumati Monaghan  
Tyreese Solomona  
Reka Teinaki  
Kiripato Osborne  
SHANAYA SIMON  
Brianna Stewart  
Veronica Taewa  
Cassius Jensen  
DECKLYN SIBLEY-SINCLAIR  
KAYLANI STONE  
LOGAN Taipeti Ith Beauchamp  
WINNIE TOKO  
Te Mania Simeon  
Scarlet-Anne Tamepo  
Lucas Gordon-Green  
Joseph Tamepo  
STASSI WARU







TAUPO RIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT IS ALL GO FOR  
2025, THIS YEAR WE WELCOME ARIES PATENA-ALLEN  
AND MOSS ALBERT TO THE PROGRAMME.





## KI O RAHI

### KIWI SPORT TRAINING

**KiwiSport provides funding to primary and intermediate school students (Year 1-8) and secondary school students (Year 9-13).**

**Funding for this programme comes from Sport NZ and the Ministry of Education and is delivered through our regional sports trust partners.**

#### What does it aim to do?

- ♦ **increase the number of school-aged children participating in organised sport**
- ♦ **increase the availability and accessibility of sport opportunities for all school-aged children**
- ♦ **support children to develop skills that enable them to participate confidently in sport.**



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Tongariro School was lucky to have a visit from Whaea Paula's nieces, sisters Kennedy and Rueben Cherrington who play in the Australian Women's NRL for the Parramatta Eels.**

**They also played recently for the Māori All Stars Team against the Australian Indigenous Team.**

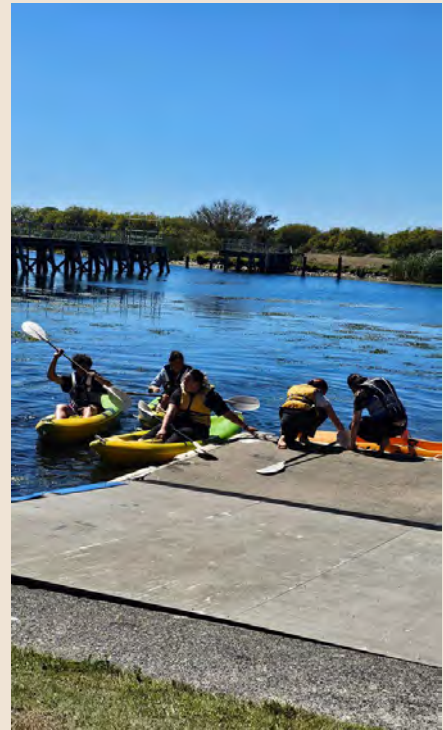
**They were in Tūrangi for a few days to visit their whanau as they whakapapa to Korohe Marae through their Great Grandmother who is buried there.**

**They also made time to attend the Tūrangi Dambusters Junior training where they gave some tips and did drills with players.**





## Waka Ama Training for our Senior Students



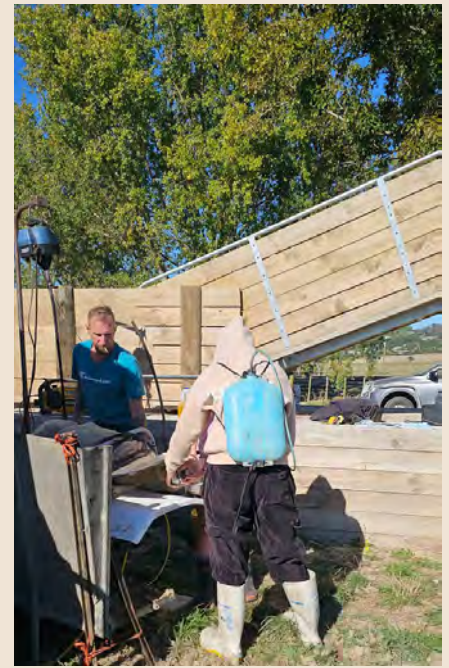






# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tauira helping to push sheep up to dagging trailer, and also drenching ewes on the trailer at Rangatira E Trust.





# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Last week Whaea Lisa Ellis travelled to Christchurch as Captain of the Bay of Plenty 40 Womens Touch team to play in the 2025 Masters Touch National Championship. The team played 9 games over 3 days to secure a top 4 placing finishing 4th. A great result for the team.

Ka rawe Whaea!





KANORAU TAKIWĀTANGA  
CONSULTANTS

# TŪRANGI TAKIWĀTANGA WĀNANGA

9.00AM - 2.30PM, 26 March  
2025 Te Kura o Hirangi 29  
Mawake Place TŪRANGI



## What to Expect:



Join us for a special wānanga designed to support whānau living with takiwātanga (autism). This is a space to connect, learn, and gain practical strategies from a kaupapa Māori perspective. This wānanga is open to parents, caregivers, educators, and anyone wanting to better understand and support tamariki with takiwātanga.

Please fill out the registration list on the link to attend!

REGISTER NOW



<https://www.kanorau.org.nz/upcoming-events/turangi>



# Breast screening

## Tūrangi

17 March to 4 April 2025

**Carpark behind Pihanga Health**  
Cnr Te Rangitautahanga Rd and Hingaia St



*We are graduates of  
breast screening because we want to  
ensure our whakapapa lives on to  
feed the next generation*

**0800 270 200**