

TONGARIRO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20TH NOVEMBER 2025

Kia ora e te whānau, warm greetings to you all,

As we head toward the end of a full and productive year, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the many achievements, efforts, and developments happening across our kura.

Senior Prizegiving – He mihi nui!

A huge congratulations to all our senior akonga who received awards at our recent Prizegiving. We are incredibly proud of your hard work, perseverance, and the way you demonstrate our school values of whakaute, kotahitanga, tuakiritanga, and whanaungatanga. To all whānau who supported our students throughout the year—ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

ERO Report Now Available

We are pleased to confirm that our latest ERO report has now been finalised. You can find this on our school website by going to:

tongariro.school.nz → Our School → Annual Report → 2025

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this process. The report reflects the significant mahi underway across the school and highlights the positive direction we continue to move in together.

2026 School Uniform Update

The Board has passed a new school uniform that will be available for purchase in 2026. Please see the information included below for details on the uniform and the rollout process. We appreciate the thoughtful feedback from students, staff, and whānau throughout the review period. The updated uniform reflects our kura identity and supports a sense of pride and belonging for all learners.

End-of-Year and Start-of-Year Dates

A reminder that school finishes on Thursday 11 December at 3pm.

School will reopen for instruction on Monday 3 February 2026.

Thank you for your continued support of our school, our staff, and most importantly, our tamariki and rangatahi. As always, we appreciate the partnership we share with you as we work to provide exceptional learning opportunities for all.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Sharlyn Holt
Tumuaki | Principal

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

DUX - 2025

Morgan Foxall

This student is graduating with the highest academic achievement at Tongariro School for 2025.



PROXIME ACCESSIT

Natasha Sibley-Ireland

This student has achieved the second-highest academic result for 2025.



These 2 awards recognises outstanding academic achievement and dedication. We celebrate Morgan and Natasha's commitment to excellence across multiple subjects.

HEAD STUDENTS FOR 2026



Lucy-Laurel Kereama



Chris Tahau



Raumati Monaghan



Treyce Waru

SENIOR LEADERS FOR 2026



Manaaki Church



Ashlyn Puhi



Te Whiti Hopa



Chris Matthews

YEAR 1 – 6

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

 **Prizegiving Celebration** 

Date: 26th November 2024

Time: 11.30am

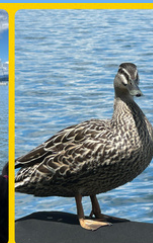
Location: Tongariro School Hall

✨ Join us for a memorable celebration as we recognize the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our year 1 – 6 junior students! ✨

This special event will highlight the outstanding accomplishments in academics, sports, arts, and more.

Come support our talented young achievers as they are honored for their excellence!

YEAR 4 – 6 TRIP TO THE FLOATING CLASSROOM



MANA KURATAHI

ON WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER TE WHAREKURA TRAVELLED TO TAURANGA TO MANA KURATAHI, WHAKATAETAE Ā MOTU, THE PRIMARY SCHOOL NATIONALS TO SUPPORT OUR REGIONAL TEAMS FROM TŪWHARETOA.

THIS WAS A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO STAND ALONGSIDE OUR WHĀNAU AND CELEBRATE THE STRENGTH OF OUR TAMARIKI AND THEIR MAHI.

BEING PART OF THIS KAUPAPA Ā MOTU REMINDS US THAT WE ARE CONNECTED TO SOMETHING BIGGER THAN OURSELVES, A MOVEMENT OF PRIDE, UNITY, AND CULTURE. WE GO NOT ONLY TO TAUTOKO OUR OWN BUT ALSO TO BE UPLIFTED AND INSPIRED BY THE INCREDIBLE KAIHAKA FROM ACROSS THE MOTU, WHO EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE AND KOTAHITANGA.

HE KAUPAPA NUI, HE KAUPAPA WHAKAHIRAHIRA. TŪWHARETOA PROUD!



S. T. E.A.M

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS AND MATHEMATICS

What is STEAM?

The year 1-3 team have been focussing on STEAM this term. We have been integrating these topics i.e. Science, Technology, English, Art, Mathematics. In Room 3 we are 'scientists'. We have been doing experiments using baking soda and vinegar i.e. Hidden Colours, Exploding volcano and the Self-inflating balloon.

We have also been doing Challenges using paper. So far we have done the Paper plane challenge, Skytower challenge, Paper chain challenge and the Paper boat challenge.

Freddi and Zhaleighya are the Paper plane champions. Their plane flew the furthest.

Zhaleighya is the Skytower champion. Her tower was the tallest.

Bella is the Paper chain champion. Her chain was the longest.

And we had lots of champions for the Paper boat challenge. The children had to make a boat and see who could sail their boat across the water tray using the least amount of breaths.



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**LAST FRIDAY THE YEAR 1-3 TEAM TRAVELLED TO TAUPO.
WE VISITED THE LILLIPUT FARM AND MIND JUNCTION.**



YEAR 1-6 SWIMMING SPORTS

**A HUGE MINI AROHA TO JUNIOR SCHOOL STAFF AND
SUPPORT STAFF WHO HELPED OUT WITH OUR SWIMMING
SPORTS EVENT.
HOUSE POINTS –**

**PIHANGA 2064 ...
TONGARIRO 2472 ...
NGAURUHOE 2831**

**NGAURUHOE WINS SWIMMING SPORTS 2025
WITH 2831 POINTS**



**CONGRAULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS
WHO HAVE 100% ATTENDANCE IN TERM 4**

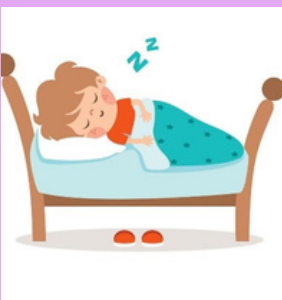
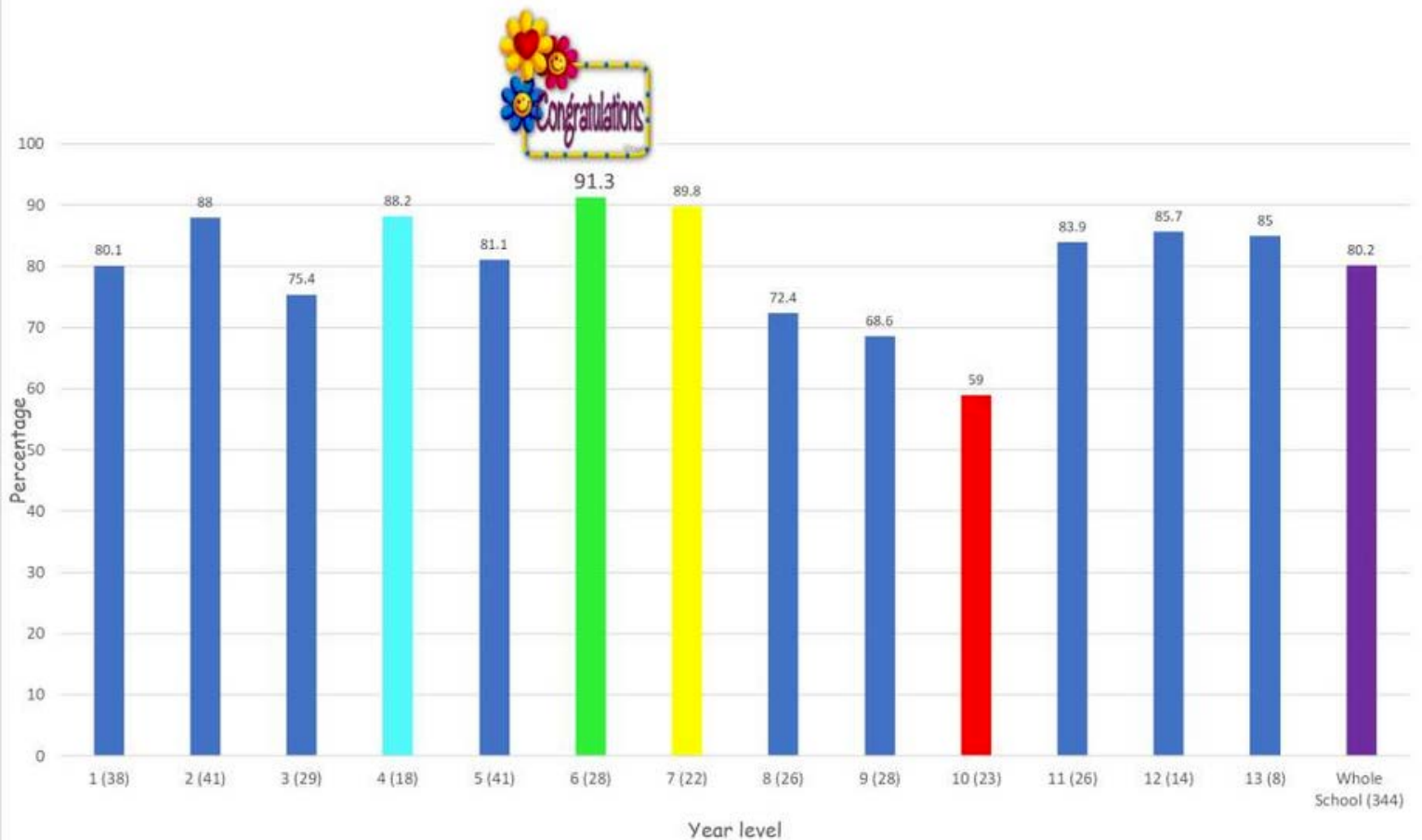


LEVI FOOTHEAD
PATRICIA RANGI
NGARANGI-KAMAEA TE RANGI
HARPER TE AKAU
ZHALEIGHYA-JADE TIPENE
NOVA-JOAN TAIPETI ITH BEAUCHAMP
MERCY TAMEPO
RHIANNA VICKERS
KADE NGATOKOWHA TE AKAU
MAZIKEEN SUEDE TURU-CORK
MOSS ALBERT
LOGAN TAIPETI ITH BEAUCHAMP
AZALIA ALI
MARAMA PARKER
TE KAHUI TAMOU
BROOKLYN COWARD
STASSI WARU
AMILAH ALI
MAIA FLIGHT
VIOLET HANSEN
TE AROHA POHATU
TAIKEHU TE WHAITI
VIOLET CURRY
AV'E-MARIA TAEWA
TYLOR MONAGHAN
KENZIE OLIVE
MORGAN FOXALL



ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES FOR YEARS 1 – 13 – TERM 4

Year level Attendance Term 4 Week 6



Chronic
87 students have
chronic
attendance
25.58 %



Irregular
89 Students
have irregular
attendance
25.58%



Moderate
47 Students have
moderate
attendance
13.82%



Regular
109 students
have regular
attendance
32.05%

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
7	17/11	18/11	19/11	20/11 ADE PL P5 SERVICES - OVERNIGHT FISHING TRIP CTE/TPS	21/11	
8	24/11 FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	25/11 YEAR 10 WAIKATO UNIVERSITY TRIP	26/11 YEAR 1-6 AWARDS PRIZEGIVING	27/11 ORS EOY TO DE BRETT'S KAI/CULTURE CLASS TRIP TO WAIRAKEI TERRACE	28/11 TEACHER ONLY DAY - EMMA NAHNA	
9	1/12 YEAR 4-6 RIVER WALK / TURTLE POOL SWIM	2/12 RONGOA WORKSHOP	3/12 YEAR 4-6 SPORTS @ SCHOOL TE WHAREKURA HOT POOLS AND NOHO. 1-3 TEAM TO TAUPŌ - DROP ZONE	4/12 YEAR 4-6 TARANAKI FALLS WALK TE WHAREKURA - TO ROTORUA	5/12 4-6 TEAM TO TAUPŌ - DROP ZONE KEA CROSSING CELEBRATION	
10	8/12 ATTENDANCE PARTY AT THE TURTLE POOLS	9/12	10/12	11/12 COLOUR RUN LAST DAY OF SCHOOL		



CELL PHONE USE

At Tongariro School, our approach to cellphones and other personal digital devices supports student engagement and achievement.

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.

- 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.

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.

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.



The Principal
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18th November 2025

Hon. Erica Stanford
Minister of Education
Parliament Buildings
Wellington 6160

By email Erica.Stanford@parliament.govt.nz

Tēnā koe e te Minita Stanford

Tongariro School Board's Commitment to Give Effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

At the conclusion of our most recent Board hui held Monday, 18th November 2025, all members swiftly and unanimously responded to your announcement that the legal requirement for school boards to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi will be removed with the following statement:

'Tongariro School Board of Trustees re-affirms our stance, to CONTINUE to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all governance, plans, policies and curriculum decisions, as well as CONTINUE to embed and uphold tikanga, te reo Māori, local hapū and iwi histories, waiata & haka which reflect the environment we are privileged to reside in. This privilege acknowledges mana whenua, Ngāti Turangitukua, for the gifting of land on which our school proudly stands and it is through giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, that we rightfully do so.'

Our response to you is *deliberate* and *unwavering* and we are determined to move forward in a firm stance, to ensure obligations to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi are upheld to reflect our governance responsibilities to all ākonga, whānau, staff, local hapū & iwi and wider community.

Ngā manaakitanga

I. Wanikau

Ms. Irena Wanikau
Presiding Member

S Holt

Ms. Sharlyn Holt
Tumuaki / Principal

Tongariro School | Te Kura o Tongariro
Board of Trustees & Senior Leadership Team

"Success achieved through Innovation, Determination and Courage"

Mā te hiringa, Mā te auhatanga, Mā te maia.

Ka eke ki te pae o te angitu.



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maia ka eke ki te pae o te angitu."**

Tongariro School New Uniform Information for Whānau (2026 Onwards)

Kia ora e te whānau,

**Our School Board has confirmed a new school uniform for
Tongariro School. Below is important information to help
whānau prepare for the transition.**

■ 2026–Transition Year 2026 will be a full transition year.

- Students may continue wearing the current 2025 uniform throughout all of 2026.
- Whānau may choose to purchase the new uniform at any time during the year.
- From the beginning of 2027, all students will be expected to wear the new uniform.

***This transition period gives whānau plenty of time to plan and
purchase items when it suits them.***



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Trying On and Ordering the New Uniform

All uniform fitting and orders will be managed through the school office.

Whānau and students can:

- View sample sizes Try on items
- Place orders directly with our office team

Office staff will be happy to help with sizing, orders, and any questions.

Uniform Pricing for 2026

Hoodie Adult sizes: \$63.25

Youth sizes: \$51.75

Polo Shirt Adult sizes: \$34.50

Youth sizes: \$28.75

We have a flexible bottom option for whānau to allow comfort and affordability. Please see details below.

Support for Whānau

We understand that uniform costs can be significant for some families. If you would like to discuss payment options or need support, please get in touch with the school office—he waka eke noa, we are all in this together.



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Tongariro School Uniform

Our everyday wear is a polo shirt and hoodie



We have the flexible bottoms option for
whānau to allow affordability and comfort.



Plain - black shorts, pants or skirt (just above the knee)



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**Acceptable footwear. Footwear must be
plain black. No white trim.**





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Tongariro School Uniform

What is not acceptable



ripped
jeans



writing or
patterns



tights or
sportswear



short
shorts



shoes with white trim



shoes with coloured
laces



cargo shorts



denim material