



School Newsletter

 | Term 4

Date: October 15th, 2026

WELCOME BACK

Tēnā tātou katoa. Greetings to you all.

We hope this newsletter finds everyone in the best of health after the school holiday break. A time to enjoy your child, your family and a time to make memories. I certainly found it wonderfully uplifting to spend time with my great grandchildren, my grandchildren and to return to our home in Auckland. Laughter, crying, and the sound of little feet running around is such a joyous sound to hear and to feel.

Term 4 of 2026 has a jam packed calendar. We have so many events that we are trying to tie up in this busy term. Please check our calendar and do not hesitate to contact the office if you are needing clarification.

Upcoming Event: Lamb & Calf Day

Date: Tuesday 20th October

On our calendar we have our first event coming up on Tuesday 20th October. Our Lamb and Calf Day has been the epitome of all our events over the years. A meaningful event that brings the whole community together and a great time for the children of Ratapiiko School to stand proud and show off all their skills from the classroom to the field with a lamb or a calf.

Warm regards,

Victoria Greening-Winiata

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Principal, Ratapiiko School

ENROLMENT NOTICE



Contact Office

Have questions about upcoming events?

admin@ratapiko.school.nz

Term 4 Theme: Awa-River

Our overarching theme for Term 4 is the Awa-River. We are indeed excited to look at our local rivers and how most of them come off our majestic mouna.

Nuts and Bolts

Dates to Remember:	
<i>Calf & Lamb Day</i>	Tuesday 20th October
<i>Calf & Lamb Day pp</i>	Friday 23rd October
<i>Labour Day Holiday</i>	Monday 26 October
<i>Norfolk and Ratapiko Athletics Day</i>	Friday 30th October Yr 4 up
<i>Year 6, 7 and 8 Camp Days at TOPEC</i>	Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November. 9am - 4pm Thursday 9am-2.30pm Friday
<i>Firewise Day at Ratapiko 9-10am whole school</i>	Tuesday 10th November
<i>Kōhanga Moa Athletics Day</i>	Tuesday 10th November Yr 4 up
<i>Kōhanga Moa Athletics Day pp date</i>	Thursday 12th November
<i>I.H.S. Orientation Day Yr8</i>	Friday 13th November
<i>Nukes Ukulele Show at Inglewood Primary</i>	Friday 13th -10 -11.30am Travel by bus
<i>School Photos</i>	Monday 16th November
<i>Years 1-4 River Trip</i>	Tuesday 17th November
<i>Vertical Horizon School Camp</i>	Monday 30th November- Wednesday 2nd December
<i>Netball sessions -Netball Taranaki</i>	Tuesday 27th October Tuesday 3rd November
<i>Rippa sessions - Taranaki Rugby</i>	Wednesday 21st October Wednesday 4th November
<i>Senior Soirée: End of year meet and greet</i>	Tuesday 8th December-times to be confirmed
<i>End of Year Assembly</i>	Monday 14 December
<i>Last day of Term 4</i>	Tuesday 15 December

School Policies & Attendance

SchoolDocs Updates & Ministry Attendance Guidelines

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

[School-Attendance-presentation-slides-2025.pptx](#) Please watch this presentation from the Ministry

The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.

WHĀNAU



Parents need to:

To report each day to the office why your child is away.
Seek support from your teacher or office if you are struggling to get your child to school.

Parents need to:

Work with the school to return to regular attendance.
Attend a meeting at the school to work together on a support plan.
Implement strategies at home.

Parents need to:

Return student to regular attendance.
Engage in an improvement plan.
Participate in regular meetings.
The Ministry of Education may choose to prosecute families if support offered is not taken.

KURA



The school needs to:

Send a formal letter to the parents letting them know that their child has reached 5-9 days absence. Principal will call to discuss absence.
Offer assistance where we can to support attendance.

The school need to:

Send an escalated formal notification to the parents. Hold a meeting at the school to discuss concerns around attendance and develop a support plan, identify and where possible, remove barriers that may be impacting regular

The school needs to:

Send a warning notice and make contact to meet with families.
Escalate multi agency response.
Engage in multi agency response.
Implement and monitor improvement plan,

SCHOOLDOCS POLICIES & PROCEDURES



Ratapiko School

What's new?

Throughout the year, the School Docs team updates content to reflect regulatory and legislative changes, and makes improvements for clarity, readability, and purpose. These scheduled and internal review changes are summarised on the What's new page.

Reviews

Each term, the whole school community is invited to review and comment on specific policies and procedures. This feedback is captured using the review button on topics that are under review. The review topics for each term are listed on the Current Review and Review Instructions page.

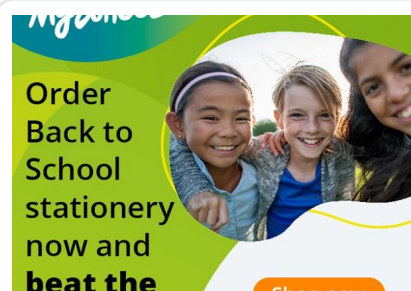
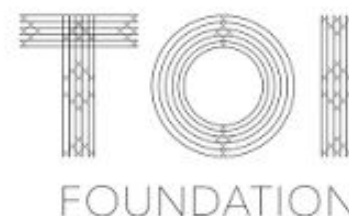
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