# UPOKONGARO SCHOOL Where I can Enjoy Swees as Me

#### **FAREWELL MR TODD**

Tomorrow a group of students and staff will take Mr Todd up to Aberfeldy school to hand him over as their new principal. He is going to be missed by our school, however he takes with him all of our love and support. We're a little glad he's just down the road, so we'll be expecting a visit every now and then.

We wish you all the best for the future, Mr Todd and we're very proud of you.



Role playing during staff professional development.



Serving up the kai!



Year 7&8 Dinner & Dance



Duathalon Crew.



Gracing us with his guitar skills.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM TWO**

- 6 May Contributing Schools Hockey Tournament
- 13 May CS Hockey Postponement Day
- 2 Jun King's Birthday Public Holiday No School
- 3 Jun Contributing Schools Netball Tournament
- 10 Jun CS Netball Postponement Day
- 19 Jun Whānau Learning Day 9am combined with Matariki celebration
- 20 Jun Matariki Public Holiday No School
- 26 Jun Reports Sent Home



## 2025 TERM ONE WEEK 10 NEWSLETTER



#### Attendance: Every Day Counts

Attendance has been identified as one of the greatest influences on students' achievement, engagement and well-being. Regular participation in school not only enhances learning outcomes but also fosters a sense of community among our students. We ask that you reinforce the importance of attending school with your child. There is a nationwide focus on increasing attendance in our schools. The Ministry of Education has emphasized the importance of regular attendance.

As we are coming to understand new expectations regarding attendance, we want to share some of the information and requirements with you.

- Schools and parents are legally responsible for making sure students attend school every day (Education and Training Act 2020, and the Education (School Attendance) Regulations 2024.)
- Regular attendance is being present at school 90% or more each term. This does not include justified absences.
- Irregular is 80-90% missing 5-9 days a term
- Moderate 70-80% missing 10-14 days a term
- · Chronic under 70% missing 15 days a term

The table below is from the Ministry of Education and represents the impact of non-attendance during your child's time at school.

1 or 2 Days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses	Over their 13 years of schooling, that's
1 day every 2 weeks	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day every week	Over 2.5 years of school missed
2 days per week	Over 5 years of schooling missed
3 days per week	Nearly 8 years of schooling missed

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, we ask that you inform us on the day. If we do not hear from you, your child is marked as Truant. To let us know the following ways are available:

- via Skool Loop this will send an email to the classroom teacher. If you tick other, please give a specific
  reason in the drop-down box. This is our preferred method as it helps us keep track easier, especially if the
  class teacher is away.
- Direct contact with the classroom teacher -text, phone message
- Leave a message on the school number 06 345 6424. Please remember that the office is not open after 10.00am
- Please do not contact Erin.