

Ngāti Toa School

Pānui wiki tuaono Wāhanga tuatoru 2025



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Malo e lelei,

Me āku whakapāha-apologies for not sending out our usual weekly pānui over the last few weeks. Although it has been a few weeks since Te Kiwa Nui where our kapa haka roopu set the scene with a professional and polished performance for the other schools to follow. I would still like to acknowledge the work put in by whānau, kaiako and of course the tutors. Kei te ū mātou ki te mahi i te kapa haka. Ko te Kapa Haka roopu, kei te kaha herenga ki a mātou uara o te Iti Kahurangi. Koutou mā, kia kaha, Kia maia, kia manawanui. Mauri ora!

E te whānau

Our Expectations for attendance

Regular attendance at Ngāti Toa School is important for your tamaiti to succeed. There is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well at kura. As a whānau, you are responsible for making sure your tamaiti attends school every day.

If your tamaiti is going to be absent for any reason it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible. It is important that you phone to confirm your child's absence and provide us with the reason.

If your tamaiti is absent regularly, or for extended periods, we will contact you to discuss the situation. We are committed to supporting your tamaiti to attend kura. If you're having difficulty getting your child to school, you can ask for support by:

- speaking with your child's teacher
- contacting the office, or
- calling Rhys McKinley 0211338707

We can work together to create a support plan that helps address any barriers to attendance. For more information, including your rights and responsibilities as whānau, visit the Ministry of Education's website:

moe.govt.nz/attendance

Ngā Tamariki

There have been lots of exciting events since our last newsletter. The juniors visited Te Papa, tamariki participated in Te Kiwa Nui and Cook Island Language week last week. Through all of these, our tamariki have shown our school values. I hear positive stories from people about your tamariki. They demonstrate kotahitanga, aroha and ako. These values are not just from school but from you, the whānau. Our tamariki have a strong values base already when they come to school. Ngā mihi atu koutou katoa.

Ngā Uara /Values

Ako - We are all teachers and we are all learners. We all help each other grow smarter

Hauora - We make healthy choices for our minds, bodies, wairua, whānau, and our kura

Iti kahurangi - We dream big, try our best, and celebrate what we achieve!

Kotahitanga - When we work together and support each other, we win together.

Aroha - We are kind, respectful, and caring towards ourselves, our friends, and our places.

It is always good to acknowledge our ākonga demonstrating ngā uara/ Values. Here are the latest juniors who show iti kahurangi. They try their very best to achieve their goals.



Kaiako/Kaimahi/Staff

On **Friday 22 August**, all NZEI staff members will be attending a union meeting at 2pm. This means only a few support staff and the principal will be onsite in the afternoon to supervise tamariki who are not picked up early.

We kindly ask that whānau pick up their tamariki at **1pm** if possible. A notice has been sent home asking whānau to let us know if you would like your tamariki to walk home. Please note:

Tamariki will not be allowed to walk home unless this notice has been completed and returned to school.

For any tamariki who are not picked up or walking home, school will finish as normal at 3pm, with limited supervision available.

Corrections work crew helping at Ngāti Toa School

We've partnered with Corrections NZ to complete some outdoor maintenance jobs around our school. A supervised crew will be onsite on **Saturdays between 9am and 3pm**, working **only outside** when **no tamariki are present**.

Corrections have carried out a full **health and safety check** of the site and a risk assessment of the crew and tasks. The workers will be fully supervised at all times and follow a clearly defined programme of work.

Jobs being completed include:

- Removing blackberry from our grounds
- Clearing drains
- Weedeating in some areas
- Digging over bark and gardens.

This mahi supports our caretaker and helps ensure our school environment remains safe, tidy, and welcoming for tamariki and whānau. It also provides a positive opportunity for those involved in the programme to give back to the community as part of their rehabilitation journey.

Te Poari

Kia ora koutou,

It's been fantastic to see such a strong response to this year's school board nominations. We're thrilled that so many whānau and community members are keen to share their skills and support the direction of our kura.

The next step is voting. Casting your vote is a simple way to have a say in how our school is governed and to ensure the board reflects our community. At the last election, around 10% of voters took part — a strong result compared to many schools. This year, we'd love to build on that and see even more whānau involved.

The Returning Officer will be in touch with reminders, but we encourage everyone to take the opportunity to have your say and support those who have put themselves forward.

Ngā mihi,

Ngāti Toa School Board



Dates to remember

18 - 22 Ākuhata

Tonga Language Week

4 Hepetema

Science Road Show

15 - 20 Hepetema

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori



19 Hepetema



Last day of Term 3, 3pm



**KO 'ETAU LEA, KO E FE'UNU
MAHU'INGA IA KI HE MO'UI
'A E TONGA**



**OUR LANGUAGE IS THE
LIFELINE STRAND FOR OUR
TONGAN CULTURE**




Congratulations to the following students!
We're incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their amazing achievements.
Keep shining!"


 Congratulations to Azaria Taranaki and Romani Perano,
 our Rotary Leadership Award Recipients! 

We are incredibly proud of our students who were recognised at the Rotary Leadership Awards for their outstanding leadership, dedication, and service to others.
 Your commitment to making a positive difference in your school and community is truly inspiring – well done!



 Congratulations to Willow Hunkin! 
 Willow took out 1st place for her year group
 in Porirua's Got Talent last weekend!
 What an incredible achievement – we're so
 proud of you!

 Congratulations to Joshua Tutonu! 
 Joshua has been selected for the U14
 Porirua Basketball A Team!
 A fantastic accomplishment and a testament
 to your hard work and dedication on the
 court – well done!