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**TAUMATA SCHOOL** 





### **Key Dates:**

- 13 April: Matarawa International Day
- 13 April: Whanau Ropu 7-8pm
- 16 April: End of Term 1

TERM 2: 3 May - 9 July (10wks)

- 3 May: Term 2 begins
- 4 May: Pink Shirt Day
- 6 May: Nourishing Fathers 7 8pm
- 10 May: Matarawa Swimming tbc
- 20 May: School finish 1.45pm, Learning Celebration Hui 2 - 7pm (survey to be completed / booking T2, Wk 1)
- 24 28 May: Small sticks, full school
- 1 June: Mauao Structured Literacy, 3 4pm
- 1 June: Cross. Country, Yr 0-6
- 2 June: Cross Country, Yr 7&8 (offsite)
- 4 June: Teachers Only Day (school closed)
- 7 June: Queens Birthday (school closed)
- 9 June: 101 New & Existing parents 6 7pm
- 21 June Yr 7 Boostrix Vaccinations
- 25 June Yr 7 Boostrix Vaccination catch up
- 2 July: Teachers Only Day (school closed)
- 9 July: Last day of term 2

Please refer to HERO for updates on events and activities, including sport registrations for Term 2.

You are also able to view the event calendar on HERO and the full year calendar for year on the website - Taumata School Events Calendar.

# **Message from the Principal:**

Principal Gen Fuller

Kia ora, Nga mihi nui whanau.

A very warm welcome back after the extended Easter break. I hope you managed to enjoy quality time with loved ones and welcomed the extra hour of sleep with daylight savings.

Last week I had the privilege of sharing an open session with students, parents and Bay Music as they celebrated the achievements of a term's learning. This 'open session' was well attended and there were many proud moments as students demonstrated drumming, guitar, ukelele and vocal capabilities and then took time to share how music composition is practised with parents/whanau. To see the joy on student faces is a reminder of why our learning principles are so important at Taumata School. When children have the opportunity to create as opposed to consume, when learners **explore** with passion as opposed to prescription, when they can be **teachers** as well as learners and when they can take risk without 'fear of failure' the result is **profound learning**. Whilst the open session was one 'creative' example of this - we see many examples of real and relevant connections on a daily basis.

George Couros; a prominent author; and leading educator in innovation, teaching and learning. He is provocative and vocal in his challenge to schools... that we teach students in a way that prepares them for learning as opposed to schooling. In a recent post he shared an image to promote discussion – the focus not to discount one over the other but merely generate debate and curiosity.

Have a happy and safe weekend.

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**Thank you to the Pyes Pa Lions club** for a very generous donation of **\$500** that will be used as part of our playscape development. The ongoing support from this local club is greatly appreciated.



# Whanau Rōpū Thanks:



School Branded Shade, thanks to the Whanau Rōpū, and the fundraising from the school and wider community.

These look great and will be awesome to use for events both at school and offsite.

## Whanau Rōpū Update:

**Disco:** Everyone who attended the Whanau Rōpū disco had a fantastic time. A huge thank you to all the Whanau Rōpū, Learning Coachers and volunteers who pulled this amazing evening together.

**Mothers Day:** Keep an eye out for more details from team for a fantastic event for all the mums and special caregivers out there!

If you'd like to get involved with the Whanau Rōpū please get in touch with them - they would love any support and help for events. **Next meeting 13 April 7 - 8pm**.

### **Lost Property:**

Each learning space has a lost property bin located inside their learning space. Please check these **before / after school**.

A lost property table will be set up at the **front gate each Friday** morning & afternoon for items that have been collected from communal area such as the hall or field. Please check the table if you are missing items.

Please NAME all items of clothing so we can reunite your child with their items.



# **School Uniforms:**

From term 2 school uniform items will be able to be purchased via the school website and picked up from the school office (after payment).

Ordering from our current supplier will be turned off 16 April and no items will be able to be ordered directly from them.

Please keep an eye on Hero / newsletters for further updates and information on when you will be able to place orders, payments and pick ups.



## Calling all Dads & Father-Figures:

- Do you want a community of Dads for support when you're not sure how to manage it all?
- Do you want to experience a deeper connection with your child?
- Could you benefit from some tools and connections to get on top of feelings of overwhelm?

Nourishing Fathers is here to empower Dads to raise the bar of fathering for ourselves! We form Dad Squads which will meet at the school. These are small, judgement-free groups where fathers and father figures can connect, hear each other's stories and relate to the everyday challenges of being a Dad.

This is not a group therapy – just a community of people supporting each other on a unique journey.

### Join us for a BBQ to find out more on the 8th of May at 7:00 pm at the Puwhenua 1 - by the school hall.



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## **New Zealand Symphony Orchestra:**

The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra are visiting Tauranga!

### TAURANGA OPEN DOORS Sat, 10 Apr, X Space, Baycourt Arts and Community Centre ALL EVENTS ARE FREE TO ATTEND

Note some events require online registration due to limited spaces, see below for details.

• 10.30am - 11.30am: Instrument Petting Zoo and NZSO Story time concert.

Children of all ages can explore the Instrument Petting Zoo, getting up close with various instruments and musicians of the Orchestra.

This will be followed by a short performance of NZSO Storytime live – a selection of kiwi children's book favourites accompanied live by members of the Orchestra.

• 12.00pm - 1.00pm: Spark Like a Fire, Fly Like Bird - Choreography Workshop with Sarah Knox The Firebird has become one of the most enduring orchestral and ballet works of all time. To celebrate our performance of Stravinsky's seminal work. NZSO invites you to develop your choreographic skills with one of New Zealand's top choreographic educators, Sarah Knox. This fun and friendly workshop utilises the themes of fire and flight as stimulus to explore solo and contact partnering movement. Participants will engage in creative tasking to generate their own movement vocabulary and work in small groups to develop choreography to share with one another. Suitable for both studio and NCEA dancers of any dance style, aged 13 and over. Due to limited spaces, interested participants must register in advance. Register now!

Sarah Knox is the co-founder of Trigger Dance and is a full time Lecturer in Dance Studies at the University of Auckland. She has 20 years of professional experience as a dancer, teacher and choreographer.

Find out more about Sarah and Trigger Dance at triggerdance.com

### • 2pm - 3.30pm: NZSO Foundation Masterclass

NZSO Principal Bass Trombone, Shannon Pittaway, facilitates a masterclass with young brass players from around the Bay of Plenty. Come and learn more about the wonderful instruments of the symphony orchestra.

• 4pm – 5pm: Songs from the Stage: A Broadway Singalong

Join the chorus and get warmed up for Sunday's Broadway Matinee concert. Georgia Jamieson Emms will lead a singalong workshop taking you through your paces learning much loved songs from Broadway.

No knowledge of music required!

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### **Channels for Communication:**

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.

## **Taumata Expectations for Parents**

Learner Agency - Outside our Learning spaces we	At our school, we value Grit - Collaboration - Creativity - Authentic Learners Meet the children away from the door Wait out of sight Allow children to leave the learning spaces
Inside the Learning spaces we	Make an appointment to meet with the Learning Coaches Actively supervise preschoolers at all times Leave the spaces as you found them Check with Learning Coaches before preschoolers play with equipment Allow children to do things for themselves
nside the admin block we	Wait patiently for someone to help you Be mindful of others working and wait quietly Be respectful at all times.
Playground	During school hours check-in through the office before entering the school, except after 2:15 pm Keep bikes and scooters etc away from the playground and buildings Actively supervise your children
Carpark	Park in the correct area Follow all signs and directions Park away from the school whenever possible Encourage children to walk or ride to school
Communication - Learning coaches - Admin - Management - Other parents	Show respect at all times Contact the Learning Coach to see if they can answer your questions before Admin / Leadership Make an appointment to discuss concerns Talk directly to the person involved, not via Social Media Be aware of differing opinions Be solution focused and positive

### **School Docs**

Our school policies are managed through School Docs and are available for viewing at anytime. You can access our policies and procedures via **Hero** or visiting:

www.schooldocs.co.nz in the search bar type Taumata School. Enter our username (taumata) and password (empowered)