

TAUMATA SCHOOL



POWHIRI

**8:00AM: NEW FAMILIES
ASSEMBLE IN DROP OFF ZONE
IN WHANAU GROUPS**

**8:15: POWHIRI PROCESS
BEGINS - WAIATA "TUTIRA MAI"**

**8:45: CHILDREN MOVE TO
LEARNING STUDIOS WITH
WHANAU COACH**

**8:45: TEA AND COFFEE FOR
ADULTS AND GUESTS - IN HALL
WITH LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Welcome:

Genavier Fuller - Principal

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa. Warm greetings to you all.

Thursday the 7th of February marks a poignant day in our shared history. Thursday is the day we shift from dreaming to doing, from conceptualising to implementing; and the day that we welcome 150 wonderful students and their families to this incredible journey. We hope you have enjoyed the summer holiday break with your children and look forward to partnering with you and your children in their educational journey.

I have thoroughly enjoyed connecting with our students and families over the last few days. There is a definite buzz of excitement as students explore the spaces, resources and outdoor areas. We acknowledge that there is still much to do (construction-wise) but are excited by this unique opportunity to work in such a stunning environment, with an amazing positive community. Thank you to each and every one of you for your positive response to what we have been creating.

As you will be aware our learning coaches and support team have been working extremely hard in the lead up to the handover, creating and planning exciting learning



opportunities. More recently they have been busy ensuring our spaces are ready to welcome learners. We have an amazing foundation team and I would like to publicly thank them for all they have done. I feel privileged to be working alongside such a talented team.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to consider our Establishment Board of Trustees and Construction Team. The EBOT started this journey in 2017 with conceptual designing, appointment of Principal and deep thinking around 21st Century Learning. They have shown true dedication and commitment to creating a world-class environment for your children. Thank you to each and every one of you. To our Construction Team -Southbase Construction and particularly Ben Morrow (Project Manager) and Denne Stewart (Site Manager) thank you for ensuring we are ready to open and for assisting us with trouble-shooting small challenges.

Learning Coaches and Whanau Groups:

As communicated each child is assigned to a specific whanau group and learning coach. This key person is the designated teacher responsible for the pastoral care of your child.

Whilst your child will spend time with other coaches in the learning studios, the designated whanau coach for your child is the first point of contact for communication. We are committed to building quality relationships with your child and you as whanau/caregivers; and value the importance of strong family partnerships.

Our learning coaches can be contacted by email or by phoning the school office to make an appointment. In all instances we will endeavour to respond to your communication in a timely fashion (within 24 hours with the exception of weekends), however ask that if it is an urgent matter please phone the school office on 07 5790990.

Construction Update:

The continued construction of our school will continue throughout Term 1. At this stage we have been advised that we are on track to have all additional spaces and landscaping complete by the end of Term 1. This will then allow us to move into the buildings during the Term One holiday period.



Sports Registration:

Term 1 Sports Registrations:

This term Taumata School will be registering teams into Volleyball, Flippaball and Rippa Rugby. The games are held after school and at various times depending on the weekly draw. In the attached google form there are more details outlining the days and times these sports will take place.

Please find below a link to register your child/ren to take part in the following term 1 sports (**these sports are only available for years 3-6**)

Volleyball

Flippaball

<https://goo.gl/forms/OyPgvHCqMz4xcrQo2>

Once we have received the registration details we will form teams and provide you with more details.

Details regarding Rippa Rugby will be sent to all families (**Rippa Rugby is for years 1-6**) over the next week.

Any queries or questions, please contact sjaanmcdivitt@taumata.school.nz

Travel to and from school:

We are excited to hear that a number of students are wanting to bike, scooter and walk to school. We want to encourage this as much as possible particularly as children become familiar with how to get to and from school; and you are happy with the safest route. We hope that you will encourage this, particularly for older children. We do want to emphasize the importance of helmets and footwear when using bikes and scooters.

We have designated a scooter and bike area in our carpark as a temporary measure. Our future plan includes a designated area behind the new build block, which will be fenced and secured.

If you are planning to drop off children to school we ask for your assistance with the use of the drop zones. The area directly in front of the hall and administration buildings is an "**Immediate Pick Up and Drop Off Zone**" where you will pull in and children exit the vehicle on the left hand side. This is a **NO PARKING** area to ensure smooth flow of traffic. The speed limit in this should not exceed **10km**. At this stage we ask that this area is left for dropping off junior students who are still familiarising themselves with school life. For more senior students we ask that you use the external road-side drop off area or further afield on Mortlake Heights or Kennedy Road and they use the pathways provided. In order to assist with locations please see the following page:

Accessing Taumata School



Taumata
School

by foot.



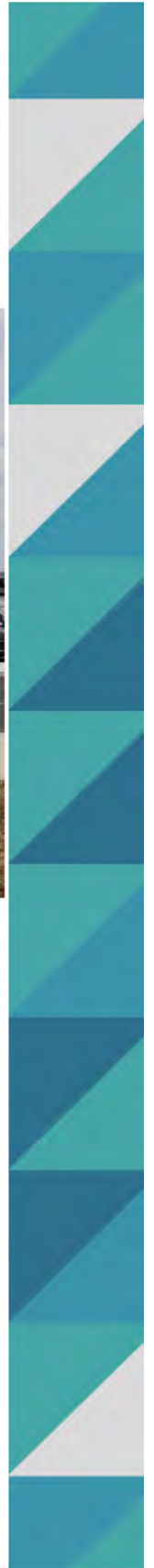
Please use the pedestrian crossing. A teacher will be stationed here.



Please use the main entrance to enter into Taumata. There will be a teacher placed here to aid crossing the carpark.



Please park your scooter and bikes in the temporary storage area we have set up in the carpark. This will be locked during the school day.



Accessing Taumata School by car.



Drop Off Zone: This is for dropping children off only. If you need to come into the school, please use the parking. 5KPH speed limit through entire car park.

Taumata Parking: This is parking designated for Taumata community members. Please do not park in the other half as this is for SouthBase Construction.

Children Crossing: Please be aware of students crossing the exit of the car parking and also within the middle of the parking area when they enter and leave the school grounds.