

# TAUMATA SCHOOL



## Key Dates:

- 14 OCT: MOBILE DENTAL UNIT ONSITE
- 18 OCT: HE PAKU WHAKANGAHAU
- 21 OCT: AONGATETE CAMP - PUWHENUA
- 29 OCT: WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH
- 30 OCT: PASIFIKA FESTIVAL
- 29-31 OCT: KIDS CAN RIDE (Y5-6)

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

A very warm welcome back to Term 4, where the next 10 weeks are going to whizz by. This term we have Aongatete Camp for our seniors, Otanewainuku experience for Matarawa, Orienteering, Athletics, Golf, Kids Can Ride, Pasifika Festival, Orange Day and Life Education. What a busy term; and these are just the co-curricular opportunities that support our continued conceptual inquiry into "Our Place."

Term 4 means changeable weather and we have certainly seen that over the last few days. Just a reminder that children need to have a sun hat this term, and children without a hat will be asked to sit in a shaded area. We also encourage sunblock to be applied at home. Whilst we have sunblock in each of the learning spaces, it is always good to know that children arrive at school covered.

As you may have noticed we have the mobile dental unit on site. Over the coming weeks your child will receive an enrolment and consent for dental examination booklet, and they will be called for a visit in the mobile unit. If you have any questions you can call 0800 TALK TEETH.

Over the last few weeks there has been a lot of media attention around the governments proposal for school



donations.

In budget 19 an initiative was announced to allow all Decile 1-7 schools to opt in and receive a payment of \$150.00 per student, per year instead of requesting a school donation. The initiative is designed to alleviate the pressure that family/whanau can feel when asked for a school donation. In return for the \$150.00 payment, schools agree not to ask parents for further donations. For a school of 300 students that would mean an additional \$45,000 in the budget.

As a decile 8 school, unfortunately Taumata School is not eligible for this initiative. We want to ensure that families understand that the school donation we request is a voluntary payment, that is very much appreciated and assists our school to provide extra opportunities and resources that are difficult to budget for.

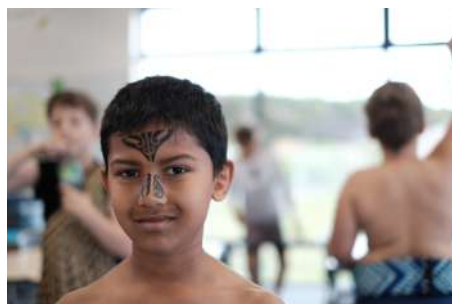
In the coming weeks we will be holding a parent information session around the school donation initiative, what school donations are used for and also anticipated costs associated with education outside the classroom and school camps. We would love to have as many parents in attendance as possible to ensure that we can share what we know and consult our community about our future pathways in this area.

## Orienteering:

Congratulations to all of our Year 5 and 6 students that took part in the Orienteering event at McLaren Falls. The learning for our children was significant as they traversed farms and the park grounds. Our students were wonderful ambassadors for our school and our Year 5 boys were placed 1st and our Year 6 girls placed 2nd. Congratulations to all students involved, and a big thanks to Whaea Leonie for working with our tamariki.

## He Paku Whakangahau:

The students of Pūwhenua have spent the last 5-6 weeks preparing for the He Paku Whakangahau which involves local primary schools in a day of kapa haka celebration. Today our students performed at the QE2 Centre, and were absolutely outstanding. They looked amazing and sounded amazing - and as a new school, they were polished, proud and respectful. The comments and reviews have been extremely positive. I would like to thank Dan Priest for having the vision and passion to work with our Pūwhenua children, well supported by Sjaan and Leonie. Additionally I would like to make special mention of Kristel, Nicole, Nadia and Bruce, along with other whanau members who committed time to our tamariki, ensured they looked fabulous in their kākahu and helped to coach and empower our children to be their absolute best today. Pai rawe koutou katoa!



## Additional information:

### 2020 Term dates:

The following dates have been set for our 2020 year:

Auckland Anniversary: 27 January  
School Office: 28 January  
Teacher Only Days: 28-30 January

### Term One:

Monday 3 February - Thursday 9 April (10 weeks)

Includes:

Waitangi Day: 6 February (School Closed)  
Teacher Only Day - Kahui Ako: 13 March (School Closed)  
Easter Friday: 10 April (School Closed)

### Term Two:

Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July (10 weeks)

Includes:

Queen's Birthday: 1 June (School Closed)  
Teacher Only Day: 15 May (School Closed)

### Term Three:

Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September (10 Weeks)

Includes:

Teacher Only Day - 21 August (School Closed)

### Term Four:

Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December (10 Weeks)

Includes:

Labour Day: 26 October (School Closed)

## Save the Date:

The Whanau Ropu (PTA) would like you to mark Saturday 30 November on your calendar. They are busy in the background organising our first ever Taumata School Quiz Night. This is sure to be a wonderful evening and we look forward to engaging in a night of laughter and challenge as a community. Further details to follow.