



## Diary

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **February:**

**13th** Water Skills For Life 10 lessons begin

**17th** Athletics - Centennial Park

Grounds, Wellsford  
**20th** Bus Safety Drill with Constable John Walker

**23rd** Board Meeting (Rm 3@ 6pm)

**27th & 28th** Visit by The Bugman - Ruud Kleinpaste

#### **March:**

**3rd** Assembly 2:15pm Room 3

**6th** Get Wise Financial Learning -seniors

VLN (Virtual Learning Network) classes begin

**10th** Rural Schools Swimming Sports TBC

**20th** Rural Schools Cricket Tournament

**30th** Board Meeting (Rm 3@ 6pm)

**31st** Assembly 2:15pm Rm 3

**6th** Last Day Term 1

# Tapora Times

## Week 2 - Term 1 2023

Office Hours: 8am - 9.00am 1.30pm - 5pm

*'Empowering our children to discover their passion and fulfil their potential'*

Kia ora,

Welcome back to school and 2023. What a horrible start to another year weatherwise. At least our first two days have been lovely and we were very fortunate to not be affected by all the rain and flooding.

### **Welcome**

As well as our students and staff from last year we also welcome Taimana in his first year at primary school who joins his brother Ariki in the junior class. We are also excited to have Sydney join us in the senior room. Sydney and her family come up from Pukekohe to the Rodney area. We know they will love their time at Tapora School.

### **Communication**

At the start of the year I'd like to mention communication which is an extremely important part of the Parent - Teacher - School relationship. This newsletter is one method of communication but is only sent out fortnightly. In it we can let you know what is coming up and report on what has already happened but there are other instances where there is a need for more timely communication.

Most urgent situations will be dealt with via a phone call and so we need to have up to date emergency contact details if we are unable to get hold of the main caregiver. There will be a notice sent home soon outlining your current contacts and a request to update if necessary.

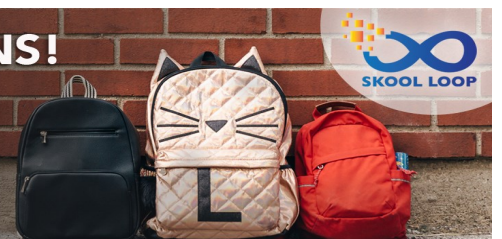
The main method of communication will be the use of the Skool Loop app. Everyone seems to have a smartphone these days so it shouldn't be difficult to download the app. The app provides everything you need: notices; facebook link; link to the most recent newsletter which you can print or share; in contacts you can phone, email or get to our website quickly; a calendar of school events that links to your own phone calendar and allows you to see if there are any clashes; absentee notices can be provided quickly and most importantly you can give your permission for your child to attend school events. All this is made available through the wonderful supporters below:

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If you haven't previously downloaded the Skool Loop app then I urge you to do so as soon as possible. The first notice and permission slip will be for the athletics next Friday 17th. We will need to have information back by Monday 13th to enable us to decide if we can attend or not.

## A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS!

**DOWNLOAD OUR SKOOL LOOP APP TO  
KEEP TRACK OF ALL SCHOOL NEWS AND  
IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023.**



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### ***ERO Review***

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) started using in our school last year. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and schools work together over time rather than the one off reviews that happened previously every three years. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

Our school worked alongside ERO last year to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. The Profile Report has been published on [ERO's website](#) along with the Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements.

### ***Dental Services***

The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is a Te Whatu Ora operated service, which provides free dental care to children across the greater Auckland areas. In order to prevent any eligible children missing out on receiving free dental care, ARDS is cross-checking their own records with school rolls.

For our children's better oral health and wellbeing, our school roll will be shared with the service as required. To find out more information about ARDS, please visit [ards.co.nz](https://ards.co.nz) or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583).

### ***Scholastic Book Club***

Thank you to everyone who orders books through the club. Last year we were able to purchase books for the library and resources for the classrooms through all the points that were earned through your orders. Students will be coming home this week with the first of 2023 flyers and it has a new look! To kick start the year they are offering up to 3 free books depending on how much you spend. It is preferred if you can order online but we will still take orders and cash at school. The date orders have to be in by is stamped on the flyer.

### ***Swim Safety Lessons***

Once again 10 free water skills for life lessons are being provided by a qualified instructor through the funding from Aktive Auckland. These will start next Monday 13th. Please ensure your child brings their swimming gear every day (despite the weather, as it can change quickly) This is too much of a valuable opportunity to miss out on. Those that forget their swimwear will sit and watch so at least they will hear what to do.

Over the next few weeks there will be a great deal more information to send home so to save the trees and help our environment please download the skool loop app. Through GooglePlay or AppStore.

Nga mihi,  
Keryl Lee

### ***Term 1 Policy Reviews***

Tapora School has a School Docs site where all our policies and procedures are kept. Every term there are policies to be reviewed by the board, staff and parents/caregivers. This term there are three policies for review by parents: student attendance; enrollment and uniform/dress code.

Go to <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> select search for your school and type Tapora in the box. When it takes you to log in, enter tapora - password: fairytern On the left side there is the **Parents and Whānau** section – it has a brief description of SchoolDocs, and important information about parent involvement, communication and reporting, community conduct expectations, and social media guidelines. There is also a **Quick Links for Parents and Whānau** topic with links to the most relevant policies and procedures.

To review this term's policies click on 'current review' under Tapora School heading. All the instructions are there. Paper copies of policies and review forms will be sent out if requested. It would be wonderful to have these three policies reviewed by the end of Term 1. Thank you.

***Many thanks to:*** the following farms and businesses who have nominated Tapora School for the Fuel for Schools sponsorship programme. Last year the students were able to choose a netball coaching kit and headphones for all the children. This year we are well on our way to earning the next \$1,000 with \$178 already by the start of February. If you order bulk delivery of fuel through Fern then please consider nominating our school to receive the 50 cents for every 100 litres ordered.

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### **BOT INFORMATION:**

Minutes are available on request from the school office.

Agenda for next meeting February 23rd: Finalise 2023 budget; elect presiding member; draft Annual Plan and Statement of Variance

Policy Review: Legislation and Administration; Student Attendance; Enrolment; Privacy; Official Information Requests; Uniform / Dress Code

### **REMINDERS:**

- If you send yoghurt to school for your child's lunch please include a spoon.
- We need to be notified by the parents/caregivers of the child if there are any changes to bus travel arrangements at the end of the day. We cannot accept changes from anyone else. Don't forget to notify our bus driver of any changes to the morning runs.
- Students bring their own reusable water bottle to school if you do not want them using the drinking fountain.
- Please include a healthy brain break in your child's lunchbox. Fruit, vegetables, nuts, seeds or cheese are acceptable options. We promote regular healthy food for school lunches with treats only for special occasions. Lollies are not part of a child's lunch box contents.
- Students need to have footwear suitable for fitness and running every day.
- [Rodney Area Transport Society – Your EasyBus Hub](#) This is the hub for all school transport information for the Rodney Area Transport Society. Please use this link to keep up to date with current information and any queries you may have about school bus transport.
- School lunches requiring heating can be brought to school any day but need to be wrapped in tin foil or something else heat proof with the child's name written on it. The lunch will be heated in the oven from morning tea and be ready by lunch time.

**There will be no bought school lunches available this Friday 10th but thanks to Sarah we hope to have them up and running for the rest of the term until Jamii is available to do them again in term 2**

### **COMMUNITY:**

Welcome back!

Hope everyone is safe and dry.

The Mahurangi Basketball Club for Years 5 & 6 will be running in Term 1 of 2023.

We still anticipate starting the Primary School League (and Intermediate League) from Term 2 onwards, but we'll keep everyone updated on how this progresses.

Mahurangi Basketball Club

Starting date: Tuesday 14th February 2023.

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

End date: Tuesday 4th April 2023.

Where: Mahurangi College Gym

Cost: \$50 per child

Please visit: <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=108570> for a registration form.

We do have to cap the number of spots to 30, so please register as soon as you can.

We can allow other age groups to register, but Year 5s & 6s will be given preference to keep the competition level.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

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### **FRIDAY LUNCH MENU**

#### **PIES**

Mince & Cheese - \$3.00  
Apple - \$2.50

#### **TOPPERS**

Butter Chicken - \$2.50  
Lasagne - \$2.50

#### **OTHER**

Pizza - \$2.50  
Chips - \$3.00  
American Hot Dog - \$3.50  
Sausage Roll - \$2.00  
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