

10TH FEBRUARY 2022

# TĀNEATUA SCHOOL

Newsletter Two, Week Two, Term One, 2022



## TERM DATES:

### TERM ONE:

2nd February to 14th April

### TERM ONE BREAKS:

7th February - Waitangi Day

6 - 7 April - Teacher Only Day

### TERM TWO:

2nd May to 8th July

### TERM TWO BREAKS:

6th June - Queen's Birthday

24th June - Matariki Holiday

### TERM THREE:

25th July to 30th September

### TERM THREE BREAKS:

No scheduled breaks

### TERM FOUR:

17th October to 14th

December

### TERM TWO HOLIDAYS:

24th October - Labour Day

18th November - Teacher

Only Day

## Tamariki Galore!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, we are buzzing here at our little old school. Our kura is grown so quickly over the last few days with 21 new enrolments, 10 of which are brand new five year olds.

It's so lovely to see our little school growing and our tamariki so happy and settled in their classes. Now that poor Whaea Witi class is bursting at the seams so early in the year, and our senior classes are getting super big too, we have asked Whaea Mere Williams to open another new class in our junior school.

This will mean that Matu Pop will have younger Year Six's, Year Five's and the older Year Four's. Whaea Mere will have the Year Four's, Three's, and some older Year Two's. This will mean Whaea Carly and Witi will share our new entrant tamariki.

# What's new in 2022 ...



## Our School App:

We are super excited to officially launch our new communication and reporting system - our school App HERO. We started using HERO last year as teachers, and now that we are pretty good on it we're are excited to share it with you all.

Hero allows schools to build an online environment that reflects our unique context. It enables teachers, students, and families to view and share content anytime, anywhere on any device. The software is secure, easy to use and brings together all school-related information in one place.

We are excited about the features that Hero has to offer families. These include the ability for parents and caregivers to:

- read and comment on posts relating to your child's learning
- view information on your child's progress and goals
- read and comment on school notices sent to the class or groups your child is part of
- respond to school notices such as surveys and trip permission requests
- view school term dates
- view a school calendar of events
- notify the school if your child is absent or late
- navigate to other school-related webpages
- customise your account by adding a profile image
- select how you wish to receive notifications

Over the upcoming year, staff will upload learning posts combined with curriculum information and goal-setting will form an online report designed to build year on year so that over time you will have access to written posts, images, video, work samples, and helpful resources all in one place.

For information about Hero including how to log in, go to our school website and go to the "Our School App" page.

If you have any further question or need help downloading the App please call the office to speak to Whaea Mārama.



*Ngā Kākano Class  
- all of our beautiful  
new tamariki that  
have joined us in  
our New Entrant  
class.*



## Staff Feature - Whaea Alice (Witi) Witeri

*Every week we will feature a different member of our staff ...*

Whaea Witi is our junior team leader and new entrant guru. She's leading the Eastern Bay of Plenty education scene with her trail blazing approach to teaching Reading and Writing with the Structured Literacy approach, embeded within a Te Ao Māori Learning through play environment. We are so lucky to have her!

**Whaea Witi:**

*"I have been a kaiako for many years here at Taneatua School. I have taught mainly in the junior syndicate and working with special needs students and now currently leader of the junior syndicate. I have a passion to teach children and to hopefully inspire them to achieve their goals and aspirations".*