

# Keeping it REAL

Panui ~ Term 2 ~ Wiki Toru



@ Taramoa  
Strathmore

'23

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# Kia orana, Talofa lava, Bula vinaka, Malo e lelei, Namaste He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa Warm greetings to you all

## THE LATEST NEWS

### TERM 2 BEGINS

We have started with a hiss and a roar as our tamariki get into their learning activities in a big way. Already they are well into baking projects, and building their skills in maths, reading, writing and Aotearoa history. We welcomed Matua Robert Wehipeihana who told us stories of Tokoroa's history. Ngā mihi Matua for your wonderful stories, and to our tamariki so keen to learn.

### SPORTS - WINTER SPORTS

Taramoa Strathmore School has so much to offer! This Term our tamariki will be playing basketball, chess, netball and rippa rugby. Thank you to all our coaches and whānau for making this happen, especially to Whaea Shannon for coordinating everything.

### READING LEAGUE '23

Taramoa Strathmore School is a place of reading! Our learners have been given their notebooks and need to be reading for only 15 minutes a night to get their points for this awesome competition. When they get max points (16), they go into a draw for free time vouchers, and later this term into whānau draws for \$50 vouchers to take home for you. Keep reading folks!

### STUDENT LEADERS: KAIĀRAHI (Kai-a-ra-hi)

Our Kaiārahi have been working hard around the school, showing their leadership in all sorts of ways. Recently, they helped with the Rock Park and St Andrews Drive clean-up. What outstanding citizens you are. Over the rest of Term 2, they will lead our younger tamariki to keep these places nice and tidy for our community. Way to go young leaders!

### CHESS TEAM

In Week 4 and again in Week 8, our young chess players will be facing off against our friends at Amisfield. We have been practising during lunchtimes. They are very excited to be representing Taramoa Strathmore. We look forward to seeing how well they do, showing our wider community how we keep it real in all sorts of ways.

### READING, WRITING & MATHS

This Term, there will be some testing in these important subjects. We are feeling very confident that some big learning is happening. 19 of our priority learners who were needing extra support are now up to

where they need to be for their age. This is such great news. The teaching team, including our incredible learning assistants (Whaea Terri, Ashton, Anna and Jennifer) are so passionate about seeing our young people progressing. Well done team! Well done all!

### LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Our lunchtime clubs continue to be popular:

- Mon: YR5-6 Chess Club
- Tue: Netball Skills
- Wed: Reading Club
- Thu: Film Club / Lego Club
- Fri: Art Club

### PROPERTY: THE OLD LIBRARY

Our old library building has now gone. You will still see lots of fencing up. When the weather improves, we will see new concrete being laid where the old library once stood. This will give us more winter playing space.

### ATTENDANCE & ENGAGEMENT

By the end of Term 1, we had seen a massive improvement to our regular attendance. In Term 4 2022, it was low at only 27%. Now, with the help of our Attendance Van (and Jennifer the driver), 67% of our tamariki are attending 90% of the time. This is a huge improvement. We will again be giving out rewards for tamariki whose attendance is 99-100%. Keep up the good work everyone.

### BIKES IN SCHOOL

We are making a grant application to buy a class set of bikes. The first set will be bigger bikes for YR4-6 tamariki, and are for use during lunch time. We also hope to be able to take groups up to Cougar Park, but we need your support to make this happen. If you're interested in helping, let us know.

Kia pai tō wiki whakataa ~ have a good weekend!  
~ Matua Jason Wright, Principal

## Cook Islands '24

Please pay your \$250 deposit by 1 June to the school's Team Taramoa bank account:

12 3268 0078830 03

Reference: Your child's name



# Key Dates for Your Calendar

15 May	Gala Raffle: collecting dry goods - many thanks for your support
16 May	Rippa Rugby in Hamilton - YR5-6
17 May	School photos - all orders and money to the office. Photos will be of classes, whole school, drummers and kaiārahi (student leaders)
18 May	St Andrews Drive and Rock Park Clean-up 2 (YR4)
19 May	Pink Shirt Day - wear something pink in support of anti-bullying
19 May	Fundraiser: cheese toasties and juicies - only \$2 for each ☺
24 May	Our drummers and singers performing at Leith Place
26 May	Inter-school swimming
30 May	Rippa Rugby in Mata Mata - YR5-6
2 Jun	Teacher only day ~ school is closed for the development of new curriculum knowledge and skills for all teachers
5 Jun	King's Birthday - public holiday
9 Jun	Kaiarahi (student leaders) to climb Maungatautari
12 Jun	Rock Park Clean-up 3 (YR3)
16 Jun	Teacher only day ~ school is closed for Aotearoa NZ History staff learning
22-23 Jun	YR 5-6 Noho Marae - looking for wonderful parents to help on this noho
26 Jun	Reports sent home from this date
30 Jun	Last day of Term 2

# Pai ki te Korero Term 2 2023

## Karakia: Whakataka Te Hau

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,  
Whakataka tō hau ki te tonga.

The wind swings to the west  
then turns to the south, settles down.

Kia makinakina ki uta,  
Kia mataratara ki tai.

Making it prickly cold inland  
Making it piercingly cold at sea.

E hi ake ana te ata kura  
he tio, he huka, he hauhu.

The glowing morning will rise  
on ice, on snow, on frost.

Tihei Mauri ora!

This is the essence of life!

### Kiwaha

Ringa Raupā

Be a hard worker,  
do your best

### Whakatauki

Ka mahi te hopu a te ringa whero

The chiefly hand takes hold ~ the leader works  
hard, leads the people



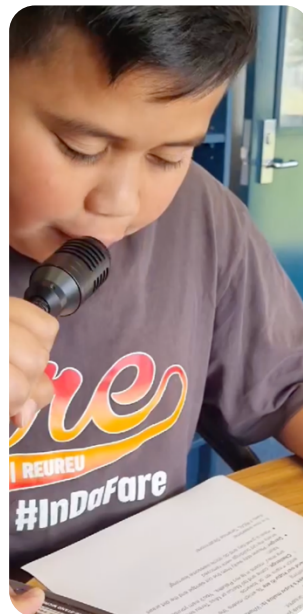
Giving back to our community with a Rock Park and St Andrews Drive clean-up ~ the first of many. Well done team!







Ngā mihi ~ many thanks to our coaches, whānau and supporters for making our sports events happen. In 2023, we will see our tamariki playing basketball, netball, soccer, rippa rugby and chess. That's awesome whānau whānui!







Chess is growing in popularity, with giant chess and our chess club ~ fun lunchtime activities ☺



Ngā mihi ~ many thanks to Tee Smiler for running ukulele lessons for us this year. 30 kids learning ~ it's a hit!





*Te Kura o Taramoa*  
**STRATHMORE SCHOOL**  
*Giving Children a Fulfilling Future ~ Whakaturu Tamariki Mō Āpōpō*

### **Learning focused**

WE LOVE LEARNING AT TARAMOĀ STRATHMORE, A SCHOOL LOADED WITH OPPORTUNITIES

### **Kind, Supportive, Skilled**

WE ARE FAMILY-ORIENTED, WITH HIGHLY TRAINED, FRIENDLY & EXPERIENCED TEACHERS

### **Learning & Admin Support**

OUR SKILLED & CARING LEARNING ASSISTANTS & ADMIN STAFF SUPPORT YOUR TAMARIKI TO BE THEIR BEST

### **Reading, Writing, Maths**

THESE ARE THE THREE PILLARS OF LEARNING WITH TIMELY SUPPORT WHEN IT'S NEEDED

### **Digital & Creative**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ART, MUSIC, & ISLAND DRUMMING ARE ALL A PART OF OUR LEARNING

### **Students at the Centre**

WE CARE DEEPLY FOR OUR STUDENTS, YOUR TAMARIKI, GIVING THEM WHATEVER THEY NEED TO SUCCEED

### **Rich in Values**

OUR VALUES ARE AT THE HEART OF OUR SCHOOL, WHERE WE GROW GREAT LEADERS & OUTSTANDING CITIZENS

### **Everyone's Wellbeing**

OUR STAFF ARE FOCUSED ON HAPPY & HEALTHY TAMARIKI, & CLOSE LINKS WITH YOU, OUR WHĀNAU

### **Our Community**

WE WORK FOR & WITH OUR COMMUNITY, PROVIDING WHAT YOU NEED, WHEN YOU NEED IT

### **Small Class Sizes**

WE MAKE SURE OUR CLASSES ARE SMALL, MOBILE & FOCUSED ON EACH STUDENT'S NEEDS

### **Free Stationery & Tech**

AT TARAMOĀ STRATHMORE, ALL LEARNING RESOURCES ARE FREE, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY

### **Free Transport**

WE OPERATE AN ATTENDANCE VAN FOR ANYONE NEEDING THIS SUPPORT, FREE OF CHARGE

### **Sports & the Outdoors**

WE ARE ALWAYS GROWING OUR OUTDOOR FACILITIES, & SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Healthy Lunches**

WE PROVIDE HEALTHY BREAKFAST & LUNCH, AND FRUIT & SNACKS, SO LESS FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT

**Here for our Tamariki, Whānau and Community**

Call in, message us, give us a bell, we are only too happy to chat







# Flying Start

**WELCOMING 4½ YEAR OLDS TO  
TARAMOA STRATHMORE SCHOOL'S**

**TRANSITION PROGRAMME  
Every Wednesday, from 9am**

**Phone 07 886 9765 for a booking or call in to meet  
our friendly staff ~ Giving Children a Fulfilling Future**

*Hosted by Odelee Olls & Anna Vano*