

# TINOPAI SCHOOL

Achieve through effort



Kia mau ki te ingoa!

and Community Pānui

Date: Week 1

Term: 1 2024

## Tena Koutou Whanau

Welcome back to kura everyone and happy New Year for 2024. We hope you've been enjoying the last few days of the summer holidays and getting ready the new school year.

### Term 1 starts on Tuesday 30th January.

What a busy summer break it has been! We would like to extend a huge thank you to our school board, whanau, community members and extended supporters for all the mahi and support that was shown for our annual Tinopai Fishing Competition.

### What a fantastic day for our community!

Additionally, thank you to our school team, as well as their whanau, for ensuring our kura was in 'tip-top' shape prior to the event; assisting with ticket sales and other administrative / organisational tasks, prior to and on the day. Really appreciated!

Kaiako have been in at kura this week, planning and setting up for the new year. We're looking forward to the start of school and catching up with our tamariki.

**Healthy Lunch in Schools:** will continue for 2024. Whaea Ming will be overseeing the program for Term 1 and she looks forward to catering and working with our tamariki in her new role.

### Week 1 Lunch Menu:

**Tuesday:** Cheesy chicken & broccoli fritters with vege sticks

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti bolognese

**Thursday:** Honey soy chicken noodles

**Friday:** Fish n chips and coleslaw

As part of the programme, we will be including veges & fruit that we have grown at kura. Tamariki will also have the opportunity to cook and learn about Food Safety with Whaea Ming.

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### Term dates: 2024

#### Term One:

Tuesday 30th January to  
Friday 12th April

#### Term Two:

Monday 29th April to  
Friday 5th July

#### Term Three:

Monday 22nd July to  
Friday 27th September

#### Term Four:

Monday 12th October to Friday  
13th December

## For the Calendar

### Waitangi Day

Tuesday 6th February

**Matakohe School Swimming Sports** - date to be confirmed

### Wednesday 14th February

Education Review Office -

Michelle McCarty on site

### Cyber Safety Presentation:

Dargaville High School @

6:30pm

### Tuesday 20th February

Ear Health / Caravan





**2023 End of Year Prize Giving:** Thank you to everyone who attended our end of year prizegiving. The trophies have been dropped into Whangarei for engraving. Once returned - to be displayed in the corridor cabinet.



**Paparoa Arts Competition:** our artwork has been dropped off for judging and these will be displayed at the Paparoa A&P Show 3rd February.

**Swimming Lessons:** due to unforeseen circumstances our school pool has been closed for the time being. We are working on finding a different location for our tamariki to practice their swimming skills in time for the annual Matakoho Swimming Sports. We will let you know a venue once confirmed.

**Cyber Safety Presentation:** our Kahui Ako has organised a presentation to be undertaken by filmmaker, author and speaker Rob Cope, producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online" to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our **parent** community.

**His talk will cover:**

Cyberbullying	Social Media
Gaming & the Developing Brain	Naked Selfies
Online porn vs healthy sexuality	

**Solutions:**

Filters	Smartphones
Talking to Your Kids	Boundaries
3 Golden Rules	
Challenging our own phone and device usage	

**Venue:**

**Dargaville High School on Wednesday 14th Feb @ 6:30pm**

*"We need to tackle this as a community so that all of our kids are safe. When I protected my kids online, I also protected yours, so please, please protect your kids online so that you are also protecting mine"* **Rob Cope.**

**Attendance:** Student attendance has a huge bearing on student engagement and achievement. All students must be present at kura so they can participate and engage in learning. Parents and Boards are legally responsible to ensure students' regular attendance at school. Students with high absenteeism are less likely to succeed in their learning. If a student misses five school days each term, or one day a fortnight, they will miss the equivalent of one year of schooling over 10 years. As the level of absenteeism grows, the difficulty of re-engaging in learning can be extremely difficult and this also flows into social relationships.

Justified absences are situations such as illness, medical or dental appointment, funeral or tangi. Unjustified absences are situations such as holidays during term time, unnecessary shopping trips, or lack of interest/motivation. From reviewing our attendance data from last year - we have seen some improvement in attendance and for most of our tamariki their absences have been justified. Let's work towards all our tamariki attending school for 90% or more every term this year. You can help us by ensuring that, assuming your child is healthy, they are at school. If tamariki are absent please ensure you, as the parent, make contact to let us know and give reason why as this is needed for our attendance notification to the Ministry of Education. Nga mihi!

**Open-door Policy:** We have an open-door policy at Tinopai Kura. If you have any questions, queries or great suggestions or ideas, do call in and let us know. We would love to hear from you.

Have a great long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

Nga mihi nui

Maree, Bonnie, Bree & Ming