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Tangowahine School

Information For Families
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Our Vision

Inspiring Growth

He whakatupu te toitoi manawa

School Values



T - Tenacity

- Attitude and Effort



W - Whanaungatanga

- Positive Relationships



S - Stewardship



Tenacity

Whanaungatanga

Stewardship

School grounds and playgrounds

We encourage all our community to come and use the school grounds, as long as they respect the privilege and keep it in good condition. If you see any damage or suspicious behaviour, please let the office know as soon as possible.

School Stationery

We have a supply of stationery at the school office, so if your child needs any stationery for school please see the office. At times the teachers will distribute stationery, therefore you may get an invoice to pay for some stationery on the odd occasion.

Further Information

School policies can be found at <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>
Community Username: **tangowahine**
Community Password: **7032**

If you require further information, please come to the office or phone 09 439 7032, email office@tw.s.school.nz. Visit the school website: www.tangowahine.school.nz You can also join our Facebook page to see what the students are doing at school.

Newsletters

Our School newsletter the 'Tangowahine Times' is sent out fortnightly. If there is specific news just for the school community a separate letter will be sent home. Please ask and check your child's bag regularly or check our posts on Facebook.



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Sun Smart

TWS is a Sunsmart school that promotes sun safety. During Term 1 & 4, all students must wear a school hat when outside (school hats are now available to purchase from school). If they do not wear a hat the student must remain under the covered areas during breaks. Sunscreen is provided during these terms.



Parent Helpers

At Tangowahine School we have an 'open door' policy. This means parents are welcome to become a 'parent helper'. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to come and help out in class within the school programmes. We also go on regular class trips and on these occasions require extra parental support and transport. Check with the classroom teacher to find out how you can be involved.

Food In Schools

We are fortunate to be able to participate in the Kia Ora, Ka Ako/ Healthy School Lunches Programme. Free, healthy daily school lunches will be provided to our tamariki. Please ensure that we know if your child has any food allergies or dietary requirements.

Water Only School

In 2017 the Board of Trustees updated our healthy lifestyle focus and implemented a Water Only Policy for the school. If you would like more information please contact the school.

Sickness, Accidents or Emergencies

If your child becomes ill or has an accident at school, you may be notified and asked to come and pick them up. In an emergency the appropriate procedures will be followed and you will be notified as soon as possible.

It is important that you keep the school informed of any changes to your contact details including new cell phone numbers.



School Profile

We are a country school set amongst the picturesque Tangowahine Valley and Northern Wairoa river landscape. We cater for students between Yr 0-Yr 8, with two classrooms. We have fantastic facilities including wide open spaces, a playing field, tennis/netball court, swimming pool, and playground. The school is well equipped with up-to-date resources, such as plenty of laptops and i-pads for students to use, interactive whiteboards, excellent physical education equipment and construction equipment. The well-equipped environment of the school means that every child has the opportunity to engage in learning.

As an enviro-school we have native bush, vegetable gardens, a green house and a school orchard. We run a Pataka Kai for the community on Mondays during term time and it is a roadside community products stall in place to make and sell produce from our orchard and gardens for a koha/donation.



School Timetable

School Starts 8.30am

Interval 1 – 9.45 – 10.00am

Interval 2 – 11.15-11.30am

Lunch – 12.30-1.15pm

School Ends 2.25pm

Buses

The first bus leaves School at 2.25pm and drops children off at Settlement road. The bus then returns to the school and leaves at 2.45pm for Tangowahine Valley.

Good behaviour on the buses is important at all times. It is for the safety of all the children that the bus driver is not distracted by excessive noise or misbehaviour by any child.

If you have any queries about the bus runs please contact the Principal. Any change in the school bus routine for your child is to be made known to the staff at school in writing, telephone or personally by a parent/caregiver before lunchtime.

No communication means the child will be sent home in the usual way.



Collecting Children from School

We do ask that you exercise caution when picking up children from school. Please park in the school car park and come and collect your child from their classroom.

Absences

If your child is not attending school, please let the school know before 8.30am on the day of the absence – a telephone call to the office will suffice. All absences are coded as justified or unjustified and are made available to the Ministry of Education.

Telephone & Messages

Whilst we are happy to pass on important messages from parents to students, we cannot guarantee that these messages will get to your child if the message is after 2.25pm. Students are able to use the school phone at the office for special reasons of safety or welfare. Students are not permitted to carry or use cell phones while at school. Cell phones are to be handed in at the school office or to the teacher for safe keeping until the end of the day.

Uniform

Students wear a uniform to school:

- Red school polo shirt
- Red school polar fleece
- Black shorts/longs
- Black skirt (black and white is fine)

School uniform polo shirts and polar fleeces are available from the school office.

Students must bring a note if they are wearing incorrect uniform. In winter, students must be warm. Students may wear a long sleeved top under their polo shirt. Please try to keep to neutral colours for these garments. The only jewellery to be worn to school is watches and studs for those with pierced ears.