



WELCOME ~ NAU MAI HAERE MAI

Tainui School has been providing a high-quality teaching and learning environment for the local community since 1929. At present, the school has 13 classes and caters for children who are between five (new entrants) and 11 years of age (Year 6). The Education Review Office visited in November 2019 and concluded that we are well placed to achieve valued outcomes for our students. The report contained many positive statements, including;

- Students benefit from a broad, well-integrated and responsive curriculum.
- Most students demonstrate the desired attitudes and dispositions to be successful in their learning.
- By the end of Year 6 most students were at or above expected levels in reading, writing and mathematics.
- Across the wider curriculum, most students achieved at or above expected levels.
- Positive Education practices promote students' wellbeing and social skills.
- Children with diverse learning and wellbeing needs are quickly identified and well supported.
- Parents are encouraged to be involved in the school and in their children's learning.
- Leaders are reflective and improvement focused.
- Staff are very well supported to develop their capability. Professional learning and teacher inquiries are focused on how to accelerate children's progress, increase their engagement and grow life-long learners.

All involved with Tainui School continue to build on and enhance our proud record.

We are so pleased that you have chosen to bring your child to Tainui School and trust that your time here will be both rewarding, satisfying and enjoyable. You are very important to us and our school community, and you have entrusted us with your child's education. As you know, we cannot work alone to educate your child. That is why all parent, whānau and community interest, involvement and support is encouraged, highly valued and much appreciated.

Keeping in touch is critical to our partnership with you. We urge you to chat informally with us on a regular basis so that you get a really good feel for your child's learning, progress and wellbeing. You are also welcome to make contact via phone and email. It's always really heartening to hear from you about the things that are going well. However, it's equally important for us to know if there's something we haven't made clear, if you have a niggling worry or concern, or if there is a question you would like an answer to. Getting in touch promptly is always recommended, as in our experience resolving something in its earliest phase is definitely far easier than waiting until it has become more complex.

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'BIG PICTURE' AIMS FOR OUR LEARNERS

OUR VISION

Through our influence, modelling and efforts we help children to be:



positive



communicators



participators



thinkers and doers.



LEARNING AT OUR SCHOOL

Our mission of "Learning ~ Contributing ~ Flourishing" aptly describes that we strive to:



give the best possible education by enabling each child to achieve personal bests across a relevant, engaging and balanced curriculum



foster self-esteem, success, motivation to learn, and the confidence to contribute to our society and the increasingly globalised world we live in



provide quality learning opportunities within a positive, stimulating, child-centred, safe, caring and family-friendly environment.

OUR VALUES

These are the values that we model, explore and encourage through everything we do.

THE GOLDEN RULE

RESPECTFUL WHAKAUTE

We care for ourselves, our community and our environment.



We celebrate differences in each other.

CONSIDERATE MANAAKITANGA

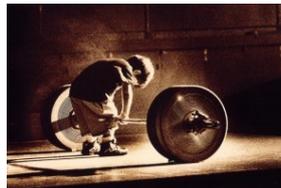
We are kind, caring and helpful.



We are honest and fair.

DETERMINED OKEA URUROATIA

We try our very best.



CURIOUS PĀKIKI

We ask questions and look to find answers.



We are happy learning together.

Treat others as you would like them to treat you.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

NEWSLETTERS

Weekly newsletters contain important information and are emailed to you on Thursdays. This is one of our main forms of communication and we ask you to read them to find out what's happening at school and what's coming up in the future. We often use the newsletter to ask for your ideas and feedback too. You can request that a paper version is given to your child.

SKOOL LOOP APP

This app is a free, user friendly, feature rich, smartphone calendar, notification and contact point. It provides us with the ability to notify and remind you quickly and easily of important notices and updates. You can also use it to read our newsletters and notices as well as letting us know if your child will be absent. Install the free Skool Loop app by going to either the App Store or Play Store. Select the Otago region and then select Tainui School.



TEXT ALERTS

To receive text alerts about important events, postponements or cancellations text this message to **8987: follow tainuisch**. Please note that customers of Vodafone are unable to receive these alerts as text messages and instead should follow us on Twitter.

HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to get in touch with us whenever they wish to find out more about their child's learning, progress, and wellbeing. Good communication between home and school is essential. Discussions are often better when we meet face-to-face rather than by email or over the telephone. Please contact us to arrange a mutually suitable time to see a teacher, a team leader or Shelley, our Principal. We warmly welcome you to come into our classes at any time – and particularly before and after school when you are dropping off and picking up children.

HOW TO REACH US



Phone 455 0566



Text 027 308 9016



Office office@tainui.school.nz



Principal principal@tainui.school.nz



Teachers (teacher's first name)@tainui.school.nz e.g. cliff@tainui.school.nz



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OUR WEBSITE

You'll also find a lot of useful information by visiting our website - www.tainui.school.nz .

LEARNING AT HOME

Homework is a time to practice skills, increase independence, build study habits, and strengthen links between home and school. Junior children bring reading books home daily, and parents are asked to make this an enjoyable shared experience. Our older pupils are given set tasks from Monday to Thursday. Those in Years 3 to 6 may also wish to carry on with learning begun at school using their Google Apps for Education log in. Children should be encouraged to follow other learning and interests as well as completing basic homework.

ABSENCES

Regular attendance and punctuality are extremely important. Please let us know if your child needs to be absent. Giving us brief details about the reason for an absence is not only required by the Ministry of Education but also appreciated by us.



Use the options provided in the Skool Loop app (*see previous page*)



Phone 455 0566 prior to 9:00am (*select option 1 to leave a message*)



Text 027 308 9016



Send a signed note with a sibling who is attending school.

We will contact you if we haven't received a message because we want to be sure your child is safe and accounted for. However, it does take significant time to make follow-up calls so we prefer you to get in touch with us before 9:00am. If the absence is a planned one or it is for a prolonged period of time, this should be discussed with your child's teacher and Shelley, our Principal.

WHO'S WHO?

We are extremely fortunate to have very experienced, knowledgeable, skilled and caring staff members who are willing to go out of their way to make sure all children are happy, engaged, supported and challenged in their learning.



LEADERSHIP TEAM

Shelley Wilde	Principal		
Kat Freeman	Co-Deputy Principal & Senior Team Leader	Ruru / Room 4	Year 5 and 6
Erika Ward	Co-Deputy Principal & Junior Team Leader	Toroa / Room 9	Year 0 and 1
Lisa Byers	Middle Team Leader	Kākāpō / Room 13	Year 3 and 4

TEACHERS

Susan Lawrence	Pīwakawaka / Room 1	Year 2 and 3
Magali Larroche	Takahē / Room 2	Year 2

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Lezanne Campbell	Kererū / Room 8	Year 1 and 2
Liz Ward	Pūkeko / Room 10	Year 0 and 1
Samantha Ellis	Hoiho / Room 11	Year 0 and 1
Louise Pollard	Tūi / Room 12	Year 3 and 4
Jilena Hastings	Tūi / Room 12	Year 3 and 4
Mary McHugh	Kiwi / Room 14	Year 3 and 4; Reading Recovery Teacher
Jacinda Evans	Kiwi / Room 14	Year 3 and 4
Dave Bell	Kārearea / Room 3	Year 4 and 5
Wayne Henderson	Huia / Room 6	Year 5 and 6
Craig Wilkinson	Kea / Room 7	Year 5 and 6
Coral Butler	Learning Support and Special Education Needs Coordinator	
Kristin Arnold	Part-time Teacher	
Kate Cutler	Part-time Teacher	
Cheryl Pearson	Part-time Teacher	
Adrienne Tavendale	Part-time Teacher	
Lynn Wingfield	Part-time Teacher	
Rachael Forde	Part-time Teacher from Sara Cohen School	

SUPPORT STAFF

Lois Coombs	Office Administrator & Executive Officer
Denise Hayward	Teacher's Aide; Librarian; Office Assistant; Before School Care
Jacqui Fox	Teacher's Aide; Resource Assistant; Office Assistant
Heidi Jordan	Teacher's Aide
Sue Corbett	Teacher's Aide
Karen Robson	Teacher's Aide
Nicole Ware	Communication Support Worker; Teacher's Aide
Erin O'Loan	Communication Support Worker
Catherine Dawson	Teacher's Aide
Becky Busfield	Teacher's Aide
Katie Arlidge	Teacher's Aide
Hong Yuan	Teacher's Aide
Mark Richardson	Caretaker & Groundsman

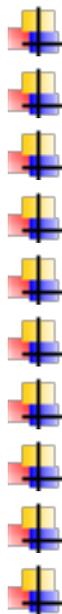
LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATORS ~ BEACHSIDE CLUSTER

Tainui School belongs to a cluster of four schools that has been granted dedicated Learning Support Coordinators. These are new roles that were announced by the Government in 2019. The others in our cluster are Tahuna Normal Intermediate School, Musselburgh School and St Clair School. Between us, we have employed three full-time coordinators. Coral Butler will be the coordinator for Tainui and Musselburgh Schools, and she will also work closely with the other two based at Tahuna and St Clair. She will undertake to ensure there is very effective coordination and provision of learning supports that children with specific needs require. This will involve Coral spending time talking to and getting to know these children, their parents and wider whanau.

GETTING INVOLVED

PARENTS, FAMILIES AND WHĀNAU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

There are many opportunities to become involved in the life of Tainui School and the learning of our children. Requests are made for parents to assist and join us in a variety of activities, such as reading, topic activities, sports, trips, swimming, and camping for our Year 6 children. This assistance is very much valued by both teachers and tamariki. Parents can also become involved in:



Board of Trustees

Parent Teachers Association (P.T.A.)

Friends of P.T.A.

Whānau Group

Rehutai (kapa haka)

road patrol

sports teams

school library

class programmes

special events.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is elected every three years. The Board has the responsibility to govern the school and meets regularly throughout the year. Minutes of each meeting are displayed in the school foyer and are also available by request at the school office. Our trustees are:

Bradley Scott

Chairperson

bot@tainui.school.nz

027 424 9049

Graham Eyres

Crystal Mackenzie

Tina Moir

Kerrie Wilson

Shelley Wilde

Principal

Mary McHugh

Staff Trustee

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The P.T.A. provides great opportunities for liaison between home and school. All parents are welcome to join. It's a great way to get to know other parents and teachers, and to become involved in social activities, parent education and fundraising.

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Gemma Ward

President

gemmaltd@slingshot.co.nz

Holly Paterson

Secretary

tainuischoolpta@gmail.com

Amber Saunders

Treasurer

WHĀNAU GROUP

This group of parents and whanau meets once a term at a hui that continues to foster and support biculturalism, including Te Ao, te reo and tikanga Maori and a range of cultural activities. Anyone is welcome to attend these hui.

REHUTAI

Rehutai is well known for its passionate and polished kapa haka performances. There are two performance groups – Rehutai Timu (Y1-3) and Rehutai Pari (Y4-6). Tumai Cassidy is our skilled tutors.

OUR PLAYGROUND

Families are welcome to use our extensive grounds after school, at weekends, and during term breaks. Encouraging children to respect and care for this asset is much appreciated.

CHILDREN'S WELLBEING AND SAFETY

ACCIDENTS AND ILLNESS

Minor bumps and scratches receive first aid treatment in our medical room. In more serious cases you will be contacted so that you can arrange to take your child to the doctor. You are requested to keep us informed of any change in contact phone numbers so that we can always reach you. Unfortunately, we can only cater for first aid as we don't have the facilities or personnel to care for children who are unwell.

PARKING

Please take great care when dropping off and picking up children as our entranceway is situated on a busy road. There are 10-minute parking zones during drop-off and pick-up times on both sides of Tahuna Road, as well as a dedicated disabled parking space. We urge you to cross Tahuna Road with your child using the raised platform just past our main entrance. Older children are asked to meet you at one of our three designated 'safe meeting spots'. Please refer to the maps enclosed in the enrolment pack.

ROAD PATROL

Year 6 pupils, under the guidance of adults, assist children using the Cavell Street pedestrian crossing. All parents are asked to use the crossing point when approaching from this direction, as it provides important modelling to our children and our community. The crossing is patrolled daily from 8.30am to 8.55am and from 2.50pm to 3.10pm.

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HIGH VIZ VESTS

Your child will be lent a high viz vest to wear to and from any school outings.



CYCLING AND SCOOTERING

It is recommended that children under the age of 10 are accompanied by adults when cycling to and from school. We encourage cyclists and those riding scooters to wear a high viz vest and to use the cycle-way. Helmets are compulsory for cyclists and are strongly recommended for those riding scooters.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Our Public Health Nurse, Julie Buxton, visits the school regularly. She offers assistance with a myriad of queries, health concerns and issues. We can ask her to make contact with you if you wish to chat to her, ask questions, or seek support.



DENTAL SCHOOL

All children are eligible for free dental care. This service is offered by the Southern District Health Board at the Otago University Dental School in Great King Street. If you agree to use this service, children are taken from Tainui School to the Dental School in taxis, with supervision provided by their staff members. If you have any queries, please contact Donna at the Dental School by phoning 479 7189.

CHATBUS

ChatBus is a counselling service for children under 14 years of age and operates in more than 20 schools across Dunedin. ChatBus visits us regularly. A professionally trained counsellor experienced in working with children and who understands both the joys and challenges of raising children, is available to meet with parents and children. Refer to the separate introductory letter for further details. Please note: parents have the right to decline permission for their children to attend ChatBus.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The convenience of an on-site after school care programme is provided. Magic Childcare is an OSCA and CYFS approved provider that operates in our hall. For specific information about Magic After School Care visit their website – www.magickidsclub.co.nz, phone 453 3266, or email bookings@magickidsclub.co.nz

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

We know that many parents need to be on their way to work before the school's official opening time of 8:30. As our teachers are busy planning, meeting and preparing for the day ahead prior to this, we are pleased to offer affordable on-site before school care. This programme operates in Hukatai, our school library, between 8:00 and 8:30 each day, at a cost of \$3.00 per morning. For further information, please contact us.



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OUR ROUTINES



CLASSES	BREAKS	OFFICE
9:00 – 10:40	10:40 – 11:00 12:30 – 1:30	8:00 – 4:00
11:00 – 12:30		
1:30 – 3:00		

Children are asked to arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:50am so they have ample time to prepare for the day ahead, connect with their friends and teachers, and complete any tasks at the office. Please note that there is no active classroom supervision available prior to 8:30am. If your child needs to arrive before 8:30, please ensure s/he uses our Before School Care service.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

Clothing needs to be comfortable and suitable for each day's activities. Fitness and physical education lessons occur regularly and safe footwear is a must. Bare feet and jandals pose a risk, so need to be avoided. Whilst we do encourage individuality, please keep jewellery to a minimum as there are safety issues associated with play and other physical activity.



Please name all belongings.



Misplaced items are stored in our Lost Property basket located in the Learning Wave area near the office in the main block.



Tainui School sun hats are to be worn in Term 1 and Term 4 by all children. These can only be purchased at the office. The cost is \$14.

LIBRARY

Children borrow books from the school library on a weekly basis. We ask parents to help children care for these books and to remind them when books are due back.

MOBILE PHONES

These are not permitted at school. However, if a senior student is required on occasion to have a phone for after school use, the phone must be handed to the office for safekeeping during the school day.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS ~ IMPORTANT 2020 UPDATE

In the past, we have asked you to contribute part of the costs associated with many of the extra activities, trips, and performances that help to bring the curriculum alive for our children. Examples of these are Just Swim (professional swimming lessons), visiting performers, and

buses that take us to museums, the Art Gallery, Orokonui Ecosanctuary, Moana Pool, the Edgar Centre, the Botanical Gardens and a range of other relevant locations.

A voluntary school donation was also requested to help our school widen the base of experiences, to provide upgrades and resources that are not always covered by our government grant, and to provide extra teacher aide support in classrooms.

Last year, the Government announced that some schools could agree to receive \$150 per child in 2020 to offset the need to request donations and contributions from parents. **Our Board of Trustees has signed an agreement with the Ministry of Education that states we have been granted this \$150 per student for 2020. Therefore, we will NOT be requesting any voluntary amounts from you.**



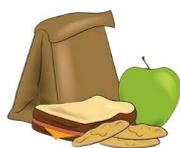
WHAT ARE YOU REQUIRED TO PAY FOR?

There are some items that are the responsibility of parents and whānau to pay for. Your payment goes directly to the company or organization that provides the goods or services, and we are simply the collection point. Items that you will be invoiced for and expected to pay include;

- stationery
- school sun hats
- Before School Care
- sports team fees – these must be paid for when signing up to play for a team
- lunches - cash only for Cavell Street Dairy orders
- outdoor experiences that involve overnight stays, such as our Year 6 camp
- class photos
- fundraisers, such as PTA Saveloy Days, raffles, and Kids Artwork orders.

Bank account details: 03 1729-0028096-00

Please enter your family name and the reason for payment in the relevant sections.



LUNCHES

Options for bought lunches are listed below. These lunches are delivered to school in time for the 12.30pm break.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
CAVELL STREET DAIRY MENU	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍
FISH 'N CHIPS			👍		
SUSHI Order using Luncheonline only www.luncheonline.co.nz		👍	👍		
SUBWAY Order using Luncheonline only www.luncheonline.co.nz				👍	
HELL PIZZA Order using Luncheonline only www.luncheonline.co.nz					👍

We ask that treat foods, such as sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks, are **not** brought to school. Children's drink bottles should be filled with water only.

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STATIONERY

All required stationery can be purchased at the school office. We sell items at the lowest price possible as we regard this as a service rather than a profit-making exercise. At the beginning of each year, OfficeMax stationery packs are available and can be purchased at school, or ordered online using the OfficeMax website.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

Throughout the year Scholastic's Book Club brochures are sent home. Order forms need to be returned in clearly labelled and named envelopes. If paying by cheque, these need to be made out to Scholastic New Zealand Ltd.

For more information please phone, call in, send us an email, make an appointment, or visit our website:

<http://tainui.school.nz>

The Skool Loop App is highly recommended!



- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



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