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## Chairperson's/Principal's Ramble

Kia ora, Kia orana, Tālofa

Welcome back to the 2024 school year. We hope all families/whānau had a lovely holiday season. 2024 has started off in a very calm and positive manner. The students have returned with a positive attitude and the playground has been a delight to undertake duty. This is a short bulletin just to get the year started.

### IMPORTANT DATE FOR STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Fun Friday afternoon, 16 February

Whānau come and share a BBQ lunch (pre orders will be taken)

Wander through the classrooms - meet the teachers  
and get help to download the

### HERO Ap

The school's new way of communicating.  
Mr. Crosswell will support parents in downloading  
and showing how it works.

It is also a good opportunity to view and talk to Miles  
Our Chatbus Counsellor

More information to come.

Skool loop will no longer be used from the end of February.

### The Government's 100 day plan:

**"Phones Away for the day"** - at Tisbury School, we have had a cell phone procedure for the past 5/6 years. This procedure has worked well for both students and whānau. The following is in our information booklet and is part of our school's cyber policy.

### Cell phones "away for the day"

As a school we do not encourage children to have a cellphone at school. We understand that for some health and safety reasons parents may wish their child to have a cell phone for use outside of school hours. If this is the case, all parents must discuss this with the classroom teacher initially. If it is agreed that a cell phone is required, the procedures are:

- Students sign their cell phones in at the office and place them in the box.
- At the end of the school day the students collect their phone from the box and sign it out.

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- If a student does not put their phone in the office, and uses it during school time, parents will be informed to come to school and collect it.
- Tisbury school is not a bring your own device to school, school provides devices as required.

Please contact the school if you have any questions around the above procedure.

### 1 Hour a Day - maths/reading/writing:

This is not new for Tisbury School. In fact if staff were to add their timetables up it would highlight that they are doing more than 1 hour a day for the above curriculum areas. The policy does not mean a set one hour for each area, it encourages integration within other curriculum areas that have appropriate context - all this is not new for our teachers.

### School Uniform - Shoes:

As part of the school uniform, the school wants students to wear appropriate footwear that enables them to run and participate in games without tripping out of shoes. The uniform policy states, gym shoes, sandals or, in winter, gumboots with shoes to change into. As a staff we are really pushing for no crocks - they are not appropriate for school.

### Reporting to our Community: End of Year Results for 2023:

English: Overall for End of Year	91% Ahead/At/ Within	This result is comparable to previous years. Within these results 94% of our Māori students are working within, at or above expectations. One aspect of the English curriculum staff will be focusing on in particular is writing.
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Maths: Overall for End of Year	93% Ahead/At/ Within	This result is on par with 2022.. Within this result, 100% of our Māori students are working within/at/ ahead of expectations. Staff continue to develop their pedagogical knowledge in delivering maths programmes through working with
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### Breakfast Club

This will restart Monday, 5 February. Students are welcome to have weetabix and milk in Room Kingswell. No questions asked. Breakfast runs from 8:20 to 8:45am and is supervised by one of our Teacher Aides from 8:20.

Staff look forward to seeing you on Friday the 16th.

Ngā mihi  
Emma Todd      &      Andrea Joyce  
Chairperson      Principal

