



THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2026

He aha te tupu i Tirimoana! What's happening at Tirimoana!

Welcome back!!

A warm welcome back to the new academic year to all of our returning students and to our new learners. We have had a fantastic start to the year. Teachers focus at the beginning of the year on building strong relationships with their learners, setting expectations and classroom routines. Teachers have been in at school over the last few weeks preparing for the start of the year; setting up their classes, planning for the year and engaging in professional learning. We held two formal Teacher Only Days before the start of school. As well as delivering school priorities, strategic plans, organisation and planning we had Educational Psychologists from the Ministry of Education run professional learning on Functions of Behaviour,

Meet the Teacher

On Tuesday 10 February we welcome parents and whānau to meet their child's teacher. Classrooms will be open from 3:10pm to 5:00pm. Meet the Teacher events help break the ice at the beginning of the year, allowing parents and teachers to meet face-to-face and to make initial connection. The primary purpose is to establish a positive, collaborative partnership that supports student success and open positive communication between home and school. This is intended only for general introductions, not for private, in-depth discussions – if you would like a more in-depth meeting please make a time with your child's teacher. If you are unable to attend the afternoon, teachers will make an initial contact early this term to introduce themselves and build initial communication.



Uniform

It was wonderful to see learners coming into school looking sharp in their uniform.

Please make sure that uniform items are labelled. Hats can often go missing and well named clothing items make it easier to have them returned to their owner.



Important Dates

School is closed tomorrow for Waitangi Day. School will also be closed on Monday 16 February for a Ministry mandated Curriculum Day for teachers to receive Ministry run professional learning on the new Mathematics and Statistics Curriculum.



Walking School Bus

Our Walking School Buses resume on Monday, 9th February, with morning departures for the McLeod and Cron Ave routes at 8:15

am sharp, and afternoon returns via McLeod and Kokiri St. To register your child for the afternoon roll or join a morning route, please email peta.buckingham@tirimoana.school.nz (McLeod) or julie.matthews@tirimoana.school.nz (Cron/Kokiri). Please remember to wait with your child at the meeting point until the bus arrives to ensure they are safely on board.

What's Coming Up

- Waitangi Day – Friday 6 February – School Closed
- Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 10 February 3.10-5pm
- Curriculum Day – Monday 16 February – School Closed
- Board Meeting – Wednesday 18 February 7pm
- Vision and Hearing Information Evening – Wednesday 4 March 7pm
- Last Day of Term 1 – Thursday 2 April
- Good Friday – Friday 3 April
- Start of Term 2 – Monday 20 April

Attendance: Every Day Matters

As we settle into the 2026 school year, we would like to share an important reminder regarding student attendance. At Tirimoana School, our day begins at 8:50 am sharp. This is the time when children should be in their classrooms ready for roll call to ensure a smooth and focused start to their learning. Please note that any child arriving to class after 9:00 am will be marked as late on the official register.

Reporting Absences: If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for any other reason, please contact the school office as soon as possible via the school app, website, or phone to record the absence.

Our Commitment to Attendance in 2026: Consistent attendance is vital for your child's academic and social success. In 2026, student attendance remains a major focus for us and the Ministry of Education. New government regulations require all schools to collect and submit attendance data daily to identify trends and support families as early as possible. We appreciate your support in helping us reach our goal of having every student present and on time, every day.

This Week's PB4L Focus

Effort: Looking my Best in my Uniform (Including my Hat)

Students will learn to;

- Wear the correct uniform at all times
- Take pride in their uniform

Acting Responsibly:

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- Create a Classroom Matrix
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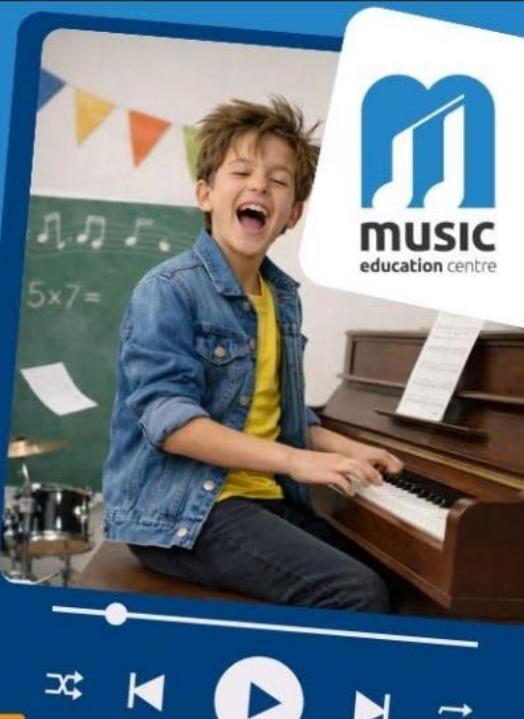


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