



Tainui School

Te Kura o Tainui

WELCOME - NAU MAI HAERE MAI - WARM PACIFIC GREETINGS

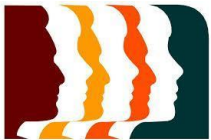
OUR VALUES

We model, explore and encourage these 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.



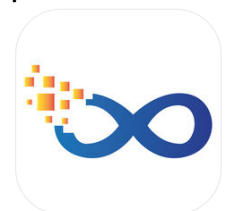
We are happy learning together.

Treat others as you would like them to treat you.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

SKOOL LOOP APP ~ OUR ONE STOP SHOP!

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 of important notices and updates. You can also use it to read our newsletters and notices, to give permissions 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 New Zealand, then Dunedin and finally Tainui School. Make sure you allow notifications so you receive our messages and reminders.



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NEWSLETTER ~ PANUI

Our regular panui contains important information and is emailed to you regularly. This is one of our main forms of communication and we ask you to read each one to find out what's happening at school and what's coming up in the future. Sometimes we use the newsletter to ask for your ideas and feedback too.

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 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 while you're 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. *susan@tainui.school.nz*



LEARNING AT HOME

Children are given a range of learning options they may wish to carry on with at home. Tai Pari students (Years 4 to 6) can continue with what they've begun at school using their Google Apps for Education log in. Children should be encouraged to follow other learning and interests as well as being involved in outdoor play, indoor games, family activities and chores as well as neighbourhood and community events.

ABSENCES

Regular attendance and punctuality are both extremely important. Please let us know if your child needs to be absent. Giving 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 9:00**
- Text 027 308 9016
- Send a signed note with a sibling who is attending school.

It takes significant time for our office staff to make calls when children have not arrived at school. Please get in touch with us **before 9:00am** on the day of absence or the evening prior. We will, however, contact you if we haven't received a message because we want to be sure your child is safe and accounted for.

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.

OUR LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Tainui School belongs to a cluster of four schools that has dedicated Learning Support Coordinators. The others in our cluster are Tahuna Normal Intermediate School, Musselburgh School and St Clair School. Between us, we employ three full-time coordinators. Flo Ruwhiu is the coordinator for Tainui School. She ensures there is effective provision of learning supports required by children with additional needs. This involves Flo spending time talking to and getting to know children, parents and their wider whānau.

GETTING INVOLVED

PARENTS, FAMILIES AND WHĀNAU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

There are many opportunities to become involved in the life of Tainui School. 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:

- The Board
- Parent Teachers Association (P.T.A.)
- Friends of P.T.A.
- Whānau Group
- Rehutai (kapa haka)
- Pasifika Fono
- road patrol
- sports teams
- school library
- class programmes
- special events.



WHĀNAU GROUP

Parents and whānau come together at hui that foster and support biculturalism, including Te Ao, te reo and tikanga Maori, as well as a range of cultural activities. Anyone is welcome to attend these informal gatherings.

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REHUTAI

Rehutai is well known for its kapa haka performances. There are two performance groups – Rehutai Timu (Y1-3) and Rehutai Pari (Y4-6).

PASIFIKA FONO

This group of parents and families is in its early phase of development and growth following very successful talanoa.

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 our various assets is much appreciated.

THE ADVENTURE

The terraced and forested area that runs the full length of our grounds is a feature. It provides children with plenty of opportunities to connect with nature, be imaginative, create huts and bases, climb trees, and to take a few low key risks. You are very welcome to use it for similar reasons out of school hours.

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 red platform** just past our main entrance. Older children are asked to meet you at one of our three designated 'safe meeting spots' shown on the map below.

TAINUI SCHOOL

After school parking is a problem for many schools. At Tainui, we have devised a safe walking map that offers a choice of pick-up points where your child can walk to meet you after school rather than on school grounds.

The aim is to reduce the number of cars around the immediate school area and ultimately make our streets safer for children. We would appreciate your support where possible.

On the reverse side of this map, there is a guide to show you the route that is recommended by the Dunedin Police as safest. Please go over this with your child, and if necessary do the short walk with him or her a couple of times. If it suits you, this pick-up point will soon become the norm.

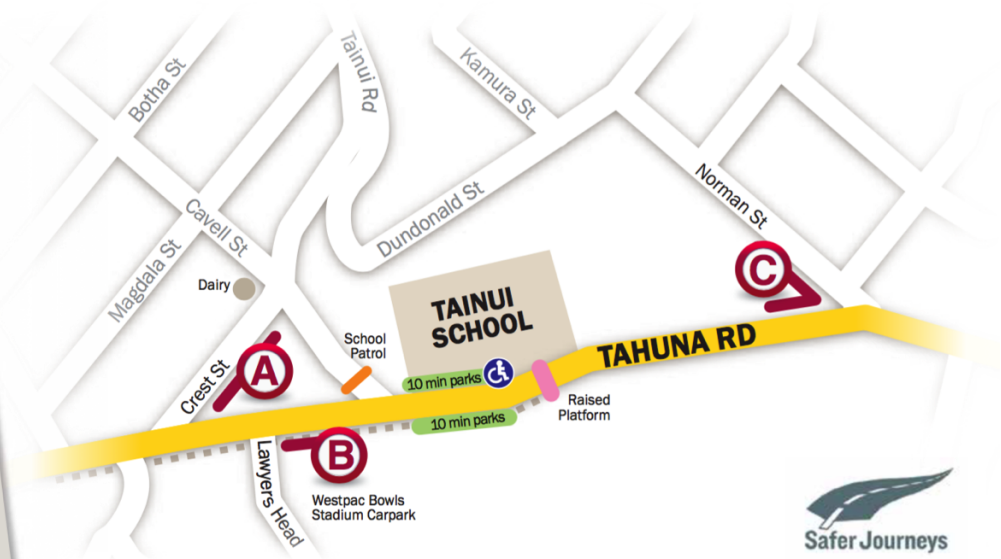


WE MEET MUM AT 'SAFE SPOT C' EVERY DAY

For more information visit:
www.tainui.school.nz

Let's meet there

Safe spots where children can walk to meet you after school



KEY: A B C = Safe Spots to Meet

These are safe spots to meet children after school. Please walk with your child and decide if any of these spots suit you to meet after school rather than at the school gates. See reverse of this map for the best route.

10 min parks = Maximum 10 Minutes Parking

This is an area where children may only cross when the cars have either stopped both sides to allow them to cross, or there are no cars on the road. Children may need to be supervised as this is not a pedestrian crossing.

Drivers must not park here for longer than 10 minutes. Exceeding this time may mean prosecution.

= School Patrol

There is a patrolled crossing on Cavell St before school from 8.35am-8.55am and after school 3.00pm-3.15pm

Shared Walking/Cycling Path

P.T.O

ROAD PATROL

Year 6 tamariki, 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 community. The crossing is patrolled daily from 8:30 to 8:55 and from 2:55 until 3:10.

HIGH VIZ VESTS

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



CYCLING, SCOOTERING & SKATEBOARDING

It is recommended by New Zealand Police that children under the age of 10 are accompanied by adults when cycling to and from school. We encourage cyclists and those riding scooters or skateboards 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. These vehicles must always be walked into and out of our grounds to avoid nasty collisions and injuries.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

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

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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.

OUR ROUTINES

CLASSES	BREAKS	OFFICE
9:00 – 10:30	10:30–10:50 play (10:50-11:00 eat)	8:00 – 4:00
11:00 – 12:30		
1:30 – 3:00	12:30 – 1:15 play (1:15-1:30 eat)	



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 8:30**. If your child needs to arrive before then, 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 jewelry to a minimum as there are safety issues associated with play and other physical activities.

- Please name all belongings.
- Misplaced items are stored in our Lost Property basket located in the main block's Learning Wave.
- Tainui School sun hats must be worn when outdoors in terms 1 and 4 by all children. These can only be purchased at the office. They cost \$18.

LIBRARY ~ HUKATAI

Children borrow books from our library on a weekly basis. We ask parents to help children care for these 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

Our Board signed an agreement with the Ministry of Education, meaning we are granted \$150 per student each year. Therefore, we will NOT be requesting any voluntary amounts from you.

We utilise these funds to assist with costs associated with many of the extra activities, trips, and performances that help to bring the curriculum alive for 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. It also helps us to widen the base of experiences, afford upgrades and resources that are not always covered by the government grant, and to provide extra teacher and teacher aide support in classrooms.

WHAT ARE YOU REQUIRED TO PAY FOR?

There are some items that parents and whānau must pay for. These go directly to the company or organisation providing the goods or services, and we're simply the collection point. Items that you'll be invoiced for and must 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*
- lunch orders - *available only via lunchonline.co.nz*
- outdoor experiences that involve overnight stays, such as Year 6 camp
- class photos
- fundraisers, such as PTA Saveloy Days, raffles, and Kids Artwork orders.



If these costs cause you financial hardship please let us know. We treat all of these conversations confidentially. We can often arrange for small automatic payments and we can also apply for grants and other forms of assistance.

Bank account details: 03 1729-0028096-00

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

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 the school, payments need to be EFTPOS or cash. If you wish to pay by credit card please login to the Scholastic LOOP website and place your order. Details are on the brochures.

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