



Te One School Pānui

Strong Roots, Wide Horizons

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Week 1, Term 3, 2026

Kia ora,

Welcome back! We were lucky enough to have a week with some wonderful weather so the tamariki could get outside. Pity the weather didn't last into the weekend.

Science, connection, and hands-on learning are in full swing across all our learning spaces this term. We are also looking forward to some special events including the Festival of Science, signing of the Ngati Mutunga Treaty Settlement, Airport Opening, and of course Weka Walk.

This week Room 1 connected with a junior class in Manurewa, Auckland, who are learning all about New Zealand geography. They jumped on a Zoom call to make sure the Chatham Islands were firmly on the map, sharing what life has in common and what makes island living unique. The class is now busy writing letters and gathering photos of our tamariki doing island things to send off. They have also kicked off their initial science investigations.

Room 3 is well underway with their own science inquiries, diving into chemistry by testing how acids and bases react with a red cabbage indicator. This practical work is setting a strong foundation which they will build on for our afternoon of sharing. Their next big project later in the term will be establishing new school gardens.

Our senior students are also fully into the science flow, building skills with a strong focus on process, procedure, and clearly describing their hypotheses and observations. To support this work, their mathematics focus is on statistics, which forms a key part of analysing scientific data. During senior splits, the Year 7/8 team is putting new electronic components to work alongside the ePro8 engineering kits. Their current challenge involves designing and building an automatic drawbridge that operates as water levels rise and fall, blending hands-on construction with the ePro8 online electronics platform.

Ngā manaakitanga, Te One staff



Essential Reminders

Communication Methods

- Please ensure that communications are directed through the correct channels.
- Do not contact staff via personal messaging/call services for school-related matters.
- A reminder that staff will respond to messages during their working hours.

Method of Communication	From whānau/community	From school
School Messenger <i>*All staff can access</i>	General queries, afternoon bus notices, daily absences (if HERO unavailable)	Responses to those messages. Some messages such as invites to assembly
School Phone 027 285 3023 03 3050 023 Service available to leave a voice message	General enquiries, accounts, lucky books, absences, enrolment queries	Clarification calls, admin support
HERO App	Daily absences (preferred method)	School announcements, learning updates, Class announcements
School Email teone@teone.school.nz <i>*All staff can access</i>	Absences, bus notices, replies to school messages	Responses to whānau queries
Office Email office@teone.school.nz <i>*Only seen by office staff</i>	General queries, accounts, lucky books, enrolments	Office replies on behalf of school
Principal Email principal@teone.school.nz <i>*Only seen by principal</i>	Escalated concerns (after teacher contact), compliments	Principal comms to whānau
Teaching Staff Emails	Classroom-based questions & concerns about students	Teacher comms with home
Bus Messenger Groups	Morning bus notices	Bus-related updates if required
Board Email board.chair@teone.school.nz	Formal governance issues	Official Board responses

Bus Reminders and Information

- Morning bus notices are to be shared through the Messenger bus chat.
- **All afternoon bus changes must be sent to the school via the channels mentioned above, no later than 1:00pm.** After 1:00pm we often do not have staff in the office to manage any changes.
- Children must have shoes and a hi-vis vest every day in case buses are required or plans change.

MOE bus policy

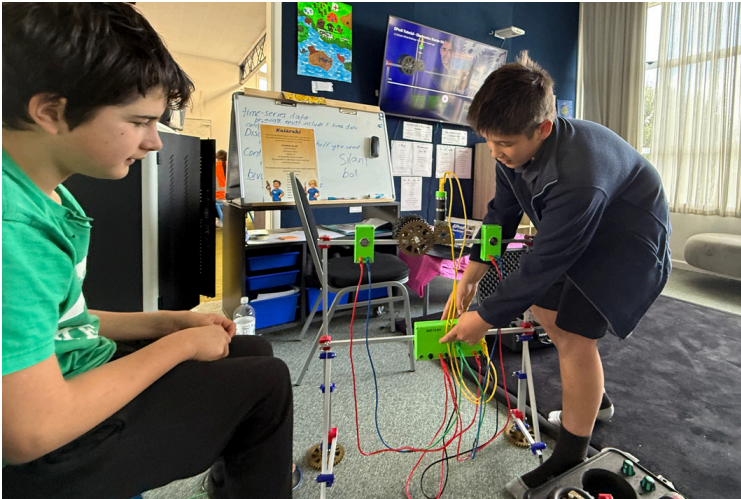
- Bus runs go to the 4th furthest person from school, hence why they are reviewing our bus runs.
- Students must live at least 3.2km (Years 1 to 8) from their kura. MOE use the mapping software ArcGIS to measure the distance over the shortest public road or pedestrian route from the home roadside gate to the school or kura front gate, and it can differ from other mapping software, such as Google Maps.
- When children are not officially eligible, we can still have them on the bus **when there is space**. Therefore, if the bus service is replaced by a van, all ineligible children need to find alternate transport to and from school.

Conveyance Allowances

- If you live more than 2.4km from your nearest bus stop, you may be eligible for the conveyance allowance. Please visit this link for the details and application form.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/available-assistance/school-transport-assistance#conveyance-allowance-1>

Photo gallery





Calendar

Monday 27 July	Board meeting @3:30pm
Friday 31 July	Assembly hosted by the Juniors
Week starting Monday 10 August	Festival of Science week begins
Tuesday 11 August OR Thursday 13 August	Science day at school with visiting scientists, and our science project sharing afternoon
Wednesday 12 August	Airport Opening - Seniors involved
Monday 17 August	NMOW Treaty Settlement Signing - school involved
Thursday 10 September	Weka Walk starts
Thursday 24 September	Weka Walk returns
Friday 25 September	Term 3 ends
Monday 12 October	Term 4 starts
Monday 26 October	Labour Day
Monday 30 November	Chatham Islands Day
Thursday 17 December	Term 4 ends



Assembly hosted by our Juniors

Come along at 2:15pm Friday 31st to share our learning celebration at assembly, this fortnight hosted by our Junior Students.



Science Afternoon

Tuesday 11 August or Thursday 13 August, 1:40pm, weather dependant.

This term, our tamariki will be exploring the world around them, asking big questions, and testing out their ideas. To bring this learning to life, we will be hosting a mini science afternoon so you can come along and see what the students have been investigating. This event will run as part of the Chatham Islands Festival of Science. We know how much it means to the children to showcase their hard work to their whānau. Whether you can pop in for ten minutes or stay for the whole afternoon, we would love to see you there.



The event is hosted by the Enterprise Trust. Mayor **Greg Horler** and Enterprise Trust Chair **Hamish Chisholm** will jointly welcome guests. **Hon Mark Patterson**, Associate Minister for Regional Development, will officially open the airport followed by CI Airport Limited Chair **Allan MacGibbon**. Air New Zealand CEO **Nikhil Ravishankar** and Air Chathams CEO **Duane Emeny** will make a joint announcement. Closing remarks will be made by **Hon James Meager**, Associate Minister of Transport.

We appreciate the support of our iwi and imi partners in hosting this occasion.

MC - Levi Lanauze

WHEN

1pm, Wednesday 12 August

WHERE

Inia William Tuuta Memorial
Airport, Chatham Islands

We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you.



Key Links and Information



HERO

Essential for all whānau.

- For sharing absences, student reporting, class and school newsletters, and finance information.
- Use the QR link to download HERO and use the email address that you gave school during your child's enrolment to connect.



New Website (click the link to the left)

- For accessing an up-to-date calendar, newsletters, board information, and general school information.

<http://www.teone.school.nz>



Facebook (click the link to the left)

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/teoneschool>

- Newsletter posted online, some updates and other stories posted



Messenger (click the link to the left)

Messenger - m.me/796262743896162

School Phone Numbers

03 3050 023

- For all general enquires and to report absences if HERO isn't working

027 285 3023 - call or text

- For afternoon bus notices
- For any information all staff need access to

School Emails

teone@teone.school.nz

- accessed by all of our staff
- use for bus messages, and information all staff need to know

office@teone.school.nz

- accessed by our Office Manager only
- use for finance, lucky book and general enquires - not appropriate for bus notices

Andrew Brown: andrew@teone.school.nz

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Mel Brine: mel.brine@teone.school.nz

Mel Sutton: principal@teone.school.nz

School Timetable

8:30am	Students can arrive at school
9:00am - 10:30am	Learning block 1
10:30am - 10:55am	Break 1 - including school kai
10:55am - 12:30pm	Learning block 2
12:30pm - 1:20pm	Break 2 - including own snacks
1:20pm - 3:00pm	Learning block 3

Library Days

Juniors: Friday

Middle and Seniors: Wednesday

Kōhanga: Thursday fortnightly

Pre-Schoolers: Tuesday 9:00 – 10:30