



BRIEFING NOTE: Visit to Tautoro School in May or June 2021

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Purpose

- 1 This briefing note provides information to support Minister Kelvin Davis' visit to Tautoro School in May or June 2021.
- 2 **Agree** that this Briefing will be proactively released.

Agree / Disagree

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Hon Kelvin Davis
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TAUTORO SCHOOL (2101)

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Key People

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Background information about Tautoro School

Issues

- 1 A current issue for Tautoro School is the management of their roll growth, with a deficit of teaching space (6 against an entitlement of 9). The school is currently managing this situation by placing year 7-8 students in the library and allocating one of their current teaching spaces to Outside Technology classes.
- 2 Two roll growth teaching spaces are being delivered in late October 2021 to address the deficit.

Profile Information

Authority	State
School Type	Full Primary (Year 1-8)
School Gender	Co-Ed
Education Medium	English Medium
Decile	1
Electorate	Northland

- 3 The July 2020 breakdown of roll information is shown below:

July 2020 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	126	95.5
Pacific	1	0.8
Asian	2	1.5
Other	0	0

European/ Pākehā	3	2.3
International	0	0
Total	132	100

- 4 Tautoro School is a small rural school located outside of Kaikohe within the hapū boundaries of Ngāti Rangi, Ngāti Moerewa and Ngāti Hine. It is a full primary school, and currently operates six classes including four at Level 3 Te Reo Māori (Years 1-6) and two at Level 2 (Years 6, 7 and 8).
- 5 The school continues to be an important part of the community. Many staff and whānau have long standing and inter-generational connections with the school. The school promotes the wellbeing of children, staff and whānau, and provides them with an inclusive environment for learning and working.
- 6 The school celebrated 100 years in 2006.
- 7 Tautoro School is associated with five Ngāphui marae:
 - Kaikou Marae and Eparaima Makapi meeting house are affiliated with Ngāti Hine.
 - Kaingahoa Mataraua Marae and Tūmanako meeting house are affiliated with Ngāi Tāwake kit e Waoku and Ngāti Rangi.
 - Te Maata Marae and Te Whare Huinga are connected to Ngāti Moerewa and Ngāti Rangi.
 - Māhūhū ki te Rangi Marae and meeting house belong to Ngāti Moerewa
- 8 The school was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2016. ERO found that the leadership team fosters a school culture of relational trust where staff collaborate and are open to making changes to improve outcomes for children. ERO have not indicated when they will next visit Tautoro School.

Impact of COVID-19

- 9 Tautoro School experienced challenges with online learning during COVID-19 lockdown, due to connectivity issues in the rural setting of the school and whānau.
- 10 Attendance at Tautoro School has been steadily returning to some normality post COVID-19 lockdown and subsequent alert level changes. Attendance during Term1 of 2021 was 79%.

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

- 11 The school has joined Te Arahura Kāhui Ako which is a group of 14 schools and kura in the vicinity of Kaikohe. The Lead Principal is Chicky Rudkin, Principal of Kaikohe East School.
- 12 Te Arahura's vision statement is to create a community of learning where all students are understood, acknowledged and supported as unique, culturally confident, Ngāpuhi centered learners. The Kāhui Ako supports early childhood facilities and schools to be strong agents of change in students' lives through deliberate acts of collaboration, and to challenge, support and reward students for their achievements.

Participation in government programmes

School Donations Scheme

- 13 Tautoro School opted into the School Donations Scheme for 2020 and 2021.
- 14 The school received \$20,700 in lieu of donations in 2020 and will receive \$22,770 in 2021 based on the July 2020 roll return.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

- 15 Tautoro School joined the Ka Ora, Ka Ako|Healthy School Lunch Programme in November 2020. They have chosen the internal model, which is sourced by employing a local person to provide lunches for students at the school and they commenced delivery in February 2021.

Access to Period products

- 16 Tautoro School has not yet opted into the Access to Period Products Initiative.
- 17 The initiative is available for any state and state-integrated primary, intermediate or secondary school or kura who wishes to opt in.

Learning Support Coordinators

- 18 Tautoro School does not have access to a Learning Support Co-ordinator.

Creatives in schools

- 19 Tautoro School did not apply for Round 1 or 2 of the Creatives in Schools projects.

Property

- 20 The Tautoro School board are proactive in addressing property issues and the school is well-maintained. However, the buildings are aged. The site is comprised of a main teaching block built in the 1950s, and some relocatable teaching spaces added in the 1980s. The administration/library space was built in the early 2000s.
- 21 The school's 5 Year Funding agreement (5YA) is \$293k and its annual property maintenance grant is \$34k. The school has also received supplementary 5YA of \$146k for essential property works.
- 22 Recently completed property projects include the replacement of the water treatment system, a septic system upgrade, repairs to the pool and a roof replacement on Blocks 1 and 6. Planned work includes modernisation upgrades to Blocks 1 and 6 and plumbing, drainage, and heating upgrades. We are also planning to replace block 7, which has reached the end of its useful life.
- 23 The school received \$83k in School Investment Package funding. It has chosen to use the funds to construct a veranda on the Administration/Library block. This project is underway and is on track to finish in May.

Roll growth at the school

- 24 The school has a deficit of teaching space (6 against an entitlement of 9). The school is managing this situation by placing year 7-8 students in the library and allocating one of their current teaching spaces to Outside Technology classes
- 25 Two Short Term Roll Growth classrooms were allocated to the school in Budget 20. This project is in the planning stages and will deliver a Specialist Technology Space alongside a standard classroom. We are on track to hand over these spaces in October 2021.
- 26 In addition to the two teaching spaces to be delivered, we are monitoring growth in the wider Tautoro region and will respond as necessary to ensure the school has the space it needs.
- 27 We are considering an enrolment scheme for the school to avoid the likelihood of overcrowding at the school and to make the best use of the existing network of state schools.

Technology Provision

- 28 Tautoro School became a technology provider in 2019, which has placed pressure on the school's existing facilities. The delivery of a specialist technology teaching space will help to alleviate this pressure and we are working with the school to review the use of existing teaching and learning spaces to better facilitate specialist education delivery.

Proactive release

- 29 We recommend that this Briefing is proactively released as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Any information which may need to be withheld will be redacted in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.