

24-7 TAMARIKI TIPU VOLUNTEER INFO



The 24-7 YouthWork model has been running successfully in NZ high schools for over 20 years. More recently, intermediate schools have been included and the need for support at younger ages has been recognised. This has led to the development of the Tamariki Tipu model.

Tamariki Tipu is a presence-based approach whereby a local church partners with a local Primary school, under the 24-7 Network, to work alongside children. Supporting them at a younger age helps with issues earlier on and brings preventive measures to create long-term benefits. This is a ground-up approach using research and informed practice to make a difference in our families and communities for generations to come. Te Awamutu is first to take on this model following the success of the Tamariki Tipu Pilot. Te Awamutu Bible Chapel is partnering with Te Awamutu Primary school at the request of the school in response to the needs of their students. The wider combined church community in Te Awamutu supports this venture.

Te Awamutu Primary is the largest primary school in our district with close to 600 students in Years 1-6. Māori learners make up 31% of the roll, European/Pakeha 53%, and a growing ethnic diversity of 16%. Two children's workers from church will partner with the primary school for 10 hours of presence-based children's work per week (as directed by the school).

As well as the paid children's workers, the church will provide volunteer support for 5 hours per week. All volunteers will need to be police vetted and report to the Team Leader (Meredith). The Team Leader will oversee a pool of volunteers from several Te Awamutu churches. The school will advise of their needs (5 hours per week) for the upcoming week and volunteers can be matched with tasks/hours depending on their availability.

Required Attributes:

1. The ability to relate to a wide range of young people of diverse backgrounds, cultures and circumstances.
2. Reliable and clear communication skills.
3. Ability to work as part of a wider team.
4. A connection with a local church community which they attend regularly.
5. Commitment to Christian values and the ability to model these in everyday work and life.
6. An understanding that Tamariki Tipu Volunteers are not in school to proselytise yet may answer questions openly.
7. An understanding of and commitment to the Statement of Faith behind the Te Awamutu Combined Churches Trust.

Examples of volunteer tasks include but are not limited to:

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| Reading with children | Bike maintenance |
| Grounds keeping support | Photocopying |
| Baking for staff | Supporting lunchtime play |



24-7 Tamariki Tipu Volunteer Application

Name:	
Date of birth:	Phone:
Email address:	Preferred method of communication. <i>Please circle:</i> Phone / Email
Church:	
Please list any relevant skills and experience:	
What time commitment suits you best? <i>Please select:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flexible (an hour here and there)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Set day and time	
<i>Please specify:</i> _____	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I understand that I will need to complete a Police Vetting process to volunteer at Te Awamutu Primary School.• I understand that Tamariki Tipu volunteers are not in school to proselytise but may answer questions openly and honestly.• I understand and commit to the TACCT Statement of Faith.	
Signed:	Date:

To apply for a volunteer position please return this form to Meredith Stewart:

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