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Wahanaga 2: Wiki 9

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Coming Events:

Fri 1 July Area 9 to Space Place - Bus leaves 8.45
 Tue 5 July Area 7 to Space Place
 Tue 5 July Avalon Intermediate Open Evening
 Wed 6 July Area 6 to Space Place
 Fri 8 July Last day of Term 2–school finishes 3pm
 Mon 25 July First day of Term 3

To Action:

Absence TXT Line: 022 351 2655 - Text child's first & last name, area, absence reason, sender's name.

Reminder – please wear a mask when on the school grounds, both indoors and outside.

Tēnā ra Koutou,

I cannot believe that we are nearing the end of week 9 and we are nearly the end of my first term at Taita Central School. It has been an amazing term, I think I have learned the names of about 70% of our students, so I am getting closer to achieving my goal!

I have spent this term looking and listening and asking lots and lots and lots of questions – our staff have been incredibly patient with me. I have spent time getting into classrooms and seeing the tamariki, excited to be learning and always eager to share what they are doing. I have had time to sit down with our staff and talk with them one on one to ask them questions about our school like; what needs changing, what should we stop doing, what do you love and value most about our school, what things could we start doing that would make sure that our tamariki love coming to school? I hope to share what I have learned in future newsletters.

Taita Central School Clubs

In week 2 of Term 3 we will be starting a Creative Club on a Monday morning from 8:00am – 8:30am in the Library. During this time, we will be offering a variety of activities over the weeks including art activities, science experiments and Lego.

All tamariki are welcome to come along to Creative Club on a Monday morning and join in the fun before school starts.

When	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 – 8.30am	Creative Club Library		Breakfast Club Whānau Room		
3:00 – 4:30pm	Study Centre Library	Study Centre Library	Study Centre Library	Study Centre Library	

Mid-Year Reports – these will be coming home on **Monday 4 July**.

This year we are sending home our Mid-Year Reports on Monday with your child. We have made this change so that you have time to contact your child's teacher during the last week of term to ask any questions or discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

You can contact your child's teacher by using their email address;

Area 9 - Matua Te Kewena White – tekewena@taitacentral.school.nz

Area 8 - Miss Forman – katrina@taitacentral.school.nz

Area 7 - Ms Wright – di@taitacentral.school.nz

Area 6 - Mrs Bell-Jameson – sandy@taitacentral.school.nz

Area 3 - Miss Paige Kelly – paige@taitacentral.school.nz

Area 1 - Mrs Kershaw – angela@taitacentral.school.nz

Area 1 - Mrs Angus – sharyn@taitacentral.school.nz

Area 4 - Miss Tanya Powell - tanya@taitacentral.school.nz

Your child's Individual Portfolio containing samples of their work will be coming home on **Friday 8 July**. **Please make sure they come back to school at the start of term 3 Monday 25 July**.

Road Safety – keeping our tamariki safe is extremely important to us at Taita Central School

I have been out supervising our Road Patrol School Traffic Safety Teams in the morning before school and at the end of the school day and I have noticed some of our parents, caregivers, whānau stopping or parking on the Yellow and Blue lines. These lines have been put there to make sure that our students who are doing road patrol can see clearly up and down the road before putting their signs out for your children to cross the road. Often the students are shorter than the cars and cannot see over the top of them to know if the road is clear and safe for our tamariki to cross. Our school is situated on an intersection and there is a lot going on before and after school when parents, caregivers and whānau are coming to bring their children to school or collect their children from school.



Power the New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.

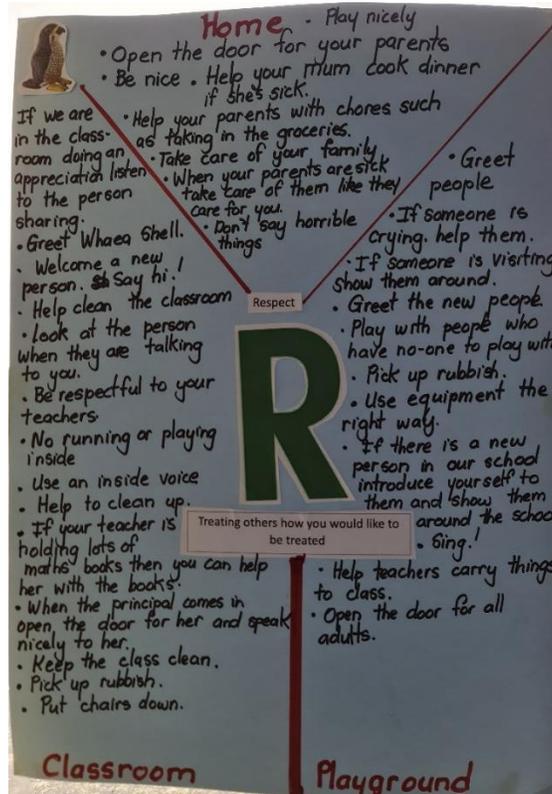


P	Perseverance <i>- give it a go and keep trying, even when it gets hard.</i>
O	Outstanding Excellence <i>- always bring the best that you can be.</i>
W	Whakawhanaungatanga <i>- we come together as one.</i>
E	Empathy <i>- trying to understand how others feel.</i>
R	Respect <i>- treating others how you would like to be treated.</i>

POWER Values - Our value focus for Weeks 9 & 10 across the school is **Respect – treating others how you would like to be treated.**

The tamariki in Area 6 have been unpacking our **POWER** Values and looking at what each value looks like at Home, in the Classroom and in the Playground.

Ms Bell-Jameson is very proud of the way her tamariki have worked collaboratively in groups to come up with their ideas and she said, “You can certainly hear the student voice coming through.”



Celebrating our Outstanding Students:

Principal's Awards: Our last two weeks' value focus has been **Empathy – trying to understand how others feel.** Congratulations to our Principal Award winners:

Area 4 – Samuel - for sharing great answers on how we can show empathy to each other, the trees, birds and insects during our Te Reo session with Whaea Michelle.

Area 1 – Sera - you are always looking out for others and helping when students in Area 1 need your support.

Area 3 – PJ - always making sure that everyone is ok and looking after people.

Area 6 – Londoni - you are a very special part of Area 6. You give your best in your mahi every day, in every way.

Another one of your wonderful qualities is how you care about others, how you look out for others who might need help and encouragement. Thank you Londoni for all that you give to us.

Area 7 - Ruby-Lee - for supporting and caring for learners in our room who find the work tricky.

Area 8 – Benji - for always showing the POWER values AND always offering a helping hand both inside and outside the classroom. I particularly appreciated his help moving the tea cups.

Area 9 - Georgia-Rose - for consistently demonstrating the school values.

Friday Assembly:

Week 7: Congratulations to our Classroom Award winners:

Area 1 - Joshua & Sthelin

Area 3 - Indiana & Nia-Grace

Area 4 - Samuel & Agabus

Area 6 - Emily & Skyy

Area 7 - Maddie & Stephanie

Area 8 - Khloe & Jady (special thank you awards Cherie (A6) & Stephanie (A7) for helping Miss Forman with looking after our school environment)

Area 9 - Anastasia-Rose & Demetrius

Congratulations to our POWER in the playground winners:

Week 7 – Jack, Donovan, Finn, Katalaya, Samuel, Izzy, Camalita, Georgia-Rose, Emma & Manai

Congratulations to our Special Prize winner: Josefa

Week 8: Congratulations to our Classroom Award winners:

Area 1 - Kristina, Victoria & Sera

Area 6 - Irie (From Mrs Kershaw for helping in A1 today) & Katrina (From Ms Wright for a good day in a different class)

Area 7 - Lo'vell & Glynis

Area 8 - Phiana & Susana

Area 9 - Jahrel & Jayarh

Congratulations to our POWER in the playground winners:

Nia-Grace, Junior, PJ, Sitina, Layan, Tuterangi, Finn, Evatyn, Satalaka & Kristina

Congratulations to our Special Prize winner: Khalisha

School News:

New Enrolments - We welcome to Taita Central School community: Sylar-Peretaia to Area 4.

Breakfast Club – next week is our Big Breakfast and like always we will be adding some treats to make it a special one.

After the school holidays Breakfast Club will start up again on the 2nd week of school which will be 3rd of August.

To Tātou Kaimahi o Taita Central School – we would like to introduce the staff to you. We are very aware that due to the Covid Pandemic it has been very difficult to engage meaningfully with our school community. The impact of wearing face masks and not being able to invite our community in to join us for Meet the Teacher interviews, school events, community evenings and celebrations has made us feel disconnected from you. So each week we will include some staff profiles about some members of our staff who work at Taita central School. We will share a little about ourselves and our roles at Taita Central School. You will also be able to see these profiles on our school noticeboard.

Week 9 – Our school Tui Teaching Team

Katrina Forman - Area 8 - Year 5/6 Kaiako/Teacher



My role(s) at TCS are... Year 5 & 6 Teacher, SENCO, garden/environment, murals

My favourite POWER value is...perseverance

Because ... I believe with perseverance you can accomplish almost anything.

Something I love to do in my spare time is...spend time with my family and friends, travelling and exploring new places, gardening, crafts, cooking and shows/concerts.

I am good at ...tripping over nothing :-)

Miss Dianne Wright - Area 7 - Year 3 / 4 Kaiako/Teacher



My role at TCS is... I teach Year 3 & 4. Sometimes I share teaching with Mrs Bell in area 6 too. I look after the maths at TCS. I am the NZEI rep.

My favourite POWER value is... perseverance
Because... I find some things hard and I need to remind myself it is OK to give it a go, get it wrong and try again.

Something I love to do in my spare time is... read; a good holiday is reading at least 10 books. I love to cook and try new recipes. I really love trying food from different countries, specially when I travel.

I am good at... art and maths. I love playing around with pastels and paints. Solving maths problems is fun.

Mrs Sandy Bell-Jameson - Area 6 - Year 3 / 4 Kaiako/Teacher



My role at TCS is... Year 3 & 4 Teacher in Area 6. Our Area really enjoys working alongside Miss Wright and Area 7, especially when we are doing art together!

My favourite POWER value is...Empathy because I just feel it's so important to think about how others might be feeling and that might help us to be even more caring people.

Something I love to do in my spare time is... ride my bike along Hutt River (but not so much when it's really windy!). Biking helps me to feel fit and strong.

I am good at ... loving my family and caring a whole lot for the children I teach. Oh, and I'm really good at eating cream-filled doughnuts!

Cookie Time Fundraiser: Today your child will come home with an order form for Cookie Time biscuits. We are doing this as a fundraiser towards supporting children's learning programmes. If you would like to place an order, please return the order form with the money to the office by next Friday 08 July - 9am. Alternatively you can transfer money to the school's bank account 12-3478-003167-00 with your child's name and cookie as a reference. For every bucket sold the school will get \$2.50. Buckets will be delivered to the school for pick up sometime during the week starting 25 July. We will notify you when they arrive.

Student News:

Year 6 visit to Avalon Intermediate School

On Tuesday 28 June our Year 6 students spent the morning at Avalon Intermediate School with Matua Te Kewena, participating in a range of curriculum based activities and getting a taste of intermediate life.

The photos below show Benji and Demetrius working on building a Whareniui – meeting house and Harley, Maxwell, Jacinta and Georgia-Rose working collaboratively to do a science experiment.



Helen Willberg has been visiting Area 7 and Area 9 this term to teach music and in particular ukulele to our tamariki. She has been very impressed with the beautiful singing voices of our tamariki and their passion for singing and making music.



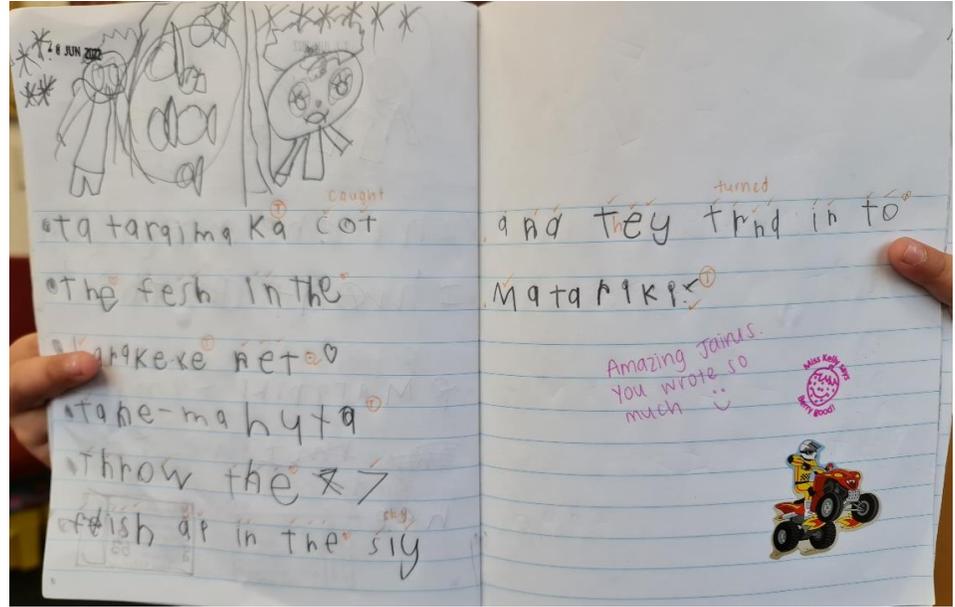
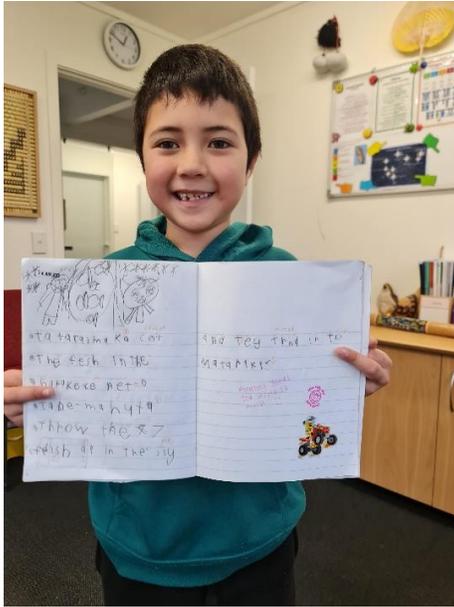
Year 5's – Matariki Stars

The Year 5's spent the morning with Ms Forman on Tuesday 28 June while the Year 6's were visiting Avalon Intermediate. They worked on creating these matariki Stars using 3 different art techniques.



Sharni A9, Gideon A8, Western A8 and Queen A9

Jairus came to the principal's office to show Whaea Shell his amazing story about Matariki. Jarus was able to read his story and explain what was happening. He was very proud of his writing.



Space Place

On Wednesday 29 June Area 8 was lucky enough to visit Space Place. We had so much fun! We got to see and learn more about the planets in our solar system. We learnt some more about Matariki stars and when we can see them in our sky. Gideon said the visit was awesome and fun. His favourite part was going into the Planetarium to listen to the story about Rona and Marama. Susana enjoyed the story about how Tāwhirimātea separated his parents so they could see the light and sky. Ailava's favourite story was hearing how Tāwhirimātea created the stars. We all thought Space Place was a great place to visit - and we enjoyed a quick play in the park before coming back to school. We were very thankful to Taka Trust for providing our bus.





Board News:

Upcoming Board of Trustees Elections

Later in the year we have Board of Trustee elections. Many of our current Board members will be standing down at this election as their youngest child will be leaving Taita Central School at the end of the 2022 school year.

The elections will be held between 5 September and 23 September 2022. At these elections we will seeking 5 parents who will represent our school community. This is a great opportunity for you to join a new team and learn the role of a trustee with a group of like-minded people. Being on a school Board is a great way to give back to your school community. If you are considering standing for election, or would like more information about being on the Board, please contact Russell Whitlock our current Board Presiding member (Chairperson) on russellwhitlock70@gmail.com / mobile 02102693224 or speak with myself (Michelle) or any of our other Board members.

Community News:

Avalon Intermediate are holding an information evening at 6pm Tuesday 05 July. You will have an opportunity to find out more information, meet the staff and have a look around the school.

The year 6 students all will have come home with an enrolment form for Avalon Intermediate this can be returned to Taita Central School office. We can also attach a copy of the student's birth certificate and vaccination details if we hold it. It makes it a lot easier for the intermediate to plan for next year if we get the enrolment forms back ASAP. If you have lost your enrolment form we can give you another one.

If you know your child will be attending another intermediate can you please let Erin know.

Whakatauki

Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo ngā uri whakatipu.

Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations.

To keep up to date with our learning and news, join our facebook page at [www.facebook@taitacentral.com](https://www.facebook.com/taitacentral.com)

Mānawatia a Matariki

Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings

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