



Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Talofa ni, Majola, Namaste, Mingalaba, Kumusta ko, Ni hao, Jom reep soou, Nabai, Muli iwongi, Hello, Greetings

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Coming Events:

- Mon 4 Sept - Tongan Language Week
- Mon 4 Sept Board of Trustees Meeting
- Mon 11 Sept - Māori Language Week
- Mon 18 Sept - Tuvalu Language Week
- Thu 21 Sept - Creation Story Production @ Avalon Int
- Fri 22 Sept - End of Term 3

To Action:

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

Tēnā Koutou Katoa,

The last couple of weeks have really let us know that winter has arrived. With this very cold and wet weather we are starting to see a rise in winter illnesses amongst our ākonga/students and staff. Recently we have had a number of teachers and teacher aides off sick for a day or more and we are very aware that this can cause disruption to our classes. We are fortunate to have teachers and regular relievers who are willing to give up their release days and step into other classes, so we can continue to provide a stable learning environment for our ākonga. You can help us by encouraging your children to dress for the weather, wear a raincoat to and from school on rainy days and wrap up warm on the cold and frosty mornings. Send a message to Erin at the office if your child or children will be away sick and remember to do a Covid test if anyone in your house has Covid symptoms – runny nose, headache, prolonged cough, fever, upset tummy etc. We have spare Covid test kits at school if you need more.

Taita Central School now uses School docs for our school Policies.

At our Board of Trustees meeting on Monday night our school formally adopted School docs for our school policies and procedures.

We will add this link to the What's Happening page at the foot of each page on our school website with the following login information. URL: <https://taitacentral.schooldocs.co.nz>

- Username: **taitacentral**
- Password: **power**



Spotlight on Tracey Crossland our Taita Central School Teacher Aide and cleaner.

Tracy is another member of our valuable Teacher Aide Team. We are so fortunate at Taita Central School to have Teacher Aides who are willing to step up and support our ākonga and teachers in any way they can. Tracey works in both our Kowhai Block and Pohutukawa Block supporting ākonga with their learning, helping them to keep focussed on their tasks and teaching them good work habits.

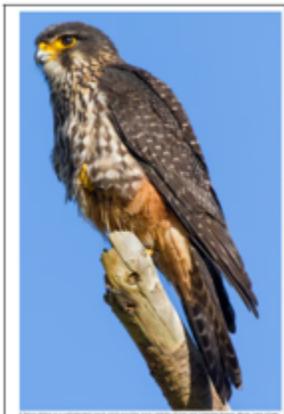
Our ākonga and teachers appreciate everything Tracey does for them to support them with their learning. Tracey is also responsible for the cleaning of Pohutukawa Block and works very hard to make this area clean and tidy

for our ākonga/students and teachers who work in this area.

Thank you, Tracey, for making Taita Central School a better place to be.

SCHOOL NEWS

New Enrolments – A warm welcome to our Taita Central School community: Lily Ako 1.



P	Perseverance, <i>Whaia I te iti Kahurangi ki te tūohu koe Me he maunga teitei, Onosa'i</i> - give it a go and keep trying, even when it gets hard.
O	Outstanding Excellence, <i>Kairangi Kairangi, Tulaga Silisili</i> - always being the best that you can be.
W	Whanaungatanga, <i>Relationships, So'otaga</i> - we come together as one.
E	Empathy, <i>Ngakau aroha, Lagona Alofa</i> - trying to understand how others feel.
R	Respect, <i>Manaakitanga, Faaaloalo</i> - treating others how you would like to be treated.

POWER Values - Our value focus for Weeks 3 & 4 across the school is **Outstanding – always being the best you can be.** **Power** the New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.

Term 3 Week 2

Thank you to Kowhai Block and our hosts Niko, Vaiana & Lynley and visuals Jacob and Osiris.

Congratulations to our Ako Winners:

Ako 1 - Emine & Apelynn

Ako 2 - Nia-Grace, Indiana & Acaexia

Ako 3 - Molly & Tyson

Ako 4 - Chaze

Ako 7 – Nhovi Joy & Faaeteete

Ako 8 - Tuterangi & Layan

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 2 - Kristina you have been a great role model for the class on our trip showing all the power values.

Ako 4 – Vaiana for being a supportive buddy and showing the new children the right thing to do.

Ako 8 - Anaiya-Rose for showing perseverance in everything she does and for being a helpful and supportive member of Ako 8.

Staff Special Nomination - Sara-Roze (Ako 8) for coming to school every day, being so helpful to everyone and having a great attitude.

Congratulations to our POWER in the playground winners: Indiana (A2) Kristina (A2) Iggy (A2) Jacob (A3) Ataahua (A7) Ceideys (A7) Ryan (A8) Cherie (A8) Nyla (A3) Elisefou (A2)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: Peem - Ako 8

Term 3 Week 3

Thank you to Ako 7 and our hosts Gideon, Emma and Aiden and visuals Albert and Sitina.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

- Ako 1 - Lynley & Lily
- Ako 2 - Cren & Grey
- Ako 3 - Faamago & Māreikura
- Ako 4 - Whatakura & Ellie
- Ako 7 - Emma & Aiden
- Ako 8 - Cherie, Josefa & Sara
- Ako 9 - Kaden & Isaac

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

- Ako 1 - Elwyn for being an outstanding friend to others in Ako 1.
- Ako 3 - Victoria for showing perseverance in your work and a quiet determination to succeed.
- Ako 7 – Ataahua for showing Perseverance in her work and for being a role model in the classroom
- Ako 9 – Glynis for your constant hard work, perseverance and outstanding dedication to keeping our akomanga beautiful and clean.

Congratulations to our POWER Award Winners:

- Londoni (A7) Ceideys (A7) Nesta (A3) Carmelita (A2) Evatyn (A8) Legacy (A1) PJ (A2) Whatakura (A4) Ahnaira-Ann (A9) Victoria (A3)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: PJ (Ako 9)

Thursday Night Basketball at Naenae College.

Taitā Central was invited to participate in a basketball competition with other local schools, this is on Thursday afternoons at Naenae College gym. We have entered two teams, TCS Karearea and TCS Falcons. Our ākongā are very excited and busy practicing their skills at any chance they get. Matua Dylan has been really impressed with how incredible our ākongā have been and what great sportsmanship and how they tautoko each other and cheer every time someone scores. He has been thrilled with the amazing Whānau support too.

Week 3	Week 4
TCS Karearea 5 vs Koraunui 5 TCS Falcons 3 vs Pomare 8	TCS Falcons 7 vs Koraunui Rima 7 TCS Karearea 7 vs Pomare 6



Mana Moments

NFL Flag Coaching – Pohutukawa Block

The school is taking part in the NFL Flag sports program. This gives us a full set of gear (Flags, Balls etc) that on Wednesday afternoons, coaches from the Wellington NFL Flag team come into school and run sessions. The first 2 sessions are tasters for all the Pōhutukawa tamariki. Then the last 3 sessions will be for the team, this will be picked from those that are keen and have shown a commitment to the game and our POWER Values. The team then will compete in the National Competition that is being held in Auckland this year. All of this is paid for by the NFL as they try to get more exposure for the sport in Australia and Aotearoa.

Kowhai trip to The Dowse

As part of our Art focus of Term 3, Kowhai were lucky enough to spend time at the Dowse. We went into the Birthday party room and saw all the ceramic food and weird teapots and cups on display.

We went into a landscape gallery space and into the Whare to create crowns. Students had to add the people who they would ask to their party onto their crowns.

Lastly, we spent time in the clay room creating clay tiles that represent what is special to us.

The Dowse ladies- Kat and Esme, will be coming to school for the next 5 weeks to work with Kowhai to create visual art.

We are also lucky to have Helen Wilberg working with Kowhai this term for Music.



Ako 8 & 9 Technology Challenge

Matua Dylan set Ako 8 & Ako 9 a challenge to build a bridge using only newspaper and Sellotape. The ākonga worked in teams to create their designs.



Storylines Authors in Schools Tour

On Monday 31st July illustrator Isobel Te Aho-White came to talk to our Year 4, 5 & 6 ākonga/students. The theme of the visit was *Pūrākau Māori* – illustration of Māori stories.



Ko wai au?

Ko Tawhirirangi me Ōteauheke te maunga

Ko Mohaka rāua ko Awa Iti ōku ngā awa

Ko Takitimu te waka

Ko Waipapa-a-Iwi me Ōnuku te marae,

Ko Ngāti Pahauwera me Kāti Tarewa te hapū

Ko Ngāti Kahungunu rāua ko Kāi Tahu te iwi

Ko Ngāti Pakehā ki West Country UK me Denmark au

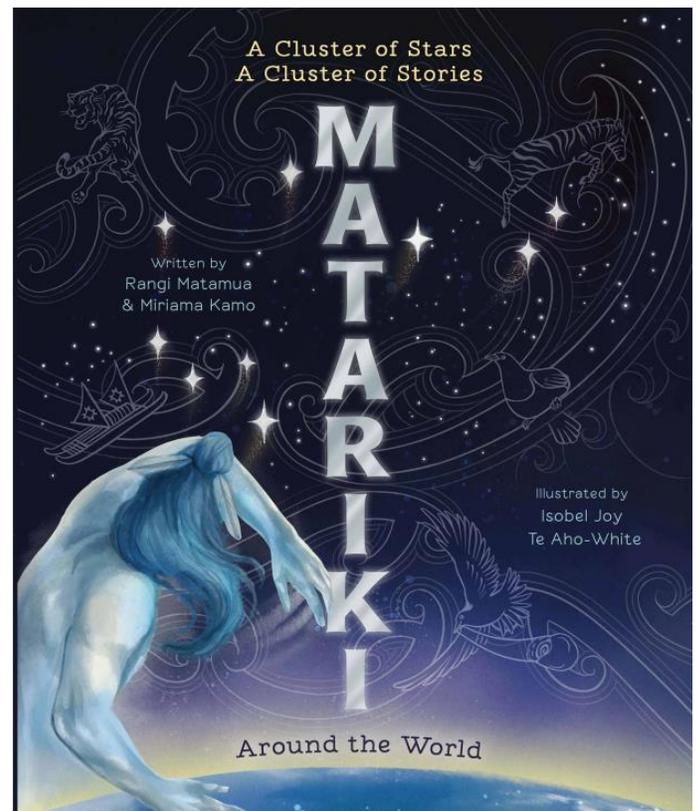
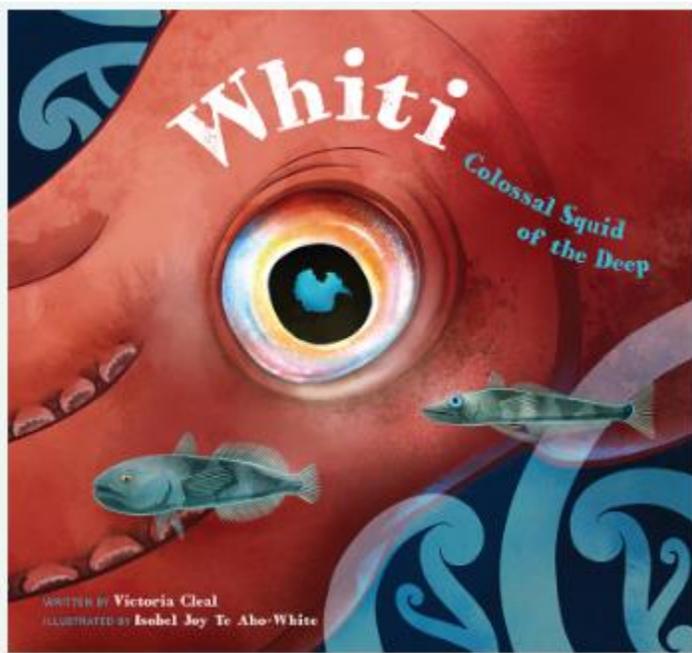
No Whanganui-a-tara e noho ahau

Ko Isobel Joy Te Aho-White tōku ingoa.

Tītiro mai, tihei mauri ora!

Isobel Te Aho-White (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngai Tahu) is an Illustrator based in Te Whanganui-a-Tara. Her book *Santa's Worst Christmas* (2019) with Huia publishers was nominated for the NCYA Book Awards across five categories and her book *Whiti: Colossal Squid of the Deep* (2020) written by Victoria Cleal and published by Te Papa Press won a Whitley award for best children's book.

<https://www.penguin.co.nz/authors/isobel-joy-te-aho-white>



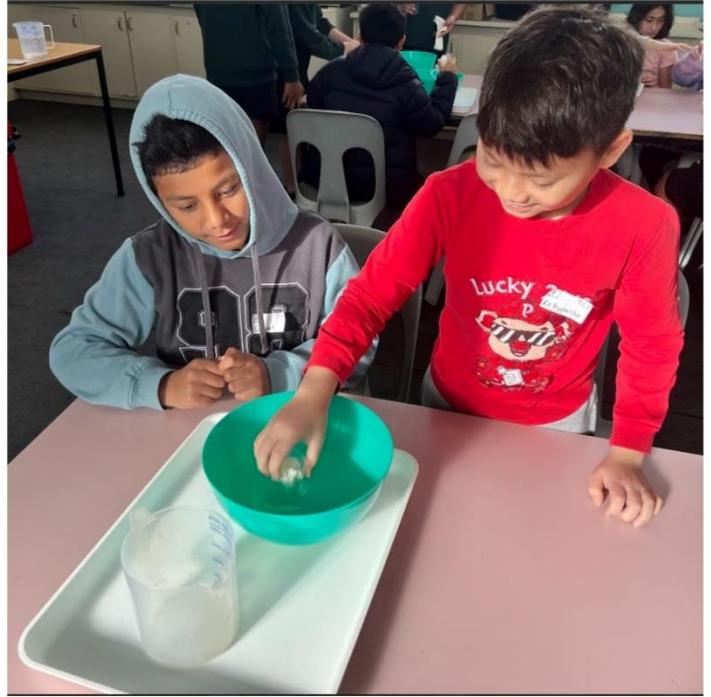


Footsteps Dance Company

This Term we will be holding another school performance at Avalon Intermediate on Thursday 21st September. More details to come.

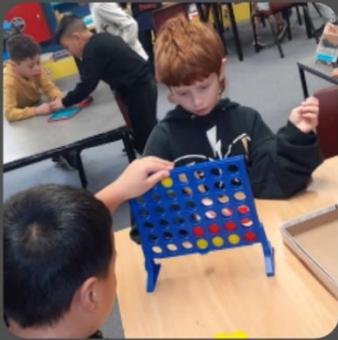
Year 6 visit to Avalon Intermediate

On Tuesday 1st August our Year 6's travelled to Avalon Intermediate with Matua Dylan to experience what Avalon has to offer them as Year 7's next year.



Term 3 Merehana is opening our school Library at morning tea twice a week.

The library is open on a Tuesday for Kowhai Block and on a Thursday for Pohutukawa Block. This is an opportunity for our ākonga to come and join their friends to read books, colour pictures, play board games or use the Lego.





2023 HuttFest Video

This is to let you know that the Video's for HuttFest 2023 has been released. You can find this on our YOUTUBE channel by [clicking here](#)

Board News

On Monday 31st July member of our school Board joined with other Board of Trustees from schools within our Kāhui Ako for an NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustee Association) training session on Giving Effect to Te Tiriti O Waitangi. This was a very valuable training session which explained the key principles of Te Tiriti and our Board's legal obligation as well as a moral and ethical imperative to acknowledge colonial injustices, commit to reconciliation and social justice, promote inclusive practices, cultural responsiveness, and meaningful relationships.

At our Board of Trustees meeting on Monday night Kelly Lia stepped down as Presiding Member, she will however stay on our Board as a parent trustee. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Kelly for accepting the Presiding Member position last September, she has shared her knowledge, skill and experience and supported our new board members and myself through this transition. The Board elected Helen van der Raaij as our new Presiding Member.

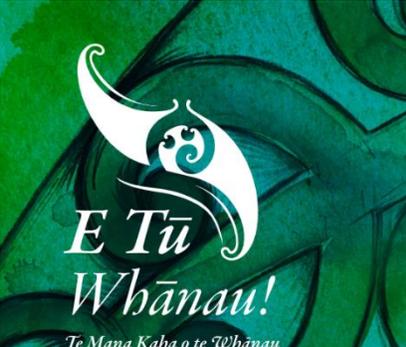
Health & Wellbeing / Hauora

With all this wet weather our school playground has lots of puddles and muddy areas and as a result we are seeing lots more of our tamariki coming to the office needing to change their clothes. Can parents, whānau, aiga please put a change of clothes into your child's school bag, this is for both senior and junior students. We do not have very many spare clothes at school, so this would help a lot.



Community News

<https://etuwhanau.org.nz/>



E Tū Whānau is a movement for positive change developed by Māori for Māori. It's about taking responsibility and action in your community and supporting whānau to thrive.

We are looking for parents to undertake PAID market research!

We are a nationwide market research recruitment company based in Auckland.
We are looking for New Zealand parents to share their opinions on a range of topics in online or face-to-face projects.



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To keep up to date with our learning and news, join our facebook page at www.facebook.com/taitacentral.com

Whakatauki

Ko ia kāhore nei e rapu, tē kitea.

He who does not seek, will not find.

Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taita Central School Staff

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Ako tahi Tātou, Tipu tahi Tātou – Together we Learn, Together we Grow