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### Coming Events:

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Board of Trustees Meeting

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Road Patrol Pool Party

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Children's University Graduation

### No Study Centre

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 6 Leavers Fun Day

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of Study Centre

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of Year Reports go home

Tue 12 Dec - Kowhai Christmas Party

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of Year Prizegiving 1pm**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of the year – 12:30pm finish**

**Christmas Holiday Break**

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan- First day of school for 2024**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb –Teacher Only Day

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Waitangi Day – **School Closed**

### To Action:

*Important Dates to remember*

**Thursday 14th December - End of Year Prize Giving**

- will be held at the Ricoh Centre starting at 1:00pm.

**Friday 15th December - Last day of Term 4 – 12:30pm finish**

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

**Tēnā Koutou, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, malo ni, fakatalofa atu, Namaste - Greetings.**

It seems like only last week we were planning and preparing for a busy Term 4 and we are now coming to the end of week 8 of the term.

This has been an extremely busy time for our ākonga with so many learning experiences, both in the classroom and out of the classroom e.g., Swimming, class and school tips to the ballet and Expressions, EOTC Week, Year 5 & 6 Camp and sports trips. Our teachers have also been very busy finishing off end-of-year assessments and writing the end of year reports.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our ākonga who have participated and contributed to all the learning opportunities on offer this term, the majority of our ākonga have shown the POWER Values and have been persevering, trying lots of new experiences and taking risks, even when it seemed pretty scary to start with. We have seen some Outstanding Excellence in learning and behaviour and these ākonga have really shown us what Whakawhanaungatanga really means, coming together to stand as one and offer support to others. We have seen many ākonga show empathy to their friends and other students, supporting them when they are finding their learning or social interactions challenging and finally the Respect shown by these ākonga towards everyone at Taita Central School has made us all very proud of them.

### 2024 School Organisation

We will be starting the 2024 school year with 6 classes across our 2 classroom blocks – Years 0 to 3 in Kowhai

Block and Years 4 to 6 in Pohutukawa Block.

The structure of the school will be.

Ako 4 – New Entrant and Year 1 – Miss Powell

Ako 1 – Year 2 – Miss Kelly

Ako 3 – Year 3 – Miss Wright

Ako 7 – Year 4, 5 & 6 – Mrs Chawla / Mrs McLeod (who will be returning from maternity leave during Term 2)

Ako 8 - Year 4, 5 & 6 – Miss Forman

Ako 9 - Year 4, 5 & 6 - Matua Dylan Turnbull

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December our ākonga will participate in a transition session where they will spend some time in their new classroom with their teacher for 2024, this is an opportunity to meet their new teacher, start to get to know them and their new learning space.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**New Enrolments** – A warm welcome to our Taita Central School community: Clara & Tarusila Ako 4, Hohepa & Ataahua Ako 8, Taione Ako 3



<b>P</b>	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.
<b>O</b>	Outstanding Excellence, <i>Kairangi Kairangi, Tulaga Silisili</i> - always being the best that you can be.
<b>W</b>	Whanaungatanga, <i>Relationships, So'otaga</i> - we come together as one.
<b>E</b>	Empathy, <i>Ngakau aroha, Lagona Alofa</i> - trying to understand how others feel.
<b>R</b>	Respect, <i>Manaakitanga, Faaaloalo</i> - treating others how you would like to be treated.

**POWER Values** - Our value focus for Weeks 5 & 6 across the school is **Whakawhanaungatanga – we come together as one.** **Power** the New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.

### Assembly Week 5

Thank you to Kowhai Block and our hosts Indy and Iriana and visuals Sera T and Molly.

### Congratulations to our Ako Awards:

Ako 1 - Finn D & Legacy

Ako 2 - Devin & Jericho

Ako 3 - Jack & Stehlin

Ako 4 - Chaze & Iriana

Ako 7 - Emily & Nhovi-Joy

Ako 8 - Ataahua, Layan & Janelisa (Ako 9)

Ako 9 - Ahnaira-Ann & Saiyan

### Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners: (Week 2 - Week 5)

#### Week 2:

Ako 2 – Grey for pushing yourself to learn new things and develop your growth mindset.

Ako 4 – Jeconiah for showing perseverance and always trying your best even when it gets hard.

Ako 8 – Evatyn for stepping up and showing leadership and always with a smile!

#### Week 3:

Ako 1 – Brynn for outstanding work in all your learning. It is lovely to see you being excited about your learning and trying your best.

Ako 3 – Jacob for writing an outstanding twisted fairy tale. You showed your best work and made it interesting to read and listen to.

Ako 7 – Gideon for always showing the Power values, helping others and doing the best he can.

Ako 9 - Sera P you're caring and kind nature towards others. You are always willing to help others anyway you can, it might be tying someone's shoes, helping them get their work started or when they are upset. You are a great friend and show great care for everyone! Kei runga noa atu koe! (You're awesome!)

**Week 4:**

Ako 2 – Xavier for always showing resilience with your learning and not giving up when learning new things.  
Ako 4 – Ellie for coming back to school after being sick and showing all the POWER values this week. You have been a STAR.  
Ako 8 – Peem for living the POWER values every day. Peem, you show kindness to others and always try your best, keep up the amazing work!

**Week 5:**

Ako 1 – Zeta for being kind and listening to your friends.  
Ako 3 - Sera T for showing your caring of others. Checking they are Ok and being very thoughtful.  
Ako 7 – Skyy for showing the Power Values in everything he does at class. For following instructions and for being a role- model to others  
Ako 9 – Izzy for showing manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and aroha to members of Ako Iwa. You are a Rangatira in our akomanga. Keep shining like the super star you are Izzy!  
Staff Special Nomination: Ako 7 - Ruby-Lee & Sitina for showing Whakawhanaungatang and supporting others at our school.

**Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:**

Jeconiah (A4) Janelisa (A9) Noah (A2) Faamago (A3) Sitina (A7) Harihar (A2) Chaze (A4) Sharni (A9) Samuel (A3) PJ (A2) Jadyn (A4) Glynis (A9) Saiyan (A9) Ata (A7) Sera T (A3)

**Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner:**

Izzy - Ako 9

**Congratulations to our Badminton Players:**

Ceideys, Skyy, Evatyn, Ruby-Lee, Josefa, Ryan, Janelisa, Cherie, Sera P, Finn, Kayne, Sitina, Emma & Zephaniah  
MVP - Evatyn

**Congratulations to our Touch Players of the Day:**

Week 2 - Zephaniah & Finn  
Week 3 - Cherie & Ruby-Lee

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**Week 7 Assembly.**

Thank you to Ako 9 and our hosts Izzy, Sharni, Janelisa and Bella and visuals Khalisha, Ngawairangi and Rose.

**Congratulations to our Ako Awards Winners:**

Ako 1 - Emine & Finn D  
Ako 2 - Indy, Nia-Grace & Kristina  
Ako 3 - Taioni & Nyla  
Ako 4 - Clara & Iriana  
Ako 7 - Sitina & Maddie  
Ako 8 - Ataahua & Hohepa  
Ako 9 - Konstance & PJ S

**Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:****Week 6:**

Ako 2 – Harihar welcome to our school you have shown good resilience when learning new routines and making new friends.  
Ako 4 – Vaiana for being brave and trying things back at school again.  
Ako 8 – Kayne for giving everything a go at camp even when it took you out of your comfort zone. Great job, Kayne

Staff Special Nomination - Eliana (Ako 8) for showing Whakawhanaungatanga at breakfast club on Thursday and Friday last week by helping Merehana out while Nada was at camp. I appreciate all the help you gave me Eliana.

**Week 7:**

Ako 1 – Jahmima for trying really hard to complete all her work today and for helping others in her class.

Ako 3 – Lama for being a good friend and workmate. Sharing equipment and space. Helping others out when they are not sure what to do and asking when you do not know.

Ako 7 - Jared for always trying to do the right things. He likes to help others and is also empathetic. He strives hard to complete the work assigned.

Ako 7 – Emma for showing Empathy to other students and helping them to solve problems and manage themselves.

Ako 9 – Kaden You have been working so hard on being a responsible leader and learner. During camp you made sure you took on every challenge and stepped out of your comfort zone, often leading the way in your group. Keep growing and keep thriving. I am proud of you!

**Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:**

Molly (A3) Sera T (A3) Kaden (A9) Shalom (A3) Indy (A2) Faaeteete (A7) Cherie (A8) Ellie (A4) Kayne (A8) Maddie (A7) Eva (A1) Nia-Grace (A2) Emma (A7) Iriana (A4)

**Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner:** Ailava - Ako 8

**Congratulations to our Touch Rugby Players of the day:**

Week 6 - Manai & Anaiya-Rose

Week 7 - Emily & Emma



## Mana Moments

**Diwali – Ako 7**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November Ako 7 celebrated Diwali by decorating our class. We made rangoli patterns, Heena on hands and painted earthen lamps (diyas). Mrs Chawla shared information about on Diwali. We did worksheet related to Diwali. We had some sweets.

Some information on Diwali.

Diwali is known as the festival of lights. It is celebrated to mark the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. Families come together decorate their homes, light earthen lamps, exchange sweets and gifts, light fireworks creating a joyous atmosphere. The cultural richness and diversity associated with Diwali make it a captivating and memorable celebration for people of all backgrounds.



### **EOTC Week – Education Outside the Classroom**

I would like to thank our staff for their hard work and planning that has gone into the planning of our EOTC Week activities for Kowhai Block, our Year 4's and our Year 5 & 6 camp. These days there is an extreme amount of paperwork that needs to be completed to ensure everyone's safety during EOTC activities. Thank you to our Board of Trustees who have faith in our teachers and allow us to offer these exciting EOTC activities to our ākonga/students.

A big shout out goes to our teacher aides who support our ākonga/students in these activities and to the parents, whānau and aiga who happily volunteer their time to assist with supervision on these trips. Without your support, these trips could not happen.

### **Kowhai EOTC Week Activities**

During Week 6 our Kowhai Block tamariki participated in a variety of Education Outside the Classroom activities such as Pyjama ay, making kites, Kelly Club sports and wheels day, Superhero Day and a Teddy Bears picnic, a trip to visit Staglands and a mucky fun day.





**Year 4's visit to Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre**

Our Year 4's had an exciting day out at Brookfield Outdoor Education centre, which is a taster of what they will experience in 2025 when they attend our next Year 5 & 6 camp. Thanks to Mr Little for organising the trip for us and for Whaea Bunny, Sharon, Grace, Rawaa and Peka for supporting our ākonga/students on Tuesday 21 November – which was a much nicer day to be outdoors!





### **Year 4 & 6 Camp – El Rancho**

Our Year 5 & 6 ākonga spent 3 days last week at El Rancho participating in a range of Education Outside the Classroom activities such as, rock climbing, horse riding, rafting, blind fold trust activities, water slide, swimming, and kayaking. Going to camp is one of those experiences which live long in the memories of our tamariki and such an incredible experience as it is often the first time our ākonga have been away from their families, where they are given responsibilities which benefit their whole group and where they are challenged by activities which appear to be high risk (but are not as they are well managed) and push them out of their comfort zone.

I would like to thank our staff Matua Dylan, Miss Forman and Mrs Chawla for all the work they did to prepare our ākonga for camp and for all the work required to meet the new Health and Safety guidelines for EOTC experiences.

Thank you to Nada, Erin and Mr Little for joining them on camp and supporting our ākonga throughout their time at El Rancho. Thank you to our fantastic parent volunteers, Todd, Emily and Grace, your contribution to this camp enhanced the experience for everyone and without your help and support we are not able to take our ākonga out of school!.





## NFL Flag Competition

On Tuesday the 21st of November a team of 8 ākonga had the opportunity to represent Taitā Central on the big stage against teams from Wellington and Auckland. The National NFL Flag competition, this was the first time that a competition of its kind had happened in New Zealand and it did not disappoint. Our tamariki came away with new skills, an appreciation for the NFL, stronger friendships and of course some awesome new gear. We played 5 games and played some incredible Flag against some much bigger and older teams, growing and improving every time they stepped out on that field. Huge mihi to all those that took part in what was a meke day. Thank you to Nada and Erin for your help on the day and all of the whanau for their support throughout. Nga Mihi Matua Dylan!



## Sports Results

### Floor Ball results

#### Week 4

TCS Victory Squad 2 vs Flyers 0

TCS Falcons 3 vs OLRS 7

#### Week 5

TCS Victory Squad 1 vs Petone Central 2

TCS Falcons 1 vs Dangerous Capyaras 6

#### Week 6

TCS Victory Squad 1 vs Mini Tui Stix 0

TCS Falcons 4 vs Terrific Tuis 2

## Touch Results

### Week 4

Taita Central WAHS 3 vs 10 Rata Street 2 (girls)

TCS Karearea 1 vs 10 Dyer Street Dragons

### Week 5

Taita Central WAHS 9 vs Dyer Street Dragons 3

TCS Karearea 16 vs Kelson Lions 2 (Girls)

### Week 6

Taita Central WAHS 8 vs TCS Karearea 2

## New Mural – A field of Flowers

It is a bid to recycling or repurposing. The flowers were created from the bottom of 1.25 or 1l bottles of Coke or Lemonade. The children wanted to create a mural that was bright and colourful. The mural represents flowers in the grass. It was created by students from Ako 8 and Ako 9.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Fantails** is a New Zealand Football programme designed to attract new female players to the beautiful game. If you've got young girls looking to give football a go in a fun and safe environment, is the programme for you!

The sessions will focus on helping girls make friends, while having fun, as they improve their skills and are active through football. Bring your sister, cousin, or friend along with you and give football a go!

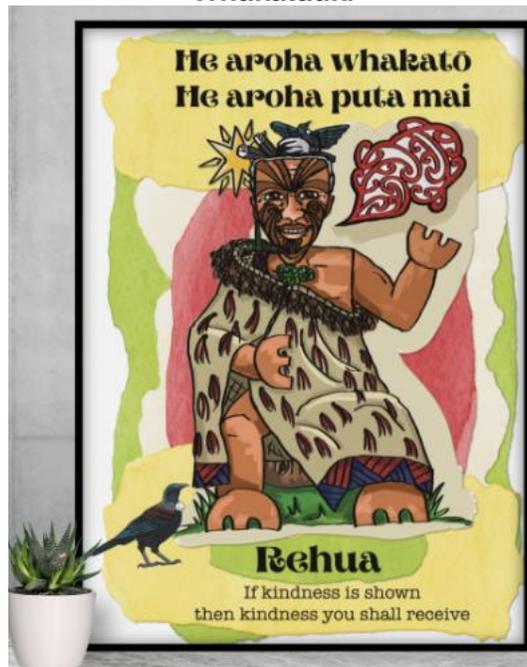
**Details:** **Fraser Park Hub**  
**Venue:** Fraser Park Sportsville  
**Day:** Tuesdays (October to 12th December)  
**Time:** 4:45pm - 5:45pm  
**Ages:** 4 - 6 First Kicks  
7 - 8 Fun Football  
9 - 12 Mini Football

At the **Fraser Park Hub** all sessions for Term 4 are **FREE**

For more info, and to register visit: |  
<https://www.lhcafc.org.nz/whatwedo/playerdevelopment/fantails/>

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### Whakatauki



Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings  
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**Ako tahi Tātou, Tipu tahi Tātou – Together we Learn, Together we Grow**