



Taitā Central School Newsletter



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

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Malo ni, Fakatalofa atu, Namaste, Mingalaba, Kumusta, Marhaba, Sawatdee, Xin chào, Choum, Reap, Sour, Assalamu alaikum, Hello, Greetings!

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10 Paenga-Whawha 2025

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Term 1: Week 11
Wāhanga 1: Wiki 11

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Coming Events:

Term 2 Dates

Mon 28th Apr – Term 2 starts
Fri 2nd May - Orchestra Wellington Workshops Y5&6
Wed 14th May - Y5&6 Te Papa Trip
Thu 15th May - School Photos
Fri 16th May – Teacher Only Day – **School Closed**
Mon 2nd Jun – Kings Birthday – **School Closed**
Thu 12th Jun – Y3–6 Dodgeball Tournament
Fri 20th June – Matariki Holiday - **School Closed**

To Action:

Important Dates to remember...

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

Kia ora e te Whānau – Tēnā Koutou, Talofa, Malo e lele, Bula vinaka, Hello,

During the April School holidays I spent some time in the South Island away from internet and WIFI which gave me some time to reflect on our very busy Term 1 and what we achieved during this term.

We started the term welcoming 2 new teachers to our school, having some teachers change year levels and having some Teacher Aides changing classes, roles and responsibilities. Our ākonga participated in and enjoyed a range of learning experiences, trips and EOTC/Camp activities. Thanks to the teachers and teacher aides who planned and carried out these activities. Also thanks to the support of our parents, whānau and aiga to ensure that they were able to go ahead safely.

I am in awe of the hard work, dedication, time and energy our staff and parent volunteers have put into our ākonga and our school. I want to thank you all for your continued support.

Term 1 Successes

- Starting the year with a Mihi Whakatau to welcome our 2 new teachers Miss Hiotakis & Miss Jameson and our new ākonga/students and their whānau.
- Merehana taking over the role of Kaiako and Manihira Kaiwhina for our Akomanga Māori classes this year.
- Extending the time for our Year 4 – 6 Akomanga Māori class.
- Teachers beginning to implement the new Maths Curriculum and introducing the new student maths text books into their classroom programmes.
- Providing a variety of activities and sports during morning tea clubs thanks to Nada, Donna and our teaching staff.
- Kiwi Hoops is Basketball New Zealand's national basketball programme for our Year 4, 5 & 6 ākonga/students.
- Two Floorball teams participating in the Term 1 competition at Walter Nash Centre - a year 3/4 team and year 5/6 team. It has been a wonderful start and there is a lot of excitement around floorball. The kids have shown impressive sportsmanship and are supportive of each other.

- Two Netball teams participating in the Term 1 competition held at Walter Nash– a Years 1/2 team and 3/4 team. It was a really positive start with some new faces. The kids who played last year were encouraging to their other team members.
- Matua Dylan and Merehana joined the Taitā/Stokes Valley Kāhui Ako Waitangi Fono, they visited Manea in Hokianga, Opononi School and the Treaty Grounds in Waitangi.
- Kowhai Block trip to Kaitoke Regional Park. They had wonderful support from our parents throughout the block. The tamariki/children enjoyed walking through the bush with lots of talking about what they could see.
- A fantastic turn out for our Back-to-School Whānau event in March where we came together to connect and have fun, with families, whānau, aiga.
- A hugely successful Year 5 & 6 camp at Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre, despite the wet weather.
- Ako 7 had a very successful trip to Te Papa with Miss Jameson & Matt. This was an educational trip to support their Term 1 Whenua/Earth Topic studies.
- Kowhai Block Dress Up Fun Day with a block of craft rotations, A block of fun relays including sack races, egg and spoon. The last block we gave out prizes for costumes and POWER values. It was great to see children sharing and supporting each other as well as heaps of laughter.
- A group of Year 5 & 6 ākonga participating in the Taitā/Stokes Valley Rippa Tournament.
- Our Kaea welcoming the Duffy Theatre in Schools and Duffy Role Model to Taitā Central School with Mihi and pepehā. Sharing the enjoyment of stories and books with our ākonga.
- Nada and our Study Centre students having a successful and enjoyable visit to Shona McFarlane Rest Home, starting to build new connections with the residents.

Attendance, Engagement and Achievement

I have just received our Term 1 attendance data from the Ministry of Education – there are 2 positives for us to celebrate and 2 work-ons to attendance will be an ongoing area of work which we will be focussing on throughout 2025.





- Our Regular attendance rate for **Term 1 2025 is 65%**, in *Term 1 2024 it was 61%*.
- Our Irregular attendance rate for **Term 1 2025 is 18%**, the same as *Term 1 2024 18%*.
- Our Moderate Absence rate for **Term 1 2025 is 5%**, in *Term 1 2024 it was 13%*.
- Our Chronic absence rate for **Term 1 2025 is 11%**, in *Term 1 2024 it was 9%*.

We are working hard to provide a school environment where your tamariki want to come to school every day and will continue to focus on this to maintain our upward progress in increasing our Regular Attendance rates. This is being reflected in the decrease in our Moderate Attendance rate.

We need to continue to work with our ākonga and our parents, caregivers, whānau and Aiga to reduce the rate of Irregular attendance – our ākonga learn best when they come to school every day.


We also need to work with the specific ākonga and their parents, caregivers, whānau and Aiga who sit in the Chronic Attendance figures – there are 11 ākonga across the school who have had more than 15 days absent in Term 1

The Government and Ministry of Education have been developed these four Student Attendance Categories to help schools understand how frequently each student attends. These categories give us a way to monitor the progress we are making in supporting students to attend regularly.

	Student Categories	Student with	Equivalent to
	Regular attendance	over 90% attendance	missing fewer than 5 days across a term
	Irregular absence	more than 80% and up to 90% attendance	absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term
	Moderate absence	more than 70% and up to 80% attendance	absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term
	Chronic absence	70% attendance or less	absent for 15 days or more across a school term

SCHOOL NEWS

New Enrolments – Nau mai, haere mai ki to kura o Ngā Hau e Whā, ngā mihi maioha - A warm welcome to our Taita Central School community: Welcome to Taita Central School, Tusi Ako 1

	P	Perseverance / <i>Whakapau Kaha / Onosa'i</i> - give it a go and keep trying, even when it gets hard.
	O	Outstanding / <i>Kei runga noa atu! / Matua silisili ona lelei</i> - always being the best that you can be.
	W	Whakawhanaungatanga / <i>Te toa takitini / So'otaga</i> - we come together as one.
	E	Empathy / <i>Aroha - Ngākau aroha / Lagona Alofa</i> - trying to understand how others feel.
	R	Respect / <i>Kiritau - Whakamana -Whakaute / Fa'aaloalo</i> - treating others how you would like to be treated.

POWER Values - Our value focus for Week 9, 10 & 11 across the school was **Respect / Kiritau – Whakamana – Whakaute / Fa'aaloalo – treating others how you would like to be treated.**

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

Assembly – Week 11. Thank you to Pohutukawa Block and our hosts Matua Dylan and Miss Kelly and visuals Toby.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Ace & Tusi

Ako 3: Kina & Finn

Ako 4: Ryder & Ahrie

Ako 7: Mehi, Manasoni, Jacob & Toby (A9)

Ako's Waru & Iwa: Esha & Tepaula

Akomanga Māori: Vaiana, Molly, Emma & Bella

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 1: Tarusila for showing all the POWER Values in and out of the classroom and for being an amazing role model for your peers and younger students. For always helping your teacher and other Tamariki in the classroom. You have had a great term!

Ako 3: Eva, you are a focused learner who tries her best and is always quick to ask questions, seek support and persevere. Kia Kaha Eva.

Ako 4: Freja for making great progress this term, sharing your feelings and letting teachers know what is upsetting you. Also working hard and trying your best with all your school work.

Ako 7: Samuel, you are a great role model, and a great leader in our Ako. You show Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga at all times. Thank you for being a fantastic member of our class.

Ako Waru: Londoni for being an incredible leader and always seeking ways to uplift the mana of our ruma and the tangata in our kura. You are selfless and always willing to pitch in.

Ako Iwa: Conor for your positive and relentless commitment to our kura and tamariki. Without you we would not be able to do what we do to the level we do it. Thank you for your energy, time and mauri that you give to our tamariki! We appreciate you!

Special Nomination: Izzy (A9) for stepping up at our tuākana/tēina session and doing our whaikōrero to our manuhiri and also for showing whākawhanaungatanga within our rōpū. It is so awesome to watch you grow in confidence with your Te Reo Māori, you should be proud of yourself. Tau kē tō mahi.

POWER in the Playground Winners:

Suntroyden (A1) Eva (A3) Ellie (A3) Esha (A8) Atarangi (A1) Eduard (A7) Paea (A3) Mirai (A1) Manasoni (A7) Carlos (A7)

Congratulations to our StepsWeb Winners:

Carlos (A7) Acaexia (A8) Lama (A7)

Netball Year 1&2:

Tarusila, Freja, Suntroynen, Chaze, Ahrie, Trinah & Koval

Netball Year 3&4:

Ellie, Kyle, Neerev, Sujith, Eva, Vaiana, Brynn, Mason & Nyla

Floorball Year 4:

Jericho, Samuel, Eduard & Phoenix

Floorball Year 5&6:

Emperor, Talia, Izzy, Nesta, Londoni, Evatyn, Skyy & Faaeteete

Year 5&6 Rippa Rugby:

Sitina, Izzy, Anaiya-Rose, Evatyn, Nesta, Emperor, Fa'amago, Warren, Londoni, Tepaula, Emma & Stheli



Duffy Role Model Assembly:

On Wednesday we had a special visitor, Duffy Role model actor/dancer Taofi Mose-Nehemia who came and spoke about the importance of reading. All our tamariki will receive 2 books each to take home.

Ngā mihi to Bella, Izzy, Emma, Molly and Vaiana who welcomed her with a whaikōrero and their pepeha's.



HuttFest 2025:

Term 2 will see us starting our practices for HuttFest.

Our practice days will be on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon, 2.15pm to 2.45pm. If you are able to help with this please see Matua Dylan or Merehana.

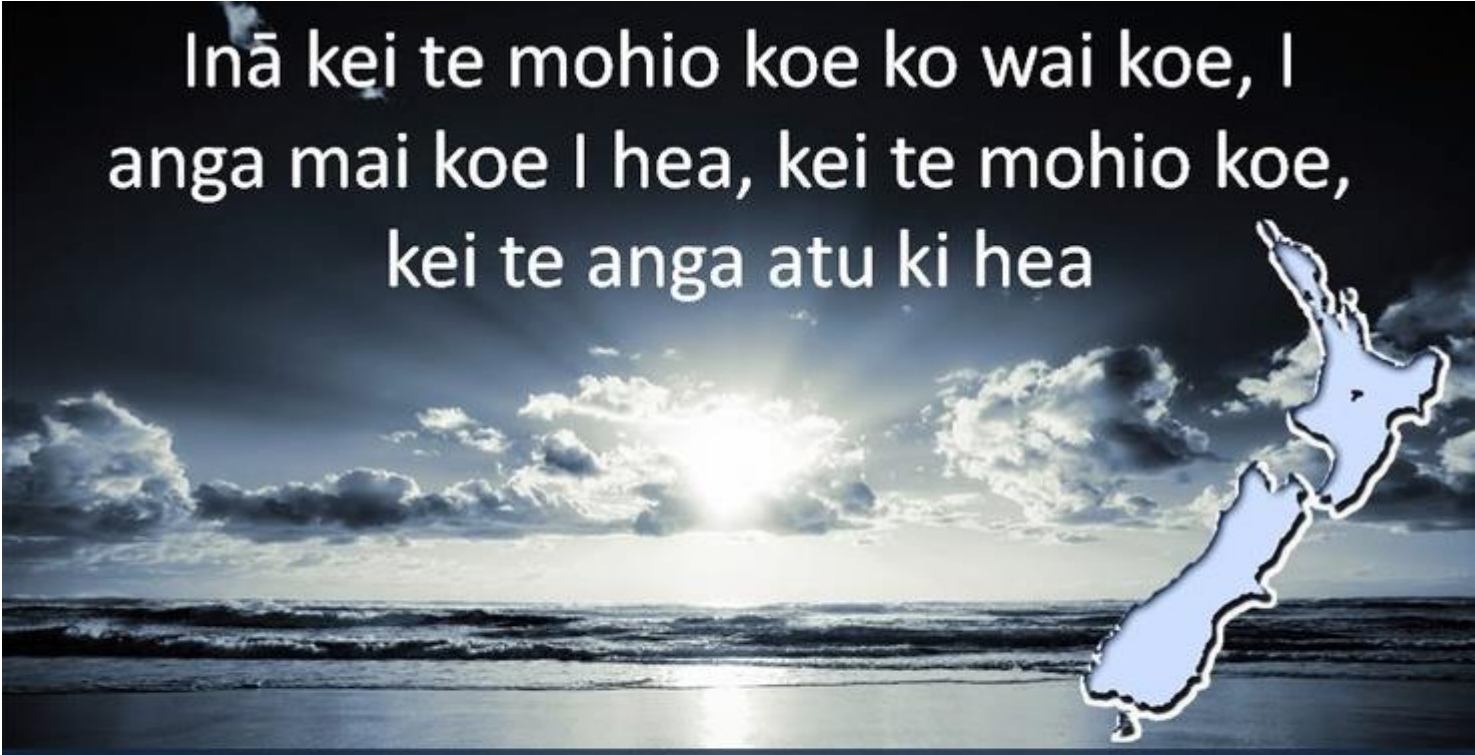
There will be more info to come next term.

Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.

To increase the use of Te Reo Māori at Taitā Central School we are continuing our Te Reo Māori phrase of the week. All our Kaiako/teachers and Kaiawhina/Support staff are trying to make sure we use this phrase throughout the week. You may hear your tamariki using these phrases at home.

The phrase we are using in Weeks 10 and 11 are ...Kei te haere koe ki hea? / Where are you going? And Noho mai / Stay here.

Whakatauki



Inā kei te mohio koe ko wai koe, I
anga mai koe I hea, kei te mohio koe,
kei te anga atu ki hea

If you know who you are and where you are from, then
you will know where you are going

Ngā mihi maioha - warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff

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***Taitā Central School – Te Kura O Nga Hau E Wha
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Skin infections in tamariki

Find out about common skin infections and how to prevent and manage them.



Scabies



School sores



Boils

KidsHealth

www.kidshealth.org.nz

Accurate & reliable information for NZ parents & whānau about the health & wellbeing of tamariki & rangatahi in Aotearoa