



• Taitā Central School Pānui • Term 2 Week 2 - 30th April 2026 •

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!



Vision

"Te tu pakari tahi, te whakamana i nga ākonga katoa."

Standing strong together – enhancing the mana of all learners

Mission

Ako tahi Tātou, Tipu tahi Tātou

Together we Learn, Together we Grow



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

Ako 4 - Maeci, Kyrie, Mimsy, Celine

Ako 3 - Leu

Ako 8 - Mika

Ako 9 - Elijah

Coming Up

Friday 15 May to Tuesday 5 June – Bee Healthy Dental Van at school

Friday 22 May – Staff Only Day Maths PLD day for staff **School Closed**

School Attendance

Our Term 1 Regular attendance was 68%. This is still a long way below the Government’s regular attendance target of 80% of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030, however we are making positive progress with our tamariki’s school attendance.

At our assembly this Friday we will celebrate the ākonga who have attended school for 95% - 99% of Term 1, these 37 ākonga will receive a certificate. We also had 24 ākonga who attended school every single day in Term 1 – they will receive a certificate acknowledging their 100% attendance and join together for our ice cream sundae celebration on Friday afternoon.



Term 2 Topic Focus: Community

This term we continue to explore our topic – Community. The focus is on our local area of the Hutt Valley and wider Wellington region.

In Kowhai Block we will start with Taitā – we go out and explore the local area (Walter Nash Centre, Taitā shops, local parks, Te Awakairangi Hutt river, Walter Nash Park) We will also look at other places we know and think about why we go there e.g. Pak n Save, Church, Avalon Park.

In Pōhutukawa Block this term our learning is centred on the idea of community — starting with our own here in Taitā and stretching from the Hutt Valley to the Petone foreshore. Students will explore what makes a community strong, how we keep ourselves and others safe, and the important places and people that support us every day.

In the second half of the term, our focus shifts to Matariki and how it is celebrated across Aotearoa and around the world. Students will learn about the meaning of the Matariki cluster, the values it represents, and the ways different cultures honour this time of reflection and renewal. To conclude the term, ākonga will share their learning through dance, drama, or visual art.

POWER Time – Friday 24th April

Each Friday afternoon we hold our school-wide POWER Time

Activities – Exploration - Water play, Paper folding- origami box and butterfly, Art - Collage, Quiet colouring and Lego/blocks and Sports / Games courts – new Scooters/& Wiggle boards.

The purpose of **POWER Time** is to provide opportunities for our tamariki to show our POWER Values, **Perseverance, Outstanding, Whakawhanaungatanga, Empathy** and **Respect**, to use the knowledge and skills they have been learning, as well as the Key Competencies – **Thinking, Relating to Others, Using Language, Symbols and Text, Managing-self, Participating and Contributing**, and transfer these into new areas of learning, play and collaboration when our tamariki can choose an activity of interest and work collaboratively with other tamariki from Ako 4 to Ako 9.





Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.

This year we are continuing to focus on using te reo Māori within our classrooms and school.










We have a Te Reo Māori phrase of the week which we are all learning and trying to make sure we use. You may hear your tamariki using these phrases at home.

The phrase for Week 1 & 2 is,

Me pā he mea.../ Touch something that is ... (insert shape)



SHAPES
 Ngā Huahanga

 porohita	 tapawhā rite	 huamanu
 tapatoru	 tapawhā	 whakarara
 taimana	 whetū	 tapaono

Taitā Central School - HUTTFEST 2026:

Kia ora e te Whānau

Term 2 is going to be a busy term of practicing for Huttfest 2026 for many of our tamariki.

A reminder if you haven't done so already, permission slips **NEEDS TO BE RETURNED ASAP.**

We will be looking to start practices on a Monday and Thursday during the afternoons at this stage.

If any of our whānau, aiga, families wish to help us with this (maybe teaching a waiata, song, haka, chant, dance) please see Merehana or Matua Dylan ASAP, you'll usually find us in Pōhutukawa Block or the office.

We will inform you of details on performance day/times and tickets when we are able to.

Ka nui te mihi
Merehana & Matua Dylan



POI MAKING:

Our supply of poi for the tamariki to use are starting to fall apart after many years of use. If there is any Whānau out there who have a talented or just love to make poi we would love your help at replenishing our supply so we can continue to use and learn new waiata with them. Please see Merehana if you are able to help.



Community News

Free Online Child Protection opportunity

John Parsons

John Parsons is an Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant working with schools, the private sector and the health sector, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe and ethical use of Digital Communication Technology.

John is a published author of “Keeping Your Children Safe Online” and a social commentator who works throughout New Zealand and Internationally.

John is running two sessions, one specifically for school staff (including leaders, teachers, learning assistants and admin staff) and one specifically for whanau, parents and caregivers of school students.

The key details are: *This is easier to get to using the train and avoiding parking in Wellington.*

Whanau, Parents and caregivers session

When: 5.30-6.30pm Tuesday 9 June

Where: Tiakiwai Conference Centre - National Library of NZ
70 Molesworth Street, Thorndon, Wellington

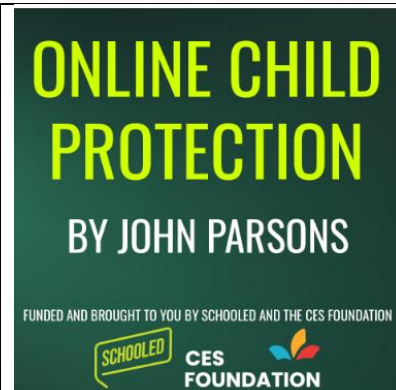
Best access to the theatre is from the entrance on Aitken St

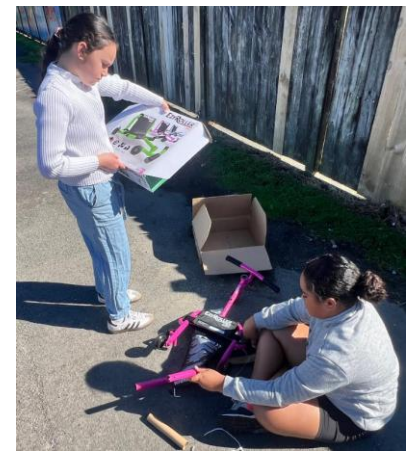
Cost: FREE <https://events.humanitix.com/wellington-online-child-protection-for-whanau-and-parents>

Healthy Active Learning - Nuku Ora

Taitā Central School has support from Nuku Ora Healthy Active Learning, we have been working with Maria to access funds to purchase active recreation equipment. Matua Dylan worked with a group of ākonga in Pōhutukawa Block during their maths lesson to research the cost of new scooters and wobble boards.

The ākonga worked out that we could get 15 scooters and 12 EzyRoller wobble Boards with the grant from NZCT and Nuku Ora.





A group of ākonga from Pōhutukawa Whānau worked with Matua Dylan last week to put the scooters and wobble boards together, so our tamariki could have fun using them at POWER Time.



Whakatauaiki

Ki te kotahi kākaho, ka whati: ki te Kāpuia, e kore e whati.

When we stand alone, we are vulnerable; but together we are unbreakable.

Ngā mihi maioha -
warm greetings
Whaea Shell and Taitā
Central School Staff

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FREE Dental Checks!

Taita Central

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be parked at your school in term 2 from 15th of May to 3rd of June. Once seen, your child will be given a completion certificate which will inform you of what happens next.

Please search your child's school bag for one of the following:

- Your child requires no further appointments this year
- Your child needs an appointment at your local Dental hub for further care.

Your local Hub clinic is: **Naenae**

If your child is **not** enrolled in the service please scan the QR code below to complete the enrolment form:



To update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)** or scan the QR code below:



If you have pre-school aged children please call us to arrange an appointment for their annual dental checkup at the Dental Hub.

To book or reschedule an appointment, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)**.

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