



• Taitā Central School Pānui • Term 3 Week 4 – 13th August 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 – William, Jedidiah

Coming Up

Friday 14th August – Celebrating Cook Island Language Week & Indian Independence Day

Saturday 15th August – Hoops in the Park opening Walter Nash Park 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Monday 17th August – Reports come home / Tongan Language Week

Tuesday 18th August – Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:15pm – 7:15pm

Wednesday 19th August - Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:15pm – 7:15pm

Tuesday 25th August – Study Centre trip to Shona McFarlane Rest Home

Sunday 30th August – TCS & St Matthews school Working Bee

Thursday 3rd September – Kowhai Games Afternoon 1:40pm – 3:00pm

Thursday 3rd September – Hauora Kai, Tinana Ora Whānau event at Walter Nash 3:00pm – 5:30pm



School Attendance

This week we celebrate our Term 2 attendance. At our assembly tomorrow we will present our certificates to the tamariki who were at school for 95% - 99% of the term, and 100% of the term. (95% - 99% = 33 tamariki and 100% = 8 tamariki). The 8 tamariki who achieved 100% attendance rate will also be treated to a special reward during our POWER Time.

Our senior school tamariki are encouraged to take on key leadership roles at Taitā Central School and our School Traffic Safety Team - Road Patrollers is one of our most important roles as it ensures the safety of our tamariki as they come into and leave our kura. It is also one of the leadership roles that provides our tamariki with a way to support and show service to our school.

Roster for 2026

Ráhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
Tyson Eduard Lama Carlos Niko Mason Sujith	Nia-Grace Kristina Katnisse Prezz Halamehi	Jericho Samuel Kyle Shalom Iriana Sia	Naayagi Molly Ellie Brynn Eva Malia-Rosa	Esha Erline Jaelah Vaiana Paea

This term Pōhutukawa Whānau are visiting Walter Nash on a few Tuesday afternoons.

This week the tamariki participated in 3 activities. Listening to stories in the Library, playing kick ball in the gym and undertaking the Lego Challenge. This week's Lego challenge encouraged our tamariki to work collaboratively with a partner to build a character from a movie or game.

The facilitators from Walter Nash were very impressed with how creative our tamariki were!



Hauora Kai, Tinana Ora, which relates to the whakatauki "*Ko te kai tō rongoa; ko te rongoa tō kai*" - *Food is your medicine, medicine is your food.*

Nuku Ora – Healthy Active Learning will be partnering with Taitā Central School to host this exciting event for all our tamariki, whānau and aiga.

There will be representatives from these organisation sharing resources, advice and support:

- *Te Whatu Ora,*
- *Garden to Table,*
- *the Heart Foundation,*
- *Kāpura School Lunches*

There will activities and games for tamariki to engage with during this event.



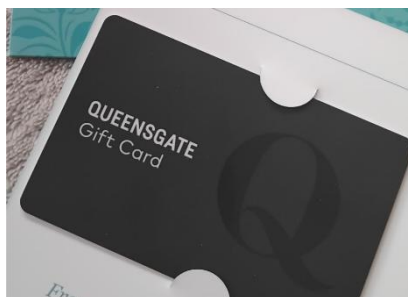
Queensgate Shopping Centre 10K Give away

Ngā mihi nui ki a Merehana, Miss J and Matua Dylan for their mahi towards our school application to the Queensgate Shopping Centre Giveaway. This was an opportunity for us to seek \$10,000 to fund our Project Te Mauri - **Transforming Taitā Central School's Library into a Vibrant Community Learning Commons** (A commons refers to cultural and natural resources, such as air, water, public land, or knowledge, that belong to or are shared by a community.)

Check out the video posted to our Taitā Central School facebook page which shares our tamariki's contribution to this funding application.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Tait%C4%81-Central-School-61558675191792/>

Taitā Central would like to say a massive ngā mihi nui to Queensgate Lower Hutt for their kind donation of a \$200:00 voucher. Merehana was able to go to The Warehouse and purchase new games and puzzles for our morning tea library club with Nada and Donna. I'm sure the tamariki will enjoy these.



Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.

You may hear your tamariki using these phrases at home. We are revisiting some familiar phrases and trying to extend our responses to the question – How are you?

The phrase for Week 3 was, **He aha tērā? / What is that over there?**

The phrase for week 4 is: **He aha tēnei?/What is this? (an object close to the person speaking), He aha Tēnā / What is that?(An object close to the person you are speaking to), He aha Tērā? / What is that over there? (away from both the speaker and the person you are speaking to)**



A message from our Board of Trustees

Kia ora tātou Taita Central whānau,

You may have noticed lots of change to the copse of trees at the back of the field (Bush area) – a few of the older trees were felled in storms over the last 12 months, and we have an opportunity to revitalise the bush area, supported by the Enviroschools programme <https://enviroschools.org.nz/about-us/>.

Enviroschools is a nationwide programme that supports tamariki/students connect with and explore the environment.

Our goal is to create an area which will provide food and shelter to our native birds, insects and lizards as they traverse between the western and eastern hills. This supports our ākonga with real world authentic learning experiences and encourages them to see themselves as kaitiaki for our local environment.

Thank you to Merehana and Matua Dylan for leading this project. I for one am excited to explore the space our ākonga help to shape.

Mā te wā

Ngā mihi nui, Katherine Tuthill



Community News

Join us on **Saturday, 15th August** for the **BNZ Hoops in the Park Launch**
Walter Nash Park, 1:30pm – 4:00pm

This event is a celebration of the transformed Walter Nash Park, with its new sealed basketball court.

There will be an official opening ceremony with representatives from Hutt City Council and BNZ as well as some professional New Zealand Basketball players.

There will also be kai, music, games, and arts 'n crafts.

Free Ride will also be around for bike fixing on the 15th along with all the basketball stars and giveaways.

If the weather doesn't want to play ball (☹️), the event will be moved to Sunday 16 August.



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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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