



# Taitā Central School Newsletter

**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.

## **Vision**

Standing strong together – enhancing the mana of all learners  
"Te tu pakari tahi, te whakamana i ngā ākonga katoa."



**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!

21<sup>st</sup> August 2025

21st Heri-Turi-Koka 2025

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Term 3: Week 6

Wāhanga 3: Wiki 6

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## **Coming Events:**

Mon 18 – Fri 22 Tongan Language Week

Fri 22 Aug – Kowhai Wacky Hair/Silly Shoe Day

Mon 01 Sep – BOT Meeting

**Tue 02 Sep - Term 3 Whānau Hui**

Wed 10 Sep – Kowhai games afternoon

Wed 17 Sep – KPMG Sports Day at Walter Nash

**Fri 19 Sep – Last day of Term 3**

## **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

Mālō e lelei,



**Term 3 Whanau Hui/Fono - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (5:00pm start)**

Tēnā Koutou Katoa - Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o ngā Hau e Wha

We are inviting our Families/Whānau/Aiga to join us in the *Whareroa/Hall* at 5:00 pm on Tuesday 2nd September.

This is a very important Hui/Fono and we hope you can join us. Your tamariki will perform for you and then we will have some pizza before breaking off into 4 different focus groups to hear about the 4 important initiatives. **Please see the attached Term 3 Whānau Hui/Fono notice and return it to let us know if you are coming (for catering purposes)**

**Acknowledging our Whānau support yesterday**

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou – **A BIG THANK YOU** to our parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga for supporting our school yesterday and picking up your tamariki early so our support staff, teachers and principal could attend our NZEI Paid Union Meeting (PUM).

There has been quite a bit of publicity lately from politicians and the media about what they say teachers want – their emphasis has been to say that all we want is more money.

A comparison was made today by Sir Ian Taylor in an article on STUFF.

**“The base salary for a teacher is \$61,329. The base salary for an MP is \$168,600, rising to \$181,200 by the end of the term. And that applies to every new politician, even list MPs we didn’t vote for.”**

However, the facts are that we are seeking to ensure that all tamariki in New Zealand schools receive an inclusive education from teachers who are well trained in the new curriculums and who are well supported in their schools by the government and the Ministry of Education.

Our staff goal at Taitā Central School is for all our tamariki to have skilled teachers who are knowledgeable about the curriculum, build positive relationships are supported by skilled teacher aides and who have the time to be responsive to their needs of their ākonga/students.

**The key messages are.**

- **Uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi and protect Te Reo as a taonga/treasure** - for now and in the future. This is being eroded!
- **Our tamariki need a teacher aide in every classroom** – at Taitā Central School we have been doing this for the last 3 years and paying for this out of our own funds!
- **Value our educators and treat them fairly** – we are skilled at what we do.
- **Provide early intervention support to all tamariki who need it** - so they can access learning programmes and be well supported.



**Ka Ora, Ka Ako / Healthy School Lunches – Survey for Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and Aiga**

Kapura, who provide our school lunches, has recently added a few new lunch menu items and snacks to our school lunches. They would love to hear what our ākonga/students think. We invite you to provide feedback using this link to their survey. <https://forms.office.com/r/F6kXtJ1BYG?origin=lprLink>

**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, Xaiyah, Ako 4



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 5 & 6 across the school was **Whakawhanaungatanga / Te toa takitini / So'otaga** – we come together as one.

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

Friday Assembly. Thank you to Ako 3 and our hosts Vaiana, Paea, Niko and Mason and visuals Zeta.

**Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:**

**Ako 1:** Mirai & Kalo

**Ako 3:** Kyle & Jeconiah

**Ako 4:** Messaiyah, Laukau & Tūtahi

**Ako 7:** Carlos

**Ako Waru:** Jahziah & Evatyn

**Ako Iwa:** Stehlin & Warren

**Akomanga Māori:** Prezz & Iriana

**Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:**

**Ako 1:** Palei for an amazing start to term 3. For always taking your time to produce quality work. I am very proud to have a student in Ako 1, who takes pride in their work and responsibility for their learning. Kai pai!

**Ako 3:** Iriana for being kind and caring towards Ako 4 students. Teaching them how to do activities. Making sure they knew where to be. Generally being supportive and thoughtful.

**Ako 4:** Arieta for being an absolute star with your writing. Tino pai tō mahi!

**Ako 7:** Mehi taking risks in your learning, showing a willingness to lead and awahi while your kaiako has been away. You are a star learner and wonderful person.

**Ako Waru:** Londoni you have a massive heart and wear it on your sleeve. Your kind and show compassion for others.

**Ako Iwa:** Faaeteete for making a positive shift in your attitude and mindset about school. You have taken on the feedback from your kaiako and have had an incredible past week, keep up the positive and caring energy. Ngā mihi nui kotiro!

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

Carmelita (A7) Amara (A1) Panapa (A1) Esha (A8) Jericho (A7) Faith (A1) Molly (A7) Prezz (A7) Cory (A9) Freja (A4)

# Mana Moments

## Akomanga Māori:

Last Thursday, in Kowhai Akomanga Māori the tamariki learnt some tikanga around using the poi and learnt the waiata E rere taku poi. Ngā mihi to Emma who came and helped us.



**Indian Independence Day:**

Last Friday morning to start our day, we all came together to raise the India flag and listen to the National Anthem to celebrate Indian Independence Day.





**Have you got any Taitā Central School pants or clothes at your house?**  
Kowhai teachers ask if you can please check at home for any TCS pants which your child may have come home wearing in the last few weeks. With the wet weather recently, we have none left!



**Eating Lunch as a whole Kura:**

Last Friday, Mani decided it was a nice day for us to eat our burgers outside together, so Kowhai and Pohutukawa were able to have their kai together. Everyone liked this and we hope to do it more when we can. Iriana said "yay we get to eat as a big Whānau"



## Duffy Role Model Assembly

On Monday afternoon, we had Duffy Books in Homes Role Model Assembly.

We were lucky to have a talented musician named Kenape Saupese who was part of the band Tomorrow People who came to kōrero to us about why reading is so important and to hand out our Duffy books.

Ngā mihi to Nia-Grace and Izzy who gave a whaikōrero to welcome Kenape to TCS.

This is Kenape's reply on our Facebook page:

*Thank you very much for having me! And it was soo good to see Mr Eagle who actually was my social studies teacher at Rongotai College when I was there!*



## 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 have been using in **Weeks 5 and 6** was... **Kāore au i te mōhio** / I don't know

## Community News

We're reaching out on behalf of the [Wellington Brickshow](#) – the region's largest LEGO® exhibition – returning this year on 13–14 September at Walter Nash Stadium, Lower Hutt.

As you may know, it is a vibrant, hands-on event attracting thousands of LEGO® fans of all ages. It is a celebration of creativity, engineering, design and community, and we'd love for your school and students to be part of it!

Two Fun Competitions for Your Students

### 1) Brick Building Competition



The poster features a yellow background with scattered LEGO bricks. At the top center, three bricks (green, blue, red) are arranged to form a stylized 'W'. Below this, the text 'WELLINGTON BRICKSHOW' is written in large, bold, black letters. A red stamp-like box contains '2025 | BRICK BUILDING COMPETITION'. The main text reads: 'LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD AND BUILD A CREATION OF YOUR OWN OUT OF LEGO® BRICKS'. Below this, it says: 'Winners will receive an exclusive PRIZE PACK and have their display showcased at the Wellington Brick Show. Plus the school with the most entries will receive a PRIZE PACK of LEGO® sets! BE IN TO WIN!'. To the right, a dark blue box lists 'ENTRY REQUIREMENTS' and 'DEADLINE'. At the bottom, there are four colored boxes: 'SATURDAY 13 SEPT 9AM - 5PM', 'SUNDAY 14 SEPT 10AM - 4PM', 'WALTER NASH CENTRE 22/26 TAINE ST LOWER HUTT', and 'WELL-LUG A WELLINGTON LEGO® USER GROUP EVENT'. At the very bottom, it says 'GET YOUR TICKETS AT WWW.WELL-LUG.NZ/TICKETS | DOORS SALES AVAILABLE'.

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**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- Four school age groups: Years 1&2, Years 3&4, Years 5&6, Years 7&8
- Build on a 16x16 baseplate
- Max height 30cm
- Must include Child's Name, School & Age
- Max 3 photos to be submitted

**DEADLINE**

- Email Entries in by Friday 5 Sept: [thewellingtonbrickshow@gmail.com](mailto:thewellingtonbrickshow@gmail.com)

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### 2) Colouring-In Competition

For younger students or those who prefer colouring, we also have a Colouring-In Competition.

How to enter:

- Print and colour in the attached sheet
- Bring it to the Brickshow on 13 or 14 September to enter the prize draw

## Holiday Programme



# EVERYONE OUT NATURE PROGRAMMES Belmont

### EVERYONE OUT HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Everyone Out is now in the Hutt Valley. Our Holiday Programme gives tamariki the chance to play and follow their own interests in an amazing natural environment. Whether it's building huts in the bush, testing out the slackline, learning how to start a campfire, or relaxing in the hammock – there's something for everyone! Bookings are now open for our Spring programme [enrolmy.com/everyone-out](http://enrolmy.com/everyone-out)  
[www.everyoneout.co.nz](http://www.everyoneout.co.nz)



### Whakatauki

**Te piko o te māhuri,  
tērā te tupu o te rākau**

The way in which  
the young sapling  
is nurtured (bent),  
determines how  
the tree will grow



Ngā mihi maioha - warm greetings  
Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff  
**Tel: 5677214**

**Taitā Central School – Te Kura O Nga Hau E Wha**  
**Ako tahi Tātou, Tipu tahi Tātou – Together we Learn, Together we Grow**

**LEGO Magazine**

# Create your own Pit Crew

Rev up your creativity and design your very own LEGO® F1® Pit Crew uniform!

Get ready to zoom into action and race to the finish line in style!

**LEGO**

**Formula 1.**

Bring your coloured in page to Wellington Brickshow to go in the Draw to win a LEGO® PRIZE!

NAME:

AGE:

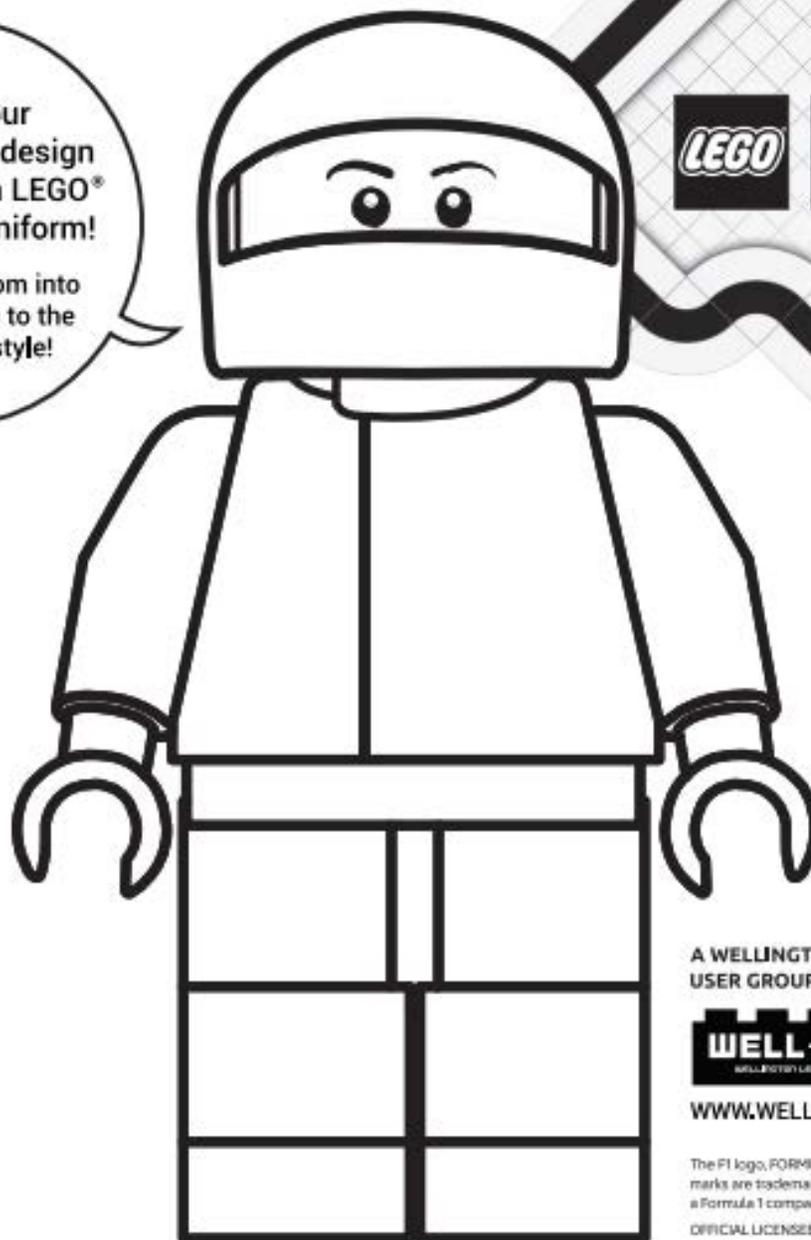
SCHOOL:

CONTACT:

PLEASE SUPPLY A PARENT / GUARDIANS CURRENT EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBER



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### **Our Four Focus Groups are;**

- **Structured Literacy** (Ako 8) - what is Structured Literacy? How will it help my child to learn to read and write?
- **Graduate Profile** (Ako 9) - working together to shape the future of learning at Taitā Central School. We are creating a Graduate Profile that will describe the kind of person we hope each student becomes by the end of Year 6.
- **New Maths Curriculum** (Ako 7) - Our new curriculum, what is structured mathematics? How are we using the new maths resources?
- **2026 - 2028 Strategic Plan & TCS Expectations Behaviour Management Procedures** (Library) - sharing our strategic goals and initiatives for the next 3 years and seeking feedback about our new Behaviour Management Procedures.

Our ākonga will be cared for by Taitā Central School staff in Kowhai Block while our Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and Aiga are engaged in the 4 focus groups.

Please come to the Whareroa/Hall on arrival where your tamariki will be opening and closing our Whānau Hui with waiata and performance.

**Dinner will be provided in the whareroa/hall before we break off into our focus groups.**

*Whakawhanaungatanga - we come together as one.*

*We believe that 'Relationships are the most important ingredient for successful learning.'*

We look forward to seeing you at our Whānau Hui/Fono  
Taitā Central School Staff

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**Please let us know if you and your immediate family are able to attend and how many, so we know how many to cater for by returning this slip to the school office or by emailing Erin [admin@taitacentral.school.nz](mailto:admin@taitacentral.school.nz) by Friday 29th August.**

- We will attend the Whānau Hui/Fono on Tuesday 2nd September at 5:00pm  
 We will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ adults and \_\_\_\_\_ children.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student(s) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_