



• Taitā Central School Pānui • Term 3 Week 6 – 26th 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 – Jedidiah, Izaiah

Coming Up

Friday 28 August – TCS Assembly 10:00am – 10:40am

Sunday 30 August – TCS Working Bee 9:30am – 11:30am.

Thursday 03 September – Kowhai Games Afternoon 1:40pm – 3:00pm

Thursday 03 September – Hauora Kai, Tinana Ora Whānau event at Walter Nash 3:00pm – 5:30pm

Friday 04 September – Wellington Lions visit **9:00am Don't be late!**

Monday 04 September – Board of Trustees meeting 6pm

Tuesday 08 September – Pōhutukawa Block visit to Walter Nash Centre

Thursday 10 September – Newsletter Week 8

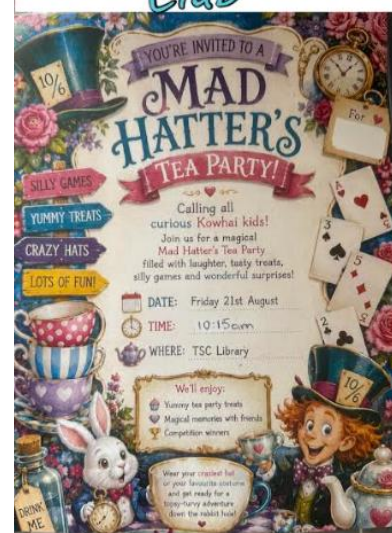
Friday 11 September – School Closed Te Kāhui o Te Awa Kairangi Staff Only Day

Monday 14 September – Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Monday 14 September - Year 4 – 6 Akomanga Māori attending the Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Parade in Wellington



*Celebrating
Book Week
With
Library
Club*



School Attendance

Many early childcare centres, schools and workplaces are being impacted by the winter illness as RSV, Influenza A and other respiratory illness surge in our communities.

This information has been prepared and shared by Health New Zealand to support Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and aiga to decide if your tamariki are well enough to be at school.

Going to school or early learning every day is important for tamariki | children. It helps:

- build their confidence and social skills
- to achieve their education and life aspirations.

This information will help you understand when it is okay for a child to still be at school or their early learning service and when an unwell child should be at home.

[Knowing if a child is well enough to be at school – Health New Zealand](#)

Not sure what to do?

Get advice you can trust from Health New Zealand. Scan the QR code or visit: healthnz.govt.nz and search school guidance



Taitā Central School celebrating NZ Book Week

During Week 5 of this term Donna and Nada planned a range of Book Week activities for our ākonga who love to visit our school library during morning tea times. The tamariki who attended the NZ Book Week activities during the week were formally invited to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Friday morning.

During the week the tamariki participated in the following activities;

- Reading stories.
- Listening/watching stories on TV.
- Making teacups, hats & masks.
- Design a book bag competition.
- Having a Mad Hatters Tea Party.



Book Week - Design a Book Bag Competition

1st
-Kilisimasi



2nd - Erline



Ako 3/Kowhai Science Investigations using the Hutt Science Kit – Electric Future

Ako 3 are learning about Electricity and Energy for science. We did lots of exploring how to make a circuit.



Ako 3 did Squishy Circuits.

We are learning about Electricity and how it works. The light bulb turns on by when everything is connected together in a circle called a circuit.

By Kopo

The bulb went on when we made the circuit!

By Mirai



We did science about electricity. We saw it all connect. The light came on. The light bulb connect to the wire. The wire connect to the dough and the battery. It went in a circle.

By Panapa

We used plasticine, a battery, wires and a light bulb. We made two rolls of plasticine. Next we clicked the wires onto the battery. After that, we put the two long wires into the plasticine rolls. Then we got the light bulb and bent the two metal parts apart. Then we put the light bulb in but it did not light up because we did not make a circuit. To make the circuit the wires and everything needs to go in a circle.

By Jeconiah

Ako 3 did Light Tubes.

I made the lights go on! I hold the metal. By Zion



We hold hands and we hold one end each. We made a circle and the lights went on. When we didn't hold hands the lights went off. We made a circuit by connecting our hands with the tube.

By Tolue and Sami.



Ako 3 tried to make a torch with NO instructions!

We had a challenge to make a torch with only tin foil, a battery, wires, a bulb, electrical tape and some black paper. We did lots of trying things out. It was hard to make it work! We were trying to make a circuit and connect things properly.

By Caleb and Armani



I know that the metal conducts electricity and it has to connect to the battery so that is what I tried to do then connect the wires. It was a challenge....pretty hard!

By Kalo





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 5 was, *Patai* – “*Kei te marama?*” / “*Do you understand?*” / *Whakahoki* – “*Āe*” “*Yes*” or “*Kei te marama ahau.*” / “*I understand*”

The phrase for week 6 is: *Patai* – “*No hea koe?*” / “*Where are you from?*” *Whakahoki* – “*No Taitā ahau.*” / “*I am from Taitā.*”

Patai - “*No hea ia?*” / “*Where is he/she from?*” *Whakahoki* – *No Whanganui-a-tara ia.*” / *He/she is from Wellington.*”



Lucky Book Club

All children have been given the brochure for Scholastics Lucky Book Club Issue 6 . If you wish to order, please do so by putting completed order form & money in an envelope and hand it in to the school office. **LAST DAY FOR ORDERS IS NEXT THURSDAY 03 SEPTEMBER BY 9AM**

A message from our Board of Trustees

Kia ora tātou Taitā Central whānau!

Huge thank you to our teachers and all families who were able to participate in parent teacher interviews last week. It was a fantastic chance to connect.

Some of you may have heard discussions in the news around the move away from open plan classrooms. Huzzah! Separate learning spaces allow for quieter, more focused learning for our ākonga.

Michelle is working with the Ministry architects to figure out how we can build separate classrooms within the existing space. We may not have as much control over what that looks like as we would like to, but we're looking forward to the change. Thank you to Michelle for your advocacy in this space!

Take care and looking forward to seeing you all at Walter Nash Centre on Thursday 3 September for our Hauora Kai / Tinana Ora Whānau event between 3:00pm & 5:30pm!

Ngā mihi nui, Katherine Tuthill



Community News

SUMMER SERIES SOCCER is back in Upper Hutt on Friday nights at Trentham Memorial Park.

Starting on Friday 23rd October 2026.

Games run between 4.00pm - 7.00pm throughout Term 4 2026 and Term 1 2027

If you enjoy kicking a ball around with your friends or want extra game time throughout the summer, get a team together and enter at www.kellysports.co.nz/soccer2026

We accept all children with all abilities between the ages of 4 - 13 years of age.

Book Now!



Taita Central School

WORKING BEE

GARDENING/REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE



SUNDAY 30TH AUG 9.30AM–11.30AM

Come join us as we work on various maintenance and gardening jobs around Taita Central School.

Here are a few things you could bring with you to help:
*secateurs, loppers, rakes, garden saw, spades, small
garden tools for weeding, hammer*

If you can, please bring something to share for morning tea.

Contact Sarah on 021840525 or Whaea Shell for more info.

TAITĀ CENTRAL SCHOOL INVITES WHĀNAU TO HAUORA KAI, TINANA ORA

Nourishing Our Tamariki & Whānau Together

WHEN
Thursday, 3rd Sept
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

WHERE
Walter Nash Centre
22-26 Taine St, Lower Hutt

ENTRY & KAI
Free Entry
Delicious Kai Provided

Nau mai, haere mai! Join us for a fun and informative evening focused on healthy kai, physical well-being, and community connections for our tamariki and whānau. Games and sport to move your tinana

FREE MARAE-STYLE KAI

Enjoy delicious, wholesome food supplied marae-style by **Kāpura** to nourish the whole family after the presentation!

HEALTH & NUTRITION TALK

Insightful presentation by **Te Whatu Ora** representatives on healthy kai habits for tamariki.

INTERACTIVE COMMUNITY STALLS

✓ **Te Whatu Ora Dietitians** — Nutrition tips & advice

✓ **Heart Foundation** — Healthy heart resources

✓ **Garden to Table** — Growing fresh kai at school

✓ **Nuku Ora** — Physical activity & well-being



SPOT PRIZES & SUPERMARKET VOUCHER RAFFLE!

Win awesome spot prizes during the night + enter the draw to win Supermarket Voucher funded by Nuku Ora!



Nau mai, haere mai — Everyone is welcome!

For more details, contact Dylan Turnbull at dylan@taitacentral.school.nz



Whakatauhāki

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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