



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 nga ākongā 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!

7th August 2025

7th Heri-Turi-Koka 2025

Principal: principal@taitacentral.school.nz

Number 12

Tekau ma rua

Website: <https://www.taitacentral.school.nz/home>

Term 3: Week 4

Wāhanga 3: Wiki 4

Office: admin@taitacentral.school.nz

Coming Events:

Mon 4th – Fri 8th Aug – Cook Island Māori Language Week

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Tongan Language Week

Wed 20 Aug – Paid Union Meeting **School Closes 1.30pm**

Fri 22 Aug – Kowhai Wacky Hair/Silly Shoe Day

Fri 29th Aug – Cook Island Māori & Tongan Whānau Day

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

Kiaorana,

Thank you to all our parents/caregivers, whānau and aiga who were able to make it to our **Reporting to Parents – Learning Conversations / School Interviews** last week.

I would also like to thank Erin for all her hard work managing and organising our school interview bookings and making the adjustments required. We expect Miss Jameson to return to school next week and then we will share the information about booking the Learning Conversations / School interviews for parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga who have tamariki in Ako 7.

A big thank you to all our classroom teachers for their efforts over the 2 nights we held our Learning Conversations and for the work you did to prepare your ākongā, so they were confident and able to share their progress and achievement with their parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga.

NZEI Paid Union Meeting (PUM) – Wednesday 20th August

Our Support Staff, Teachers and Principal will be attending this Paid Union Meeting on Wednesday 20th August, so **we will be closing the school at 1:30pm** on this date. We ask that parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga arrange to collect your tamaiti/child - tamariki/children from school at 1:30pm or let the school office know if they are allowed to walk home at this time.

If you have no other way to collect your tamaiti/child – tamariki/children at 1.30pm on Wednesday 20 August, please get in contact with us before this date.

SCHOOL NEWS

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: Welcome to Taitā Central School, Tulikimoana, Messaiyah, Tūtahi, and Laukau, Ako 4, Haare and Kalo 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 3 & 4 across the school was **Outstanding / kei runga noa atu! / Matua silisili ona lelei** – always being the best you can be.
The New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.

Friday Assembly. Thank you to Pohutukawa Block and our hosts Eliana, Anaiya-Rose, Kristina and Talia and visuals Toby, Jacob and Emma.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

- Ako 1:** Kopo & Faith
- Ako 3:** Suntroyden & Lorenzo
- Ako 4:** Arieta & Marley
- Ako 7:** Phoenix & Lama
- Ako Waru:** Layan & Londoni
- Ako Iwa:** Elisefou & Tepaula
- Akomanga Māori:** Molly & Alex

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Week 1:

Ako 1: Zavier for contributing to buddy, group and class discussions. You have some great ideas and answers. Ako 1 is so lucky when you share them with us. I have loved watching your confidence grow from term to term. Keep up the great work!

Ako 3: Zeta for trying your best, showing your growing skills and having such a positive attitude to your learning.

Ako 7: Manawa awesome start to Term 3 Manawa! You have worked hard to progress in Maths, and your hard work is paying off. Amazing work so far this term, Well done!

Ako Iwa: Faaeteete for working hard in your learning this term especially in maths and challenging yourself. It has been wonderful to see your positive attitude towards learning growing.

Week 2:

Ako 4: Tia for sharing your ideas and joining in. Keep it up.

Ako Waru: Indy for stepping up and taking your learning seriously this term. It has been amazing to watch as you take on new learning and apply it. You ask questions when you need help and are starting to help others around you. Keep up the hard mahi!!

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Trinah(A1) Koval(A1) Vaiana(A3) Erlene(A9) Naayagi(A7) Ralene(A1) Zion(A1) Alex(A4) Nesta(A9) Molly(A7)

Congratulations to our Duffy Champion Reader: Kopo (A1)

Congratulations to our StepsWeb Award Winners:

Naayagi, Manawa & Lama

Mana Moments

Pohutukawa Whānau

Last Thursday, Ako's Waru and Iwa had a visit from Miss Kelly's Dad Leigh and some other fire fighters to have a kōrero about keeping safe in an emergency this was to follow on from our school fire drill practice.

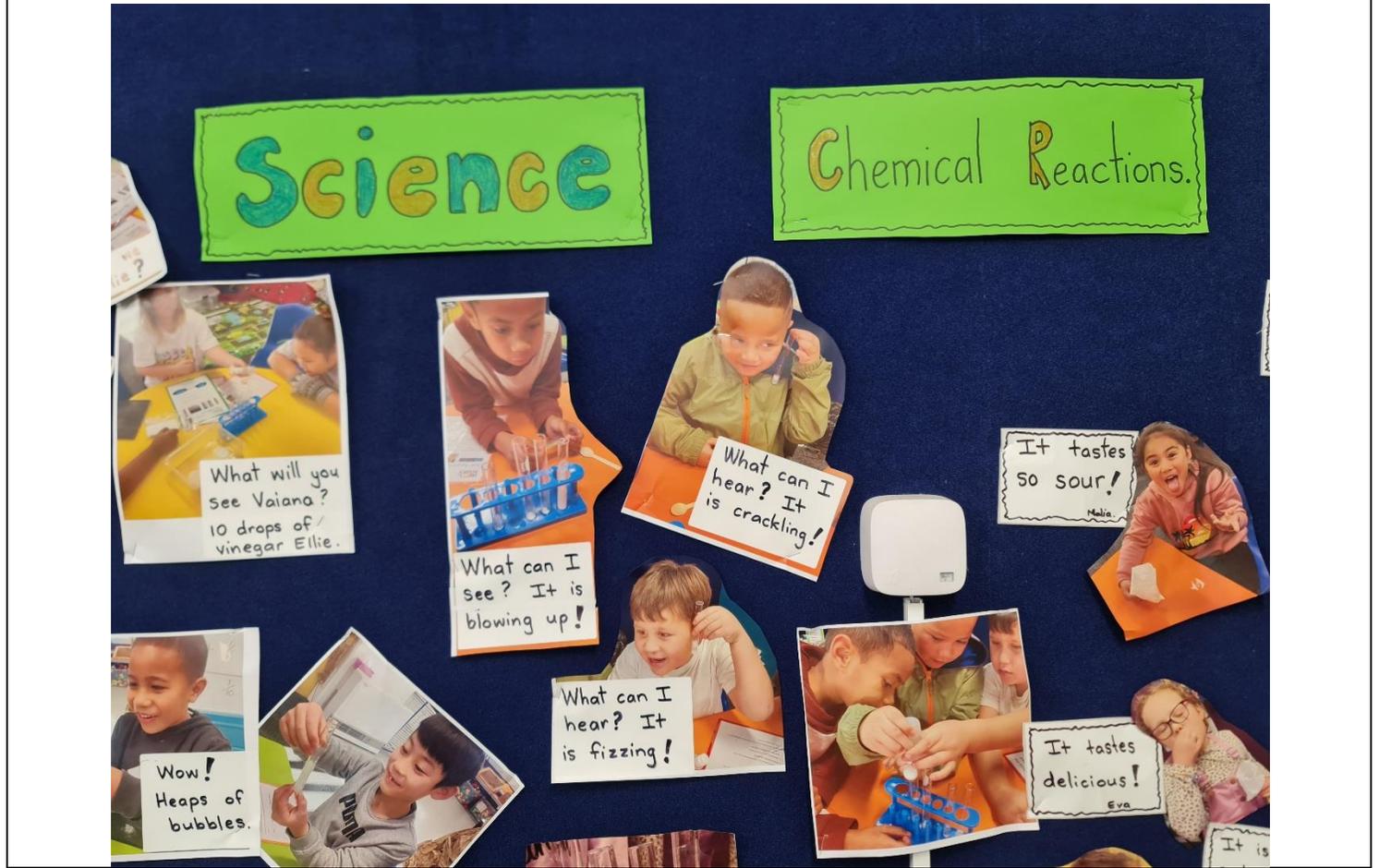


On Monday, Pohutukawa Block went over to the Whareroa in two groups. Kaylee from the Sir Peter Blake Foundation was there to take us through some virtual reality tours of life under the ocean



Kowhai Block – Hutt Science Kit – Chemical Reactions

Ako 3 have been using the Chemical Reactions Hutt Science Kit to carry out some experiments and see how different chemicals react. They got to make some sherbert, and describe what they saw happening and then taste it and describe what it tasted like. The Ako 3 ākonga/students were able to ask some very good questions which helped them to think critically and look closer at what was happening and observe the changes that were happening.





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 3 was... *Taria tēnei ki...* / Take this to... and Week 4 is ... *Āwhina mai* / Help me

Board News

"Farewell to our outgoing Board member, Lua Taouma.

Lua has been an influential member of Taita Central School Board. Lua has shared her thoughts, customs, advice and ideas freely and will be greatly missed on the BOT. Lua has assured us that she will continue to be involved with Taitā Central School, supporting our ākonga/students and staff with HuttFest, facilitating pasifika Fono and Talanoa alongside Whaea Shell and staff, caring for our school ākonga/students, staff and environment with her husband Stan as caretaker and cleaner through their business My Cleaning Company.

Taita Central School - School Board Elections Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Helen van der Raaij
Anna Robertson-Bate
Selesitina Kitona
Thangavel Paramasivan
Katherine Tuthill

Signed
Erin Cusack
Returning Officer

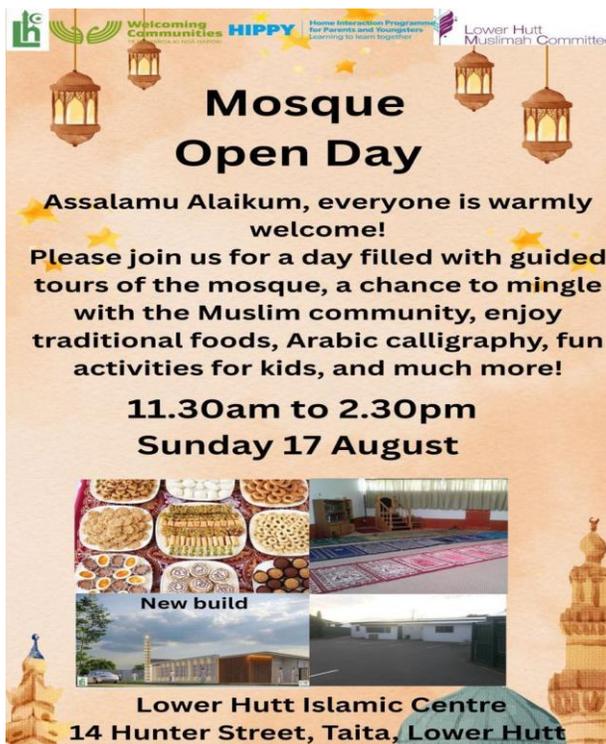
Community News

We received this information from Wellington Cathedral of St Paul who are offering a fantastic opportunity for your school's pupils to participate in a wonderful children's opera.

NOYES FLUDDE is a work by renowned composer Benjamin Britten, telling the story of Noah and the Ark, which we will be performing on October 17 and 18.

We are currently looking for children to take part in the 'chorus of animals' - no audition is required, just a desire to sing and be part of what will be a terrific occasion!

Any enquiries should be directed to Michael Stewart at dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz



The poster features logos for 'Welcoming Communities', 'HIPPI', 'Muslims Interaction Programme for Parents and Youngsters Learning to Live Together', and 'Lower Hutt Muslimah Committee'. The text is centered and surrounded by decorative lanterns. At the bottom, there are images of traditional Islamic food, a mosque interior, and an exterior view of the 'New build' mosque.

**Mosque
Open Day**

Assalamu Alaikum, everyone is warmly
welcome!

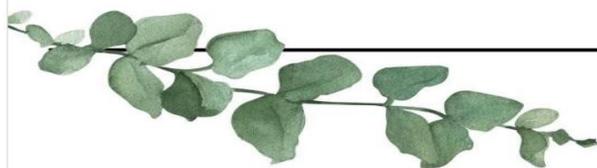
Please join us for a day filled with guided
tours of the mosque, a chance to mingle
with the Muslim community, enjoy
traditional foods, Arabic calligraphy, fun
activities for kids, and much more!

**11.30am to 2.30pm
Sunday 17 August**

New build

**Lower Hutt Islamic Centre
14 Hunter Street, Taita, Lower Hutt**

Whakatauki



**E HARA TAKU TŌA
I TE TŌA TAKATAHI,
HE TŌA TAKATINI**

MY STRENGTH IS NOT AS AN INDIVIDUAL
BUT AS A COLLECTIVE

Ngā mihi maioha - warm greetings
Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff
Tel: 567 7214

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