



Taitā Central School Newsletter



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!

8 August 2024
8 Here-turi-kōkā 2024

Number 12
Tekau ma rua

Term 3: Week 3
Wāhanga 3: Wiki 3

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Coming Events:

Fri 9th Aug – Cook Island Whānau Day
Wed 14 Aug – Cricket Wellington Coaching
Thur 15th Aug – Indian Independence Day Whānau Day
Fri 16 Aug - Staff Only Day – School closed
Mon 19 Aug – Tongan Language Week
Fri 23 Aug – Tongan Whānau Day

To Action:

Important Dates to remember...
Friday 16th August – Staff Only Day
School closed

Absence TXT Line: 022 351 2655 - Text child's first & last name, Ako/class, absence reason, sender's name

Kia Orana e te Whānau

Principal Coaching and Wellbeing Fund

This fund is allowing me to attend a Principal's Study Tour in Finland along with 10 other principals from the Wellington Region. I feel very fortunate to have the support of our school Board of Trustees to be able to attend this event. Matua Dylan Turnbull will be Acting Principal while I am overseas from Wednesday 21st August until Wednesday 11th September. I have confidence that he will take great care of Taitā Central School, our ākonga, staff, Whānau and Aiga while I am away. If you need to contact Matua Dylan during this time, please ring the school office 04 567 7214 or email dylan@taitacentral.school.nz

Schools in Finland are recognised as some of the best in the world. The focus of the Study Tour is how principals lead and lay the foundation for equality, how they build trust, support their teachers and students to be the best they can be and achieve outstanding educational results.

Attendance, Engagement & Achievement

As a school we continue to focus on ensuring our ākonga are at school and actively engaged in learning.

Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and Aiga play a very important role in supporting your tamariki to be at school every day. As a family, asking your child about their day and what they did at school is POWERful. Supporting them by developing good routines of regular bedtime, organising what they want to wear to school, thinking about anything they need to do or bring to be ready for learning, setting a regular wake up time and having breakfast are all good practices for supporting your child to be ready for school each day and ready to be the best they can be.

Did you know that we run a Breakfast Club every day at school from 8:15am until 8:45am in our Whānau room. So far this year Nada with a little help from Mr little has served 2,966 breakfasts!



Staff Only Day Friday 16th August 2024

Our staff will be taking part in a professional Learning and Development Day looking at the New Zealand Curriculum Refresh and what this means for us as we prepare to start teaching the new English Curriculum in February 2025 Also the new mathematics and Statistics Curriculum which we will also be required to be teaching from February 2025.

As always, our staff appreciate the support from parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga. We know that it can be challenging finding someone to look after your Tamariki. Our staff want to make sure that they are well informed, up to date with the latest educational practices and ready to provide your tamariki with the best learning experiences to help them achieve their goals.

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: Ryder Ako 4.

	P	Perseverance / <i>Whakapau Kaha / Onosa'i</i> - <i>give it a go and keep trying, even when it gets hard.</i>
	O	Outstanding / <i>Kei runga noa atu! / Matua <u>silisili</u> ona lelei</i> - <i>always being the best that you can be.</i>
	W	Whakawhanaungatanga / <i>Te toa takitini / So'otaga</i> - <i>we come together as one.</i>
	E	Empathy / <i>Aroha - Ngākau aroha / Lagona Alofa</i> - <i>trying to understand how others feel.</i>
	R	Respect / <i>Kiritau - Whakamana -Whakaute / Fa'aaloalo</i> - <i>treating others how you would like to be treated.</i>

POWER Values - Our value focus for Week 1 & 2 across the school was **Perseverance – Whakapau / Onosa'i** – give it a go and keep trying even when it gets hard.

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

Assembly - Week 1

Thank you to Kowhai Block and our hosts Jack, Molly, Cren and Mehi and visuals Jacob and Samuel.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Lorenzo & Ellie
Ako 3: Finn & Brynn
Ako 4: Faith & Caleb
Ako 7: Nivayah & Jared
Ako 8: Ruby-Lee & Londoni
Ako Iwa: Toby & Khalisha
Akomanga Māori: Noah (A9)

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 1: Skye for trying hard to make good choices. It is wonderful to see you beginning to think about your actions and how they affect others.

Ako 3: Joshua for working very hard and persevering in your learning. You are showing Integrity and making good choices.

Ako 7: Albert for always being a role- model in the class. He is always ready to help and share his knowledge with other students. He is respectful and responsible in all his actions. Keep it up Albert!

Ako Iwa: Janelisa for showing respect to everyone and everything in our kura. Your caring and kind nature means that you are always looking for ways to help others. Thank you for making our school a better place with your smile and actions.

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Award Winners: Simaima (A4) Faith (A4) Mehi (A3) Eva (A3) Jared (A7) Lama (A3) PJ (A9) Niko (A1) Bella (A9) Nyla (A3)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: Nesta (A9)



Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball Tournament

On Tuesday 30th July a group of 20 Year 1 & 2 ākonga participated in the Lower Hutt primary School Sports Association Dodgeball tournament at Walter Nash. Miss Powell, Miss Kelly and Arwen went with them. There were 5 schools who sent teams to this event, and we had 2 teams, Taitā Orange and Taitā Green and each team got to play 16 games.



Tāwhirmātea

Hi my name is Tāwhirmātea and I don't want my parents to separate, but my siblings wanted to have some space to spread their bodies and to see the light this is why I don't want my parents to separate.

I live between the embrace of Papatuanuku and Ranginui. The others agreed, but I refused to support what I didn't believe was right. We started fighting, "Stop fighting," I said, "It will not resolve our problem we have to agreed that we cannot continue to live this way." "I'm sorry Tāwhiri but separating our parents has been agreed upon by the majority of us.

"With the gentle push of my arms and without hurting them I will push our parents apart, but it was too late Papatūānuku and Ranginui were forced apart and the light filled the world.

The brothers lay in shocked silence covering their eyes from the brightness of Tāmanuiterā shining down on their covering bodies.

By Sara-Roze



Year 6 visit to Avalon Intermediate

On Tuesday 30th July, Matua Dylan and Merehana took the Year 6's to visit Avalon Intermediate. We visited the technology unit and some of the tamariki got to do food, fabric, multi craft, woodwork, art and science. We had an awesome day and all our tamariki were so well behaved and showed all our POWER Values throughout the day. Thanks to Avalon Intermediate for having us.



Year 1 to 3 Akomanga Māori

On Tuesday afternoon, we had our first Akomanga Māori for our Year 1-3 ākonga with Whaea Michelle and Merehana, here are the tamariki working on their pepeha's.



Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.

Whaea Michelle has been supporting our teachers and ākonga to increase the use of Te Reo Māori within our classrooms and school. We now 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.

Week 2 – **“Whakamahia te ipu para”** (Use the rubbish bin)

Week 3 - **“Tangohia tō pōtae”** -Take off your hat (usually used before karakia)

Board News

ERO – Education review Office - School Evaluation Report

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our school, work together over time rather than a one-off review that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular view programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of you people in schools. Our school worked with ERO and contributed to writing our School Evaluation Report. The report reflects and informs our strategic priorities and direction for improvement in one or more areas that are important as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equality and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the areas for improvement in this report. Public reports like the School Evaluation Report are published on [ERO's website](#).

A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published.

Planning for our school's future

We are looking to the future and seeking to find out how many tamariki may be coming to Taitā Central School over the next 5 years.

Do you have pre-schoolers or babies in the house?

Do you have family or friends who plan to send their child/children to our school?

We would like to know the name of the child and their Date of Birth.

Having this information will help us to plan the make up of our classes and year levels and be prepared for a growing roll.

There are a few ways you can share this information with us, send an email to Erin admin@taitacentral.school.nz, or to Whaea Shell principal@taitacentral.school.nz or speak to Erin in the office if you are calling in to school.

Community News

Avalon Intermediate School - Information Evening - Tuesday 13 August starting at 6pm

Avalon Intermediate is holding an information evening for new students and families to meet the AIS staff and students. This will start in the hall and then you will have an opportunity to go through their technology rooms and classrooms.

Year 6 students - Intermediate enrolments

Year 6 students should have come home with an enrolment form for Avalon Intermediate. These enrolment forms can be handed in to the Taita Central School office for us to pass on to them. We can also give them a copy of their birth certificate and immunisations if we have them. If you could please bring them in ASAP that would be great.

If your child is not going to Avalon Intermediate, can you please let Erin know what Intermediate they will be attending next year. You can email Erin on admin@taitacentral.school.nz or call the school on 5677214.

Whakatauki



Kia Manuia warm greetings
Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff
Tel: 5677214

***Taitā Central School – Te Kura O Nga Hau E Wha
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Incredible Years Parenting programme starting August 28th 2024

This programme provides parents, caregivers, whānau and Aiga with help to handle the everyday situations that families face” and is being facilitated by the senior social worker Shelly Evans at Family Works Upper Hutt.

See the information on the next page.

Parent comments

“Since we started this programme we have turned our whole family around. Our children have totally changed and we see this in their behaviour at home and school—it’s all great”

“The Incredible Years programme has given me more confidence in my parenting along with tools and strategies for handling difficult behaviour.”

MAKE A WISE INVESTMENT IN YOUR FAMILY



To register, please ring:

Upper Hutt
Family Works
04 528 4164

Or drop into our office
4 Exchange Street
Upper Hutt

THE INCREDIBLE YEARS parenting programme

Developed by
Dr Carolyn Webster-Stratton



- Play
- Talking
- Problem-solving
- Caring
- Loving

Help in handling the everyday situations that parents face.

Practical step-by-step suggestions.

A free programme for parents with children aged 3 – 8 years

Why attend the Incredible Years parenting programme?



- gain new skills for managing challenging behaviour in a supportive and fun way
- increase your confidence
- get and give encouragement
- improve family functioning

For parents with children aged 3 to 8 yrs

Research shows this programme changes behaviour and those changes last over time.

What is covered?

Parenting Skills

- Play & learning
- Praise & rewards
- Limit setting
- Handling difficult behaviour

Interpersonal Skills

- Problem solving
- Anger management
- Communication
- Giving and getting support

Confident parents make a difference in families.



What does it cost?

This is a **free** programme.

How long does it run for?

The Incredible Years parenting programme runs for 2 ½ hours each week **over 14 weeks**.



**Wednesday mornings
9.30 am to 12 noon at
Family Works
4 Exchange Street, Upper Hutt**

**Course Starting
August 28th 2024**

Taita Central School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



Pacific Health Service Hutt Valley

If you would like to advertise on the Taita Central School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com



To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.

Picking up and dropping tamariki off at school?

How you park and drive can protect them, or put them in danger.

Drivers and children need good visibility around schools to be able to see each other. Parking restrictions are in place for this reason - to protect our tamariki.

As a driver, you can help to reduce the risks:

- Park legally and safely at all times
- Do not exceed P5 or P10 time limits
- Park further away and walk with your child to or from the school gate
- If you need to turn around, find a safe place well away from the school gate
- Always slow down as you approach a busy school or pedestrian crossing
- Choose alternatives to driving - allow your child to walk to school, start a walking school bus, or find another family to carpool with



Parking safely near schools

Stopping on broken yellow lines, across driveways, on a bus stop, and double parking are illegal and risky moves that endanger children and other pedestrians.

If you choose to stop or park illegally you risk receiving a fine.

Stopped / parked on broken yellow lines	\$60
Double parked	\$60
Stopped / parked in front of or within 1m of a vehicle entrance or driveway	\$40
Stopped / parked on a bus stop	\$60
Stopped / parked on the footpath	\$40
Stopped / parked on or near a pedestrian crossing	\$60
Any stopping or parking that is inconsiderate to other road users, including pedestrians	\$60
Exceeding a P5 or P10 time limit (by up to 30mins)	\$12
Failing to stop and remain stopped for a school patrol sign (fine and 20 demerit points)	\$150

Please put children's safety first at all times. Enforcement by Police and parking wardens is designed to keep all road users safe.

Find out more:

hutt.city/saferschools

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