



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!

12 December 2024
12 Hakihea 2024

Number 20
Rua Tekau

Term 4: Week 9
Wāhanga 4: Wiki 9

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Coming Events:

Fri 13 Dec – Reports go Home

Mon 16 Dec - Final Assembly

Tue 17 Dec – Kowhai Christmas Party

Wed 18 Dec – 12.30 Last Day of Term 4 **12.30pm**

Finish

Christmas Holiday Break

Wed 29th Jan - First day of school for 2025

Thurs 6th Feb - Waitangi Day – **School Closed**

To Action:

Important Dates to remember...

**End of Year Prizegiving Assembly Monday 16th
December Ricoh Sports Centre Fraser Park 1pm –
3pm**

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

Kia ora e te Whānau – Hello,

This is our last official newsletter for 2024.

Next Monday we have our End of Year Prizegiving Assembly at the Ricoh Centre Fraser Spark, we have been given access to use this venue even though it is not officially open at present. As a result, we will be the only people using the venue and **we will have someone at the door from 12:45pm until 1:10pm. After this time the door will be locked, and you will not be able to get access into the building.**

Community Health and Physical Education Consultation 2024

Thank you to all our parents, caregivers, Whānau and Aiga that completed our 2024 Health and PE Consultation Survey and returned them to school. If you still have this form at home, we would love you to fill it in and send it back to school. Consultation with our Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and Aiga is very important to our school as it supports us to deliver the key education that you believe is important for your tamariki to learn.

We received 28 responses which have provided us with great feedback about our school POWER values, the importance of teaching children about healthy food and ways to keep themselves safe through programmes about Road safety, fire safety, sun safety and swimming & water safety and Keeping Ourselves Safe. There are positive comments about our ākonga/students participating in school trips, camps and sporting events and a clear message about Sexuality Education “Positive Puberty” being taught separately to our Year 5 & 6 ākonga.

Our spot prize winners were Helen Leota and Leah Jenkins.

Safety at the School Gate

This is an ongoing concern for us as we work hard to keep your tamariki safe as they come into and leave our school.

The Hutt City Council website page <https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/services/roads-and-parking/roads/road-safety-around-schools> has information to support schools, parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga as well as our wider

community.

Road safety around schools

According to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), Pedestrians are most at risk of being injured at school peak times (7am - 9am and 2pm - 4pm).

Because of this, we run a number of road safety projects and activities involving primary and secondary schools. We help make our streets as safe as possible around schools by:

- *creating safer active transport routes,*
- *supporting school road patrols,*
- *creating safe drop-off/pickup locations,*
- *managing and enforcing safe parking on nearby streets,*
- *improving safety at crossing points,*
- *reducing speeds around schools*

The council has prepared our new list with the updated changes regarding stopping and parking infringements that came into effect on 1 October 2024.

You will find a copy of the Poster attached to this email with key information about Picking up and Dropping tamariki off at school as well as Parking Safety near Schools and the list of fines and

Attendance, Engagement and Achievement

During 2024 we have worked closely with several parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga to support them to get their children to school this year. There are many reasons why a child may be absent from school, or they arrive late at school each day. Our Board and staff are very keen to work with you to find ways to support you to get your tamariki to school on time and to have them attend school as much as possible, there will always be occasions when they are sick or need to attend a medical appointment or a family gathering and we have no problem with this. Thank you to everyone who has used our systems to let us know if your child will not be at school, this helps us to know that your child is safe.

New Teachers Starting in 2025

Miss Stella Hiotakis - Ako 1 - Year 2 Kaiako/Teacher



My role(s) at TCS are... I have the pleasure to teach the Year 2 Tamariki at Taita Central School in Ako 1.

My favourite POWER value is... perseverance

Because ... I think we learn best by making mistakes, taking risks and always giving things a go, even if it is too hard or scary.

Something I love to do in my spare time is... I love spending time and having fun with my three dogs. Yes, three dogs Woody, Cocoa and Pepper. I love spending time with my Mum. She is really funny.

I am good at ... Reading. I love seeing the joy in my Tamariki when they find that one book, that hooks them in, to be a lifelong reader.

Miss J - Ako 7 - Year 4 Kaiako/Teacher



My role at TCS is... Year 4 Teacher and SENCO.

My favourite POWER value is... Empathy. I love how supporting each other and holding space for each other, brings people together and makes us all the best version of ourselves.

Something I love to do in my spare time is... Art, painting, baking and making things. I love reading and gardening, the piano and exploring all the secret places in Te Whanganui a Tara.

I am good at ... Bringing people together through Whakawhanaungatanga-with kai, humour, music and problem solving.

SCHOOL NEWS

	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 7 & 8 across the school was **Empathy / Aroha – Ngākau aroha / Fa'aaloalo** – trying to understand how others feel.

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

Week 7: Thank you to Ako 3 and our hosts Jacob and Mehi and visuals Samuel and Kyle.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Kina & Malia-Rosa

Ako 3: Finn & Emine

Ako 4: Panapa & Zion

Ako 7: Kanishk & Faaeteete

Ako 8: Ruby-Lee & Tuiariki

Ako Iwa: Janelisa & Bella

Akomanga Māori: Sitina (A7)

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Week 6

Ako 4: Zavier for an amazing effort at athletics day with a smile the whole time.

Ako 8: Jonathan for stepping up and showing Whakawhanaungatanga and leadership during tuakana/teina time last week. It was nice to see you working so well with Shalom.

Staff Special Nomination: Joshua T-K (A7) Standing up for others in a positive and POWERful Mana Enhancing way.

Week 7:

Ako 1: Amara for being brave in class and sharing your ideas.

Ako 3: Mason for working very hard. You try everything and don't give up! You ask for help when you need it. You're confidently sharing your thoughts with the class. Well done.

Ako 7: Esha for working really hard and giving her best. She has started to step up and put in a lot of effort to achieve her goals. Keep up your efforts.

Ako Iwa: Khalisha for always making good choices.

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Award Winners:

Emine (A3) Eliana (A8) Esha (A7) Londoni (A8) Janelisa (A9) Joshua (A7) Jeconiah (A1) Cherie (A8) Ralene (A4) Jack (A3)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: Emily (A9)

Congratulations to our Pathway to Leadership Award Winners:

Ako 4: Koval, Panapa, Caleb, Ace, Mirai, Ahrie, Zion & Arieta

Congratulations to our Athletics Day Winners:

Warren (A9) Emily (A9) Kaden (A9) Bryce (A3) Glynis (A9) Sitina (A7) Caleb (A4) Kyle (A3) Jericho (A3) Cren (A3) Tyson (A7) Amara (A1)

Week 8: Thank you to Pohutukawa Block and our hosts Janelisa, Nia-Grace and Faaeteete and visuals Sera and Izzy.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Jahmima & Irene

Ako 3: Nyla & Kyle

Ako 4: Ace & Koval

Ako 7: Emma & Navilan

Ako 8 : Isaac & Indy

Ako 9: Emily & Kaden

Akomanga Māori: Manawa (A3)

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 4: Freja for making good choices at school.

Ako 8: Ryan for your empathetic kindness and leading an emotional haka to farewell the Panapa Whānau. You are a great rangatira in our kura. Kia mau tonu te mahi - keep up the good work!

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Satalaka (A7) Sujith (A3) Isaac (A8) Faith (A4) Nyla (A3) Jonathan (A8) Ruby-Lee (A8) Emma (A7) Suntroyden (A1)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner:

Tuiariki (A8)

Congratulations to our netball player of the week for the past 3 weeks:

Ellie (A1) Vaiana (A1) Koval (A4)

Joshua (A3) Jack (A3) Nia-Grace (A7)



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.

The phrase for Week 7 - “Noho mai” (Stay here)

The phrase for Week 8: “E hia ngā rā ki...?” (How many days until...?)

Eg. **“E hia ngā rā ki Kirihimete?”** (How many days until Christmas?)

“E hia ngā rā ki EOTC?” (How many days until EOTC?)

-It's fine to put an English word at the end if you don't know the Māori

The phrase for Week 9 - “Kei te haere tātou ki hea?” (Where are we, all, going?)

“Kei te haere koe ki hea?” (Where are you, 1 person, going?)

You can answer with “Ki ...” (To ...).



Taitā Central School Study Centre 2024 Children's University Graduates.



Akomanga Māori Pou

Our tamariki in Pohutukawa Akomanga Māori have worked hard on their Pou. First they had to plan and draw their design, next they sanded and undercoated their piece of wood and lastly drew their designs on the wood and painted them. They look pretty cool and will be displayed around our doorways inside the Whareroa.



Term 4 Week 9 - EOTC Week

This has been a very busy, fun filled week for our tamariki and staff. We started with our day at Wainuiomata Outdoor Pool on Monday, we were fortunate with the fabulous weather after such poor weather the day before. Thank you to the KPMG volunteers who came and provided the sausage sizzle for lunch and to all our parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga who were able to join us for the day. This was such a great day that we are keen to make it an annual event.

Pohutukawa Whānau have been enjoying a movie Day at school a trip to Avalon Park for the day and a day of sports and games. They finish the week with a water day at school.





Kowhai Block have had a trip to the movies to watch Paddington in Peru and an afternoon at Petone Beach, they are making kites and tents at school today and they also finish the week with some water based activities at school on Friday.



Community News

A message from Naomi Shaw about what happening in Pomare - pop along to see the He Puawai Trust new Mara Ora based at [Pomare Taita Community House](#) in Farmers Crescent, Pomare.

The first fruit trees of the new food forest went in, the new greenhouse is full of seedlings for the community and the first lettuces are ready in the Koha Kai beds.

We are next here on Tuesday, and we still have some plots left if you'd like your own garden space - and all the help and support to get you growing.

Grow Pōmare, grow!

<https://www.facebook.com/Hepuawaitrustnz>



Whakatauki

***Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi,
Engari he toa takitini***

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, It was not individual success but the success of a collective

Ngā mihi maioha - warm greetings
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