



• Taitā Central School Pānui • Term 1 Week 2 - 12th February 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 ākongā katoa."

Standing strong together – enhancing the mana of all learners

Mission

Ako tahi Tātou, Tipu tahi Tātou

Together we Learn, Together we Grow



Yesterday we held our first Mihi Whakatau of the year, led by our amazing ākongā who welcomed our new staff member Miss Michaela Liko who will be teaching in Pōhutukawa Block, all our new tamariki and their whānau to Taitā Central School.



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 – Kaarthik, Kilisimasi, Lotus, Saga, Miah

Ako 3 – Jackson, Praise, Armani

Ako 7 Ruma Miromiro – Ariaria, Skye

Ako 8 & 9 Ruma Kererū – Preston, Jaelah



Coming Up

Friday 20th February – **School Closed**. Our staff will be participating in a Maths & Statistics Staff Only Day at St Michael’s School.

Reminders – Contact details and important information

Please ensure that we have up to date information for your tamariki as we know from time-to-time things change.

Have you let us know about any new medical allergies or medical conditions? Do we need to keep an inhaler at school for your child?

Do we have your most up to date phone numbers or address?

Are there any custody changes that the school needs to be aware of?

We will send out notices within the next couple of weeks to confirm we have the correct details for you. In the meantime, feel free to update us with any changes.



School Attendance

Our goal is to have every child at school every day, engaged in their learning and enjoying interacting with their classmates and peers.

Good – less than 5 days absent in a term.

Worrying – up to 10 days absence in a term.

Concerning – Up to 15 days absence in a term.

Serious Concern – 15 or more days absence in a term.

We will communicate with parents about every absence, please **ring** (04) 567 7214, **text** (Absence TXT Line: 022 351 2655 - Text child's first & last name, Ako/class, absence reason, sender's name) or use the **Skool Loop absentee form** to let us know if your child will not be at school.

We will send out an Absence Text, if we have not heard from you. **You may receive a phone call from Erin (Office Manager) or Whaea Shell (Principal) if you do not let us know why your child is not at school or if your child is absent for more than 5 days of school in a term.**



Ako 4 enjoying a game of duck, duck goose in the shade

Safety Around School and Parking

Please, when picking up your tamariki remember NOT to park on the **blue** or **yellow** lines.

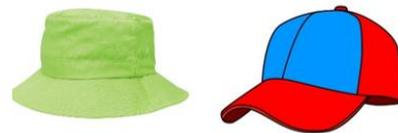
Our school is part of the first group that had updated speed limit signage installed in **January 2026**.

- Variable speed limits will be in place outside school gates and entrances for 150m in each direction from the school gate or access point.
- Speeds will be reduced to 30km/h during peak school travel times (before and after school), and 50km/h at all other times.
- Signage will look similar to the image below, with the times confirmed by your school earlier this year.



Taitā Central School is a Sun Safe school and a Water First School Important reminders for the term

- Everyone must wear a **sunhat** when they are outside during morning tea and lunch breaks and when your class goes outside for sports or games. etc. **Please make sure your tamariki have a sunhat at school every day.**
- Please make sure your tamariki each have a **named drink bottle for water**, so they can keep hydrated and refill it at school.



Phones away for the day

All state schools/kura are required to implement a phone rule that has student phones 'away for the day'

Taitā Central School Policy **Cell phones and other Personal Digital Devices states that** "Taitā Central School does not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to school. These are not necessary to have during the day. However, we understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school."

If a student brings a phone to school, they need to give it to their classroom teacher or hand it in at the school office to look after it for the day.



Community News

Following the announcement last year around the disestablishment of **Kāhui Ako (Stokes Valley/Taitā Community of Learning)**, our seven local schools (*Koraunui, Tui Glen, Pomare, St Michael's Taitā Central, Avalon Intermediate and Taitā College*) want to assure you that our Kāhui/Cluster will continue to work and grow together, we are just looking at more creative ways to continue our workstreams!

Kāhui Ako-revisioning 2026 and beyond-due week 4

We are planning to take time this term to revision and reset our strategic and annual plans. We are seeking our community's voice. Please use this [link](#) to help guide us with our future direction.

Feedback is due by week 4 Term 1 2026.

Study Centre 2026

Our school Study Centre is now FULL. Your tamariki will bring home a notice today letting you know that they have been accepted into Study Centre for 2026.

Other students can still return their Study centre form; however they will be placed on our Waitlist, and you will be contacted if a place opens up during the year.



Te Reo in Kowhai Block



Whakatauāki

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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