



# 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!

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Number 2  
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Term 1: Week 3  
Wāhanga 1: Wiki 3

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## Coming Events:

Mon 24 Feb – BOT Meeting  
Mon 03 Mar – Movin' March starts  
Wed 05 Mar – Taka Trust Bike Day  
Fri 14 Mar – Whānau Back to School Celebration  
Tue 18 – Fri 21 March – Y5 & 6 Camp  
Mon 24 Mar- BOT Meeting  
Tue 25 Mar – Community Responsibility Practice  
WREMO 4pm – 7pm

## 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

**Kia ora e te Whānau – Hello,**

We are enjoying these sunny days and making the most of our outdoor spaces, however as a SunSmart school we ask that all ākonga/students and staff wear a sunhat when they outside during the school day – playtimes, lunchtimes and class PE and sports sessions. It is also helpful for our ākonga to put on some sun block before they head off to school.

## School Policies – Schooldocs

Our school policies are available to all parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga to view and also to participate in their reviews.

### All reviewers

1. Visit the website <https://taitacentral.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (taitacentral) and password (power).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

## Attendance, Engagement and Achievement

One of the things we are continuing to focus on this year is student attendance. I understand that there has been some confusion recently around the message for parents about when to send your tamaiti/child to school if they are unwell. In the first couple of years after the COVID Pandemic – the message from the Health Department was very clear telling us to stay at home if you were unwell or experiencing cold and flu symptoms. Then last year you were told that your children needed to be at school, to improve student attendance figures and now parents are unsure about when it is ok to send their child to school if they are sick or have been sick. The following information

Last night I was reading an article in the New Zealand Herald – [When should kids stay home from school? Experts weigh in.](#)

*“The colour of the snot is unimportant and so are runny noses and mild coughs and sneezes,” he said, of symptoms that might persist for weeks or months in a child during the winter months without meaning they are sick-sick.*

*“If they’ve not got a temperature and they’re not struggling with their breathing, and they’re able to concentrate and they’re eating and drinking okay, they can go to school usually.”*

**There are, however, a few hard and fast rules to stick by for keeping them home with a physical sickness:**

- **A temperature over 38 degrees.**
- **A student must stay home for 48 hours after their last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.**
- **Do they look sick, lethargic and with glassy eyes? They might not be well enough to learn, said Bradford.”**

## Road Safety around our school entrance

The start of the school year is a good time for a friendly reminder about keeping our kids safe as they come and go from school. Please remember to not stop/park in front of the school where the yellow lines are.



Parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga we need you to please be great role models for your tamaiti/child set an example and show your tamaiti/child the safe way to cross the road when our school Road Patrollers are out in the morning and afternoon.



## 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: Welcome to Taita Central School, Atarangi Ako 1, Sioeli Ako 4.

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

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

**Assembly – Week 2** Thank you to Pohutukawa Block and our hosts Anaiya-Rose, Sitina and Talia and visuals Bella and Irene.

### **Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:**

**Ako 1** - Caleb

**Ako 3** - Malia-Rosa & Sujith

**Ako 4** - Leon & Ahrie

**Ako 7** - Mehi & Carlos

**Ako Waru** - Eliana & Esha

**Ako Iwa** - Victoria

### **Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:**

**Ako 1** – Caleb for showing Perseverance in all areas especially with your counting at Maths time and also for trying your best with your handwriting

**Ako 3** - Mason for stepping up and being a great leader in Ako 3. You are a great helper and support to our new students.

**Ako 4** – Ryder for showing Perseverance, coming to school every day. You have been working really hard in Ako 4. Ka pai tō mahi - Good work.

**Ako 7** – Jacob for showing Perseverance and Outstanding effort in writing this week. You stepped outside your comfort zone and wrote a fantastic poem-Ka mau te wehi!

**Ako Waru** - Tairongo for Persevering in your maths and thinking outside the box. Tino pai rawa tō mahi - Great work.

**Ako Iwa** – Toby for consistent work ethic, helpful, diligent and a pleasure to have in Ako Iwa. Your perseverance in setting up our morning tea clubs has enhanced the mana of Taitā Central School. Tino pai rawa tō mahi.

### **Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:**

Ellie (A3) Mehi (A7) Skye (A1) Sujith (A3) Carlos (A7) Emperor (A9) Suntroyden (A1) Tyson (A8) Warren (A9)

### **Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner:**

Toby (A9)

## Lucky Book Club

All children have been given the brochure for Scholastics Lucky Book Club Issue 1 . 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 or you can order online. **LAST DAY FOR ORDERS IS THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2025.**



### 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 we are reviewing for Week 3 & 4 is, *Tītiro mai / Whakarongo mai***

(Look this way / Listen this way)

## Mana Moments

### Morning Tea Clubs - Lego Club, Garden Club, Board Games and Card Games

We have started our morning tea Clubs this term, we have something happening in the school Library every day We also have Lego in the library with Nada and Donna and gardening with Whaea Shell and Arwen. Each week we have the school bikes out for Wheels Day Wednesday as well a Floorball training. Our ākonga/students are keeping active and learning lots of skills as they participate in the playground activities such as soccer and shooting hoops on the courts.





### Kiwi Hoops Basketball Coaching for Years 4, 5 & 6

This year we have connected with the **BNZ Kiwi Hoops Programme** to come in and run 6 Basketball coaching sessions for our Pohutukawa Block Year 4 to 6. Our ākonga are lucky to have Coach Jordan from Capital Basketball coming in to take them through some fitness drills and skills coaching this term.



## Enhancing our School Grounds

Our ākonga/students and staff want to say a big **THANK YOU** to Mr Little and Manihira for the work they have done on our school grounds and playground. They also moved some flax bushes from the front of the school and made new garden beds for them. Nada transplanted flax bushes in new garden areas, around our flying fox and other areas of our school during the Christmas school holiday break.

Parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga can you please talk to your tamariki/children about respecting and caring for the new flax garden areas at school if you are visiting out of school hours. We are wanting to create areas which will encourage native birds and insects to use, provide food and create our own flax garden beds so we can harvest harakeke/flax in the future.



## Community News

Kia ora,

I am reaching out as GirlGuiding NZ Stokes Valley GirlGuiding Guiding Units currently has space to take more girls aged 5-12½ keen to join in on the fun GirlGuiding NZ offers.

Stokes Valley GirlGuiding Guides, Brownies, and Pippins currently have space to take more girls aged 5-12½ years keen to join in on the fun that GirlGuiding NZ has to offer.

We offer a non-competitive learning environment that is open-minded and values-based. It's a supportive place to grow confident, adventurous girls who are ready to be tomorrow's leaders. We offer a programme where the girls themselves have a say in the activities they get to participate in and offer experiences like camps, crafts, and real-life experiences, rewarding them with badges as they learn new skills.

To register your interest and find out more about our rewarding programme, complete the form found here: [Register Your Interest - GirlGuiding New Zealand - You be the Guide!](#)



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COMMUNITY**

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**Stokes Valley Guiding**

Pippins Thurs 5.00-6.00pm  
Brownies Thurs 5.00-6.30pm  
Guides Thurs 7.00-8.30pm  
Guiding Hall 155 Stokes Valley Road

 GirlGuiding  
New Zealand  
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## Whakatauki

*E kore au e ngaro, he kākano ahau I ruia mai I Rangīātea.*

I shall never be lost, for I am a seed sown in Rangīātea.

Ngā mihi maioha - warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff

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