



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!

30 January 2025
12 Kohitātea 2025

Number 1
Kotahi

Term 1: Week 1
Wāhanga 1: Wiki 1

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Coming Events:

Thur 6th Feb – Waitangi Day Holiday – School Closed

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,

Nau mai, hoki mai, welcome back to all our families at Taitā Central School. An especially warm welcome to our new whānau. We look forward to working together with you all.

Our goal is for each one of our ākonga/students to love coming to school every day and to go home excited every day to share their many rich learning experiences with their whānau.

We want you to be an active part of our school community. Our Kura/School sits at the heart of our community. We want you to be active in our kura/school, share your many talents and skills with our tamariki and staff.

On Monday 27th January our staff joined with the Taitā/Stokes Valley Kāhui Ako to experience an amazing opportunity to listen to Jase Williams kōrero/speak about how to help build stronger connections within whānau. Jase is an ex-principal and now consultant who has been sharing his knowledge about how to create Kura/schools where our ākonga develop a sense of belonging and know that they are loved and cared for. Through listening to Jase speak our staff have been challenged to think about what we do and how we do it. It is helping our kura/school understand the neuroscience behind why adults and children behave the way they do and how what we do impacts your tamariki. We want to be able to offer the best learning environment and learning experiences for your tamariki and through these important staff only days we have the time to listen, learn, talk and share how we can best awahi and tautoko (support) our tamariki.

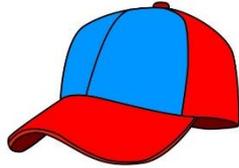
Student Stationery

All ākonga/student stationery will be provided to all ākonga/students at no cost thanks to our school Board of Trustees who agreed to pay for this once again 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, 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 **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."

Parent/Caregiver and student responsibility

If a parent needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the school office – 04 567 7214.

If a student brings a personal digital device to our school, the following guidelines apply:

- **Students must** hand in their device to the classroom teacher at the beginning of the day and can collect the device at the end of the school day. Devices are not to be used at break times. Hand it to your teacher and they will return it to you at the end of the school day.
- *The school does not accept any responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices brought to the school but investigates any issues as appropriate.*

Attendance, Engagement and Achievement

One of the things we are continuing to focus on this year is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you and with our students. It remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room and at our Board of Trustee meetings.

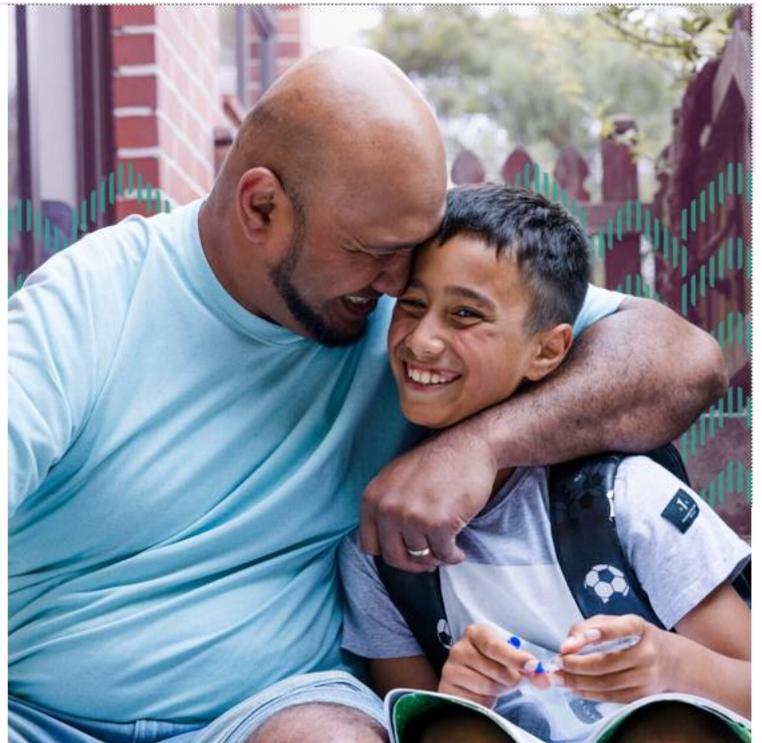
If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, **YOU** alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

"It takes a village to raise a child."

We all want students to thrive and be resilient and active members of your whānau and our community.

Today's learners are tomorrow's leaders. Give them the best start – get them to school.

Attendance matters and we need to all work together to increase school attendance.



All ākonga/students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. This is a reminder that as we begin the 2025 school year, **every day of school matters.**

We ask that you let the school know if your child/children are going to be absent for a day or intend to be absent for a portion of the school term with the reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Please ring **Erin 04 567 7214**, send a text to our **Absence TXT Line: 022 351 2655** - Text child's first & last name, Ako, absence reason, sender's name or send an absence message through the Skool Loop app.

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, Trinah Ako 1 and Leon Ako 4.

	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 1 & 2 across the school is **Perseverance / Whakapau Kaha, 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.

Breakfast Club and other Clubs

Last Year Nada and a group of senior students ran our Breakfast Club every morning before school from the Whānau Room. Breakfast Club was open for 40 weeks, 191 days and served 5414 breakfasts!

This year we are opening our school library every morning teatime for students to come and engage in some fun and activities. We are going to start up a Garden Club and continue to get out the school Bikes on a Wednesday morning tea, so our ākonga can get active riding around our bike track. We hope to soon start up some sports trainings as well. These clubs are only possible with the support of our teachers and teacher aides who help our ākonga/students to plan, organise and run these clubs.

When	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15am/8:45am	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
Morning Teatime	Library Clubs Lego Club	Library Clubs Board games, jigsaws & reading	Library Clubs Art Club	Library Clubs Board games, jigsaws & reading	Library Clubs Crafts Club
Morning Teatime	Playground Activities Garden Club		Playground Activities Wheels Day Bikes		



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 1 and 2 is,

“Patai - Kei te pehea koe?” “How are you?”

Whakautu – “Kei te pai ahau.” (harikoa/happy, ngenge/tired, hoha/fed up, pouri/sad, māuiui/sick, wera/hot)

Mana Moments

Akomanga Māori roopu - Letter to parents

We are pleased to advise that Taita Central School will be offering our opt-in Māori class for our Year 4-6 ākonga/students and Year 1-3 ākonga/students again this year. Your tamariki will have brought home a letter inviting them to participate in this class on a Thursday each week during 2025. This year the class will be run by Merehana with the support of Manihira and the Te Reo Māori Team. It will take place in the Whareroa on Thursday Mornings for Year 4-6 from 9:30am to 11:45am (with a break for morning tea) and in the afternoon for Years 1-3 2:15pm to 2:45pm.

The group learning will be a chance for our ākonga/students to gain greater confidence with Te Reo and Tikanga Māori through experiences such as karakia, waiata (singing), kēmu (games) purākau (local stories), environmental projects to enhance our school, marae visits and more. The learning aligns with curriculum goals and allows our Māori tamariki to extend their understanding of and confidence in Māori protocols and values.

If your child/children are keen to participate, please fill in the form below and return it to school no later than Friday 7th February. If you have any questions or would just like to find out a little more about the group, please do not hesitate to speak to Merehana, Matua Dylan or Whaea Shell.

Community News

We have been working with Zak Brown Healthy Active Learning Nuku Ora during 2024 and we will continue to work with him and his organisation in 2025.

He is seeking feedback from schools – staff, teachers, ākonga and whānau to ensure that they continue to receive funding to support the very important work they do.

Healthy Active Learning Evaluation Surveys

Whānau surveys – for whānau members of all ākonga.

- Link: https://massey.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5SnfFUZmmyyFJb

To encourage participation, we're offering two prizes:

The school with the **highest number of completed whānau surveys** will receive a **tailored activity afternoon** for the school and whānau to enjoy, delivered by our team.

In addition to this, everyone who completes the surveys will go into a regional draw to win a \$100 supermarket voucher. Surveys will close on **Monday 31st March**.

Whakatauki
“Ko au te whenua
Ko te whenua ko au”
I am the land
The land is me

Ngā mihi maioha - 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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