



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!

25 July 2024
25 Hōngongoi 2024

Number 11
Tekau ma tahi

Term 3: Week 1
Wāhanga 3: Wiki 1

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Coming Events:

Fri 26th July – Mid-Year Reports sent home
Tues 30 July – Year 6 visit to Avalon Intermediate
Tue 30 July – Y1 & 2 Dodgeball
Mon 5 Aug – Cook Island Language Week
Fri 9th Aug – Cook Island Whānau Day
Tue 13th Aug – Whānau Evening 5:30pm start
Wed 14 Aug – Cricket Wellington Coaching
Thur 15th Aug – Indian Independence Day Whānau Day
Fri 16 Aug – Staff Only Day – **School Closed**

To Action:

Important Dates to remember...

Fri 26th July – Mid-Year Reports sent home
Tues 30 July – Year 6 visit to Avalon Intermediate

Tue 13th Aug – Whānau Evening 5:30pm start

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

Nau mai, hoki ma e te Whānau - Welcome back to Term 3.

We hope our tamariki had a good holiday break and are feeling energised and pleased to be back at school. During the holiday break our staff were in school on the first day of their holiday - Monday 8th July for a call-back day (this was to avoid closing the school again for another Staff Only Day in term time) The day was spent completing our second professional learning and development session about Understanding Behaviour and Responding safely.

This session was to support our staff to understand "What is behind Big Behaviours" and "How we can help support our tamariki when they are feeling challenged, upset and distressed. We learnt more about sensory processing, effective communication and had time to self-reflect on what pushes our buttons and how we regulate our own behaviour and response.

Attendance, Engagement & Achievement

As a school we continue to focus on ensuring our ākonga are at school and actively engaged in learning. I have received our Term 2 Attendance Summary Report from the Ministry of Education.

Our Term 2 2024 regular attendance rate (47%) was better than Term 2 2023 (44%), however it was not as good as our Term 1 regular attendance rate (61%). We know that during the winter terms there is an increase in sickness and that can contribute to more tamariki having more days off school sick.

Term 2 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

 Regular Attendance

47%

Compared to 44% in Term 2, 2023

 Irregular Absence 18%

Compared to 29% in Term 2, 2023

 Moderate Absence 19%

Compared to 11% in Term 2, 2023

 Chronic Absence 15%

Compared to 16% in Term 2, 2023

We recorded more tamariki as truant in Term 2 because we were not contacted and told why the child/children were not at school. It is very important you tell us why your child is not at school so we can record this information accurately. If a child is sick or has a doctor or dental appointment, we can record this as Medical rather than truant. Our focus continues to be on having all of our tamariki at school every day if they are fit and well. Our school Breakfast Club is open every day from 8:15 am until 8:45am and we have lots of toast and spreads, cereal and hot milo's. Thank you to Nada and her team of Senior Leaders who ensure this operates every day.

Mid-Year Reports

Our teachers have completed the Mid-Year Reports. These will be sent home with your child on Friday 26th July. Please come and speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about the information in the report.

At the bottom of the report, you will see your child's attendance for the first 2 terms of 2024. If their regular attendance is below 85% you will see it has been highlighted in yellow.

Attendance for 2024: 73.1%

95%-100% = Excellent 90%-94% = Satisfactory 85%-90% = Of concern <85% = Needs addressing

HuttFest videos released on YouTube

The HuttFest Trust have released the recording of this year's HuttFest. You can find Taitā Central School 2024 HuttFest Performance by following this link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHfUGGqBjH8>

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: Ahrie Ella 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'otoga</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 9 & 10 across the school was Respect, Kiritau – Whakamana-Whakaute, Faaaloalo – treating others how you would like to be treated. The New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.

Assembly – Week 8 & 9

Thank you to Ako 3 and our hosts Taione, Mehi and Nyla and visuals Samuel and Jacob.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

- Ako 1: Skye & Tarusila
- Ako 3: Manawa & Eduard
- Ako 4: Jiovani & Faith
- Ako 7: Maddie & Kent
- Ako 8: Anaiya-Rose & Irene
- Ako 9: Kristina & Aiden
- Ngā Hau e Whā: Evatyn (A8) Tuterangi & Izzy (A9)

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Week 8

Ako 4: Panapa for showing enthusiasm about his learning and always trying his best.

Ako 8: Ruby-Lee for facing challenges with a positive attitude and showing leadership within the classroom.

Week 9

Ako 1: Zeta for trying your best in all your learning especially maths. It has been exciting to see all the progress you have made.

Ako 3: Brynn for being a superstar worker. You try your best and are super focused on your learning. Well done!

Ako 7: Kanishk for adjusting well in the School and for showing your power values all the time in the class and having a positive attitude towards learning. Keep up the good work.

Ako 9: Izzy Kei ōu ringaringa te ao (the world is yours) Your positive, hardworking, and respectful way you have gone about everything you do is excellent. You are stepping into leadership in Hutt Fest, in the classroom and being a tukakana for our teina. Ka mau te wehi Izzy! I am proud of you, Matua Dylan!

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Tairongo (A7) Janelisa (A9) Samuel (A3) Tyson (A7) Taione (A3) Sthelin (A9) Layan (A8) Eliana (A8) Tarusila (A1) Manai (A9)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: Ata (A8)

Congratulations to our Pathway to Leadership Awards Winners:

Ako 4 - Kopo, Caleb & Suntroyden

Ako 8 - Evatyn, Acaexia, Anaiya-Rose, Ata, Eliana, Fa'amago, Indy, Irene, Isaac, Layan, Londoni, Tu'u & Xavier

Congratulations to our Matariki Celebration Day "Superstars":

Matariki Kete: Leigon (A7)

Rhys (A7) Faaeteete (A7) Londoni (A8) Janelisa (A9) Irene (A8) Tu'u (A8) Aiden (A9) Joshua (A3) Samuel (A3)

Acaexia (A8) Lorenzo (A1) Taione (A3) Cherie (A8) Izzy (A9) Nia-Grace (A7)

Assembly - Week 10

Thank you to Ako Iwa and our hosts Glynis, Emily and Janelisa and visuals Aiden and Kaden.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Jeconiah & Vaiana

Ako 3: Samuel & Bryce

Ako 4: Caleb & Suntroyden

Ako 7: Faaeteete & Jahriyah

Ako 8: Mere & Ahnaira-Ann

Ako 9 : Warren, Bella & Aiden

Ngā Hau e Whā/HuttFest: Tu'u

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 4: Mirai or continuing to try even when she thinks she can't do it.

Ako 8: Tu'u for ALWAYS showing the POWER values and being a helpful and supportive member of Ako 8.

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Finn (A8) Kaden (A9) Lama (A3) Niko (A1) Elisefou (A9) Esha (A7) Glynis (A9) Acaexia (A8) Shalom (A1) Leigon (A 7)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winners: Kowhai: Jiovani and Pohutukawa: Kent

Congratulations to Pathway to Leadership Award Winners:

Ako 1: Zeta

Ako 3: Lama, Neerav, Jack, Jacob, Sijith, Brynn, Eva, Emine, Kyle, Carlos, Nyla, Molly, Mason & Finn

Ako 8: Cherie & Ryan

Congratulations to our StepsWeb Award Winners:

Avin (A7) Glynis (A9) Sera (A9) Warren (A9)

Congratulations to our spot prize winners for pyjama and wacky hair day:

Ako 1: Vaiana & Ellie

Ako 3: Nyla & Neerav

Ako 4: Kopo & Koval

Ako 7: Tairongo & Kanishk

Ako 8: Ruby-Lee & Layan

Ako 9: Noah & Kaden



Study Centre Children's University Discovery Day at Massey University Wellington Campus

On Tuesday 25th June our Study Centre ākonga travelled to Massey University in Wellington for their Children's University Discovery Day. They joined in an international class where they played board games, and made Super Hero name tags, then they experienced a work out in the university gym trying out the bikes, dumb bells, medicine balls, ladder activity and a cone game. They had a class in the music room copying and creating beats , raps and using the keyboards. Then they visited the university library to learn more about Matariki and the nine stars before writing their wishes on a star to put into the kite for the Wellington matariki Festival.

After lunch they headed to the Film studio to film themselves performing a rap about Taita Central School Study Centre. The tamariki had an opportunity to use the cameras, control the microphone or wear the headsets, take control of the sound boards or take on the role of floor manager.

Taitā Central School Study Centre Rap – written by Aaru, Eliana, Ryan, Irene and Janelisa

*Taitā Central is so cool, we have **POWER** this is our **RULE**.*

Perseverance

Outstanding

Whakawhanaungatanga

Empathy

Respect, that is all our **POWER**.

We're always doing spelling tests, always doing maths, but it doesn't even matter cause it's a blast.

I know when you do it, it gets harder and harder, but when you keep on trying you'll get smarter and smarter.

*We are **STRONG**, we are **BRAVE** watch out people you better behave.*



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Year 4 to 6 Akomanga Māori

On Tuesday morning, in Akomanga Māori (Ngā Hau e Whā) we learnt how to make an ahi/fire with Mr Little and then we got to toast marshmallows.

Izzy said, "I didn't like it because the marshmallow was burnt".

Sara-Roze said, "The marshmallow was really good and I liked the burnt part".

Emperor said, "It was yum because it was crispy and gooey"

Nesta said, "It was nice and it tasted a little like chocolate".

Nivayah said, "I didn't like the black burnt stuff"

Sky said, "It was yum like when I toasted them at my Aunties"





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 1 – **“E noho kei tō rārangi”** (sit in your line)

Lucky Book Club

All children have been given the brochure for Scholastics Lucky Book Club Issue 5. 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. You can also order online. **LAST DAY FOR ORDERS IS THURSDAY 08 AUGUST 2024.**

Community News

Girl Guiding New Zealand (Girl Guides) currently has spaces for girls in Lower Hutt.



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COMMUNITY**

Email: girlenquiries@ggnz.org.nz

We have spaces for ages 5 to 9.5 year olds for Pippins & Brownies in Lower Hutt. You are very welcome to come along for a session to give it a try and see what we get up to!

 Girl Guiding New Zealand

To keep up to date with our learning and news, please join our new Taitā Central School facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558675191792>

Whakatauki

Hokia ki ngā maunga kia purea koe e ngā hau a Tāwhirimātea.
Return to your ancestral mountain to be cleansed by the winds of Tāwhirimātea.

Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings
Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff
Tel: 5677214

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