



# 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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23 Pipiri 2025

Number 10  
Tekau

Term 2: Week 9  
Wāhanga 2: Wiki 9

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## Coming Events:

### Term 2 Dates

Wed 25th June - HuttFest Performance, **time 6:30pm**

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June – Study Centre Discovery Day

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June – Last Day of Term 2** 3:00pm finish

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> July – First day of Term 3**

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July – Avalon Intermediate Road Show

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 visit to Avalon Intermediate

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July – Kāhui Ako HuttFest Celebration

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> July – Skylight Resilience Prog Year 4's

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July – Skylight Resilience Prog – Year 3's

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Aug – Teacher Only Day – School Closed**

## To Action:

*Important Dates to remember...*

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Last Day of Term 2 finishing at 3:00pm.**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – First day of Term 3**

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

## Kia ora e te Whānau – Tēnā Koutou, Talofa, Malo e lele, Bula vinaka, Hello, Manawatia a Matariki

We are coming to the end of Term 2, school finishes at **3:00pm this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Once again it has been a busy term with lots of exciting learning opportunities, our Term 2 focus was Ahi/Fire, Pohutukawa whānau Science and Technology unit building and flying fizzy rockets, Kowhai Block Cross Country run, our Matariki Celebration and Breakfast, and lots and lots of HuttFest practices! A big shut out to Merehana, Matua Dylan, Miss J and our amazing volunteers Sasha, Lua and Denique for all the time and energy they have put into our ākonga, so they can be the best they can be when they perform at the 2025 HuttFest this Wednesday night at the Walter Nash Stadium.

## Our new School Vision

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the development of our new school vision. I have spent the last few months consulting with our community, our staff and our Board as well as my Springboard Trust Capacity Partner Tim Carthew, who challenged my thinking, engaged me in critical conversations and provided me with essential feedback.

Effective vision statements are: simple, focused, inspiring and measurable.

**A vision statement should describe how the school will improve the lives of its students and community.**

### Specific

Vision must be clearly articulated, easily understood, unambiguous and vivid.

EVERY WORD COUNTS

### Magnetic

Vision is the north star that guides effort, resources and decision-making.

### Aspirational

Vision creates hope for the future and the desire to be part of the change that brings it about.

### Relevant

Vision is relevant to your context and provides a sense of identity and purpose for the school.

### Call to action

Visions challenge us to be better than we are today.

**Vision** - Standing strong together – enhancing the mana of all learners

**Mission Statement** - *Ako tahi Tātou, Tipu tahi Tātou / Together we Learn, Together we Grow*

**Whakatauki** - *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.

It is important that we tie together / link together our Mission, Vision and Strategic Goals and our Whakatauki we understand that we are stringer together, when we are standing strong together and growing and learning together we will be able to create a framework which will enable us to track and grow our understanding of our schools long-term performance in academic learning, teaching and leadership, people, tools and resources and school culture & community and achieve the ultimate outcome – our vision of enhancing the mana of all learners.

### **Attendance, Engagement and Achievement**

Our staff would like to thank you for supporting our school and getting your tamariki/children to school regularly.

**Taitā Central School Term 1 regular attendance was 65%, this was an improvement from Term 1 2024 which was at 61%.**

*“The Ministry of Education has just released the Nationwide Term 1 2025 attendance data. The results show that regular attendance is sitting at 65.9%, which is a solid lift from last year and the best Term 1 result since 2020. We’re seeing gains across every region, year level and student group and that’s encouraging.”*

The Ministry of Education knows there’s still more work to do across all schools in New Zealand if we are going to reach their 2030 target, **To increase regular attendance rates, the Government has set a target: by 2030, 80% of students are present for more than 90% of the term.**

Our goal is to build and strengthen our partnership with our families, whānau and aiga to maintain this positive shift and continue to increase our tamariki’s regular attendance so we can make a positive difference so our tamariki can gain essential skills and continue to grow and learn together.

You can **phone the school** and let us know or leave a message. You can text in using the **Absence TXT Line: 022 351 2655** - Text child’s first & last name, Ako/class, absence reason, sender’s name or you can use the **Skool Loop absentee form**.

### **Reporting to parents**

Mid-year school reports will be coming home on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**.

In these reports we are still reporting against the New Zealand Curriculum Levels while we wait for the Government and Ministry of Education to create the assessments and reporting templates so schools can report against the Revised English and Mathematics New Zealand Curriculum.

Included in the envelope with your child’s Mid-year report is the **Mid-Year Report Explanation** sheet which helps you to understand your child’s report and their individual effort, progress, and achievement for the first half of this year.

The Reading, Writing and Mathematics Curriculum levels in this report have a ‘Green Band’ which shows your child’s current level of achievement in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum Levels

Writing						
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7+
Curriculum Level 1		Curriculum Level 2		Curriculum Level 3		Curriculum Level 4

As outlined in The **NZ Curriculum Framework**, individual students will not necessarily be achieving at the same level for all Curriculum Areas. They may operate at different levels and progress at different rates, depending on the activity and the curriculum area.

## 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 <u>silisili</u> 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 – Ngakau aroha / Lagana Alofa** – trying to understand how others feel.

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

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 27th June at 10:00am in the Whareroa/Hall. Families, Whānau and Aiga are always welcome.

Term 2 Week 6 Assembly - Thank you Pohutukawa Block and our hosts Mehi, Nyla, Prezz, Izzy and Nia-Grace and visuals Toby and Jahziah.

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

Ako 1: Simaima & Caleb

Ako 3: Ariaria & Vaiana

Ako 4: Arieta & Alex

Ako 7: Taione, Eduard & Mehi

Ako Waru: Eliana & Aaru

Ako Iwa: Erline & Tepaula

Akomanga Māori: Mason (A3) & Manawa (A7)

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

Ako 1: Kopo for making amazing progress with your reading and writing. For always taking risks with your learning and challenging yourself. It is awesome to see you grow and push yourself out of your comfort zone. I am so proud of you!

Ako 3: Niko for giving everything a go and trying your best. It is a pleasure to see you striving to succeed.

Ako 4: Sioeli for happily completing all his work this week.

Ako 7: Prezz for always giving everything you do 100% You show initiative and confidence in all your work and approach to school. Well done! You are a fantastic student and young person, and we are so proud of you.

Ako Waru: Acaexia for stepping up in HuttFest and working hard in your learning, challenging yourself.

Ako Iwa: Faith for making a positive shift in your leadership at kura. You are seeing when things are happening that you disagree with, and moving away to make a better choice in your learning. Kia pai to mahi e hoa ma!

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

Jahziah (A8) Ellie (A3) Emperor (A9) Molly (A7) Zeta (A3) Eva (A3) Lily (A7) Esha (A8) Indy (A8) Warren (A9) Brynn (A3)



*Tāwhirimātea, This translates to: "The Eyes of the God Tāwhirimātea" is the Māori name for a cluster of stars that rises in mid-winter, signaling the beginning of the Māori New Year. It is also known as the Pleiades or the Seven Sisters in other cultures around the world. In Aotearoa, the appearance of Matariki is a time to remember the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future."*

During the day our ākonga and Kaiako gathered together to share their learning about Matariki and their art work as well as waiata and shared kai.



### **Akomanga Māori Trip to Koraunui Marae**

Last Thursday during our Matariki Celebration Day, Matua Dylan, Manihira and Merehana took our Pohutukawa Akomanga Māori and three Ako 3 tamariki to Koraunui Marae where we joined with Tui Glen, Koraunui and Pomare schools. Tui Glen School welcomed us with a Mihi Whakatau, we had a shared kai and then the senior tamariki of Tui Glen led groups and shared their knowledge of some of carvings in the Whareniui.



A massive ngā mihi to Tui Glen for organising this special opportunity for us.

### **Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.**

To increase the use of Te Reo Māori at Taitā Central School we are continuing our Te Reo Māori phrase of the week. All our Kaiako/teachers and Kaiawhina/Support staff are trying to make sure we use this phrase throughout the week. You may hear your tamariki using these phrases at home.

**The phrase we were using in Weeks 7 and 8 was ... He pai tō ngākau aroha / It's good to see you showing empathy.**

**The phrase we were using in Weeks 9 is...Me hīkoi ki roto / Walk inside.**

## Community News

### COME TO A HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAMME

**When?** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**Where?** At St James Church Woburn Road Lower Hutt

**What?** Sing, Play, Dance. Explore and make instruments.

**Led by?** Karen Espersen, Megan Ward and Helen Willberg

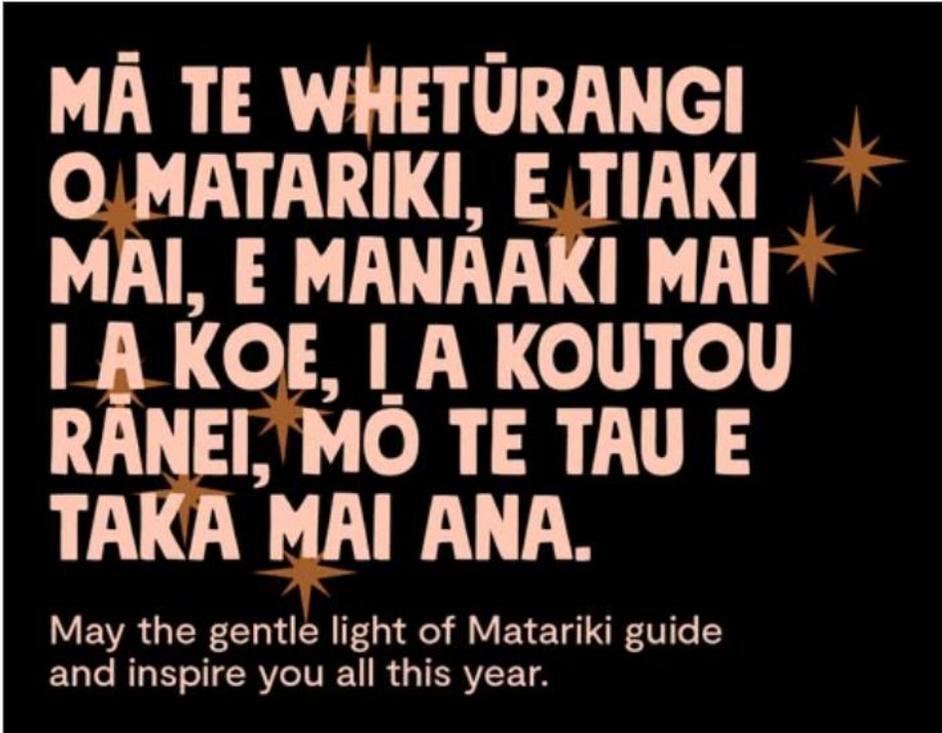
**Cost?** \$40.00 per day for one, discounts for two, third free.

*Limited numbers, ages 7 to 15, younger siblings welcome.*

*Bring lunch and warm clothes for an outside excursion.*

*Queries: or enrolment Contact Helen on 021 157 3892*

### Whakatauki

A black rectangular graphic with white text and several yellow starburst symbols scattered around the text. The text is a Māori whakatauki (greeting) for Matariki.

**MĀ TE WHETŪRANGI  
O MATARIKI, E TIAKI  
MAI, E MANAAKI MAI  
I A KOE, I A KOUTOU  
RĀNEI, MŌ TE TAU E  
TAKA MAI ANA.**

May the gentle light of Matariki guide  
and inspire you all this year.

Ngā mihi maioha - warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff

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*Taitā Central School – Te Kura O Nga Hau E Wha  
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