



• Taitā Central School Pānui • Term 2 Week 10 – 25th June 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 ākonga katoa."

Standing strong together – enhancing the mana of all learners

Mission

Ako tahi Tātou, Tipu tahi Tātou

Together we Learn, Together we Grow



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 – Caiden

Ako 1 – Te Taonga

Coming Up

Wednesday 1st July – Matariki Celebration 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Friday 3rd July – Last day of Term 2, school closes at 3pm

Monday 20th July – First Day of Term 3

Tuesday 4th August – Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:15pm – 7:15pm

Wednesday 5th August Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:15pm – 7:15pm



School Attendance

At this stage of the year, we are starting to see the impact of the cold weather and winter illness. Please make sure you let us know if your child is away from school using a phone call, text, or Skool Loop app. It is important that we know why your child is absent. We use the following codes

P = Present

D = approved appointment e.g. Doctor or Dentist

M = illness or medical

J = justified and approved

E = explained but not a justified reason

T = Truant – when we do not know why your child is not at school.



Late publication of our Week 10 Newsletter

I apologise for the delay in getting this newsletter out to our families, whānau and aiga, Friday was a challenging day for all of us with the extreme wind and rain and the loss of power.

At school we were managing a fallen gum tree which came down during the strong winds damaging part of our rear fence and blocking the walkway through Taine Park (the walkway behind school). We were able to keep our ākonga inside all day and away from the school playing field which ensured the safety of everyone at school. At the start of lunchtime we lost power, as did much of Taitā and Walter Nash. With a large number of our tamariki at Walter Nash the small number of ākonga and staff at school managed themselves very well, ensuring that our tamariki were safe and well cared for in the big classroom in our Kowhai and Pōhutukawa Blocks. However, without power we also had no heaters, phones or internet which we monitored closely to ensure everyone stayed safe, warm and dry.



School Fencing Replacement Project

We have been working with the Ministry of Education to replace some of the ageing wooden fences at the southern, western and northern boundaries of our kura. The new replacement wooden fences will also be higher (1.8m) than the current fences, which will ensure that our tamariki are safely contained within our school grounds.

On Monday 29th June Sole Landscapes will begin this work removing the 2 wooden fences beside our back gate in the basketball/netball court area. The worksite is completely fenced off and all contractors and their vehicles and equipment will be kept within the fenced off area. Temporary security fencing has been placed around the school to make sure that our school grounds are safe and secure while this work takes place.



Reporting to Parents Whānau Hui

Our Term 2 Whānau Hui “Reporting to Parents” was an opportunity for us to share the changes we are being asked to make in our school reports in line with the revised New Zealand Curriculum. This hui was a huge success thanks to your participation and support, your engagement and your feedback.

The evening started with our tamariki sharing some items from their HuttFest performance followed by whakawhanaungatanga as we sat together sharing kai.

A big thank you to Miss Powell, Miss Wright and Miss Kelly who took our tamariki and looked after them in Pōhutukawa Block – many tamariki engaged in games, drawing, playing and watching a movie. While their

- Our staff are currently completing assessments for their classes.
- We are starting to write the Mid-Year report for each ākonga.
- We expect to send out our Mid-Year Reports in Week 3 of Term 3.
- We will hold our Parent/Teacher Interviews during this week to talk with you about your child’s progress and achievement.

parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga worked with Matua Dylan, Miss Jameson, Mrs Colman, Merehana and myself.

Following our Whānau Hui I shared your feedback with our staff and the way that you engaged with this kaupapa, answering our patai/questions and giving us a clear mandate about what you value when we reporting to you about your tamaiti's learning and achievement.



Samoan Language Week Celebration Day

The 2026 theme for Samoa Language Week is "E afua mai i mauga tetele manuia o le 'nu'u - From the high mountains are the blessings of the village." Taitā Central School celebrated Samoan Language Week a week later than the official celebration so we could include aiga in our celebration.

On Monday 8th June with a flag raising ceremony and singing of the Samoan National Anthem. During the week our Pou Ārahi organised art activities in Pōhutukawa at morning tea and lunchtime for our tamariki.

Our celebration day on Friday 12th June started with our Samoan Assembly, then ākonga choosing Samoan activities offered by the teachers such as Graffiti/Pattern words "Samoa or Talofa." Making fales, *Samoan Ili (fans)*, *Samoan sei (flower) pastel art*, *Tattoo Art/Tatau*, *Collaborative Craft: Class Siapo (Tapa Cloth)* and *Paper Ula Pua (Flower Lei Garland)*. In the afternoon many ākonga participated in a game of *Lape*, or joined Miss Liko to learn the *Siva Samoa*.

We also enjoyed a shared lunch – thank you to all our aiga who brought food to share with us all.





Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.

You may hear your tamariki using these phrases at home. We are revisiting some familiar phrases and trying to extend our responses to the question – How are you?

The phrase for Week 9 & 10 is, *Kie te pehea koe? / How are you? – Kei te whakamā / I am embarrassed/shy/bashful.*



A message from our Board of Trustees

Tēnā koutou Taitā Central school whānau!

This week I would like to talk about the changes to our school reports, brought about by the change to curriculum and assessment standards.

The government has mandated a new system of assessment, and after this year, it will be mandatory for schools to report to parents against the new assessment standards.

On 10 June, our school held a whānau hui to meet and discuss the new reporting template. Thank you to all the whānau, aiga, families who could attend.

We found that there are sections of the report we can change, and sections we can't. As a school whānau, we are concerned that the new curriculum reporting standards won't reflect the truly positive progress our students are making with their learning. We talked about how we can highlight the written sections of the report so parents can feel confident their children are learning and improving, regardless of the black and white assessment framework provided by the government.

Parent / teacher interviews were identified as key touch points for parents. They carry a lot of weight with whānau, in terms of understanding how their children are doing in school.

From the board, I would like to thank our teaching staff for the thought and care they put into our children's reports every year. The personalised comments really speak to parents, and you're all so knowledgeable about each and every one of our children.

Ngā mihi nui, Katherine



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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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TAITĀ CENTRAL SCHOOL

MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Kia ora whānau! Join us as we welcome the Māori New Year together. Come celebrate with our school community, share some kai, and enjoy an afternoon showcasing the incredible talents of our tamariki.



DATE

Wednesday, 1st July 2026



TIME

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM



LOCATION

On the bank by the Whareroa
(Weather permitting)



**WHAT
TO BRING**

A mat or blanket to sit on, and some kai (food) to share and enjoy during the showcase.

♦♦ WHAT TO EXPECT ♦♦



Kapa Haka & Waiata

Beautiful, powerful performances by our talented school groups.



Special Plays

Theatrical stories of Matariki brought to life by our tamariki.



Matariki Art Exhibition

Stunning student displays and installations across all classrooms.



Wishing Wall

Add your aspirations for the year to our Hiwa-i-te-Rangi wall.

Nau mai, haere mai!

We look forward to sharing this special time as a school community.