



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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Term 2: Week 6
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Coming Events:

Term 2 Dates

Tues 3rd June – Bee Healthy Dental Van
Tues 10th June SC trip to Shona McFarlane
Thur 12th June – Y3–6 Dodgeball Tournament
Fri 13th June – Samoan Whānau Day
Tues 17th June - Kowhai Block Cross Country
Thur 19th June – Matariki Celebration and Breakfast
Fri 20th June – Matariki Holiday - School Closed
Wed 25th June - HuttFest Performance, time tbc

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 – Tēnā Koutou, Talofa, Malo e lele, Bula vinaka, Hello,



Taitā Central School Matariki Celebration 2025

Nau mai, haere mai ki te whānau of Te Hau e Whā – welcome to all whānau of Taitā Central School – we will be holding our Matariki celebration and breakfast on the grass area in front of the Whareroa/Hall on Thursday 19th June starting at 7:00am with Karakia, Mihi, Waiata, and a shared breakfast.

In class our tamariki will be creating Matariki Stars which they and their whānau will be able to add to the fire during our Matariki Breakfast - **please see the Matariki Celebration Notice that you tamaiti/child is bringing home.**

Creating our new School vision - Second Community Consultation

Thank you to all our families, whānau and aiga who took part in this consultation and returned your vision form – we have appreciated the feedback. We ended up with a couple of the vision statements being equally popular and have decided to combine them to make our new Taitā Central School vision – ***Standing strong together to enhance the mana of all learners.*** We believe that this vision fits well with our Mission statement and our whakatauki which signifies that we are all learners, and we are stronger when we stand together.

The winners of the spot prizes are the **Loseli whānau** who won the \$50 Petrol Voucher and the **Pene Whānau** who won the \$50 Queensgate voucher.

Important messages for Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and Aiga

- **Huttfest tickets** can only to be brought online.

☀️ Hutt Fest 2025 – Our Performance & Ticket Info ☀️

Kia ora e te whānau,

We're proud to announce that our Taitā Central School Hutt Fest rōpū will be performing on:

📅 Wednesday 25th June

🕒 6:30pm – 8:00pm (Evening Show 3)

Please scan the QR code below or follow the [shared link to get your tickets](#). Make sure to select **Show 3** for the Wednesday evening performance when booking.

📅 Tickets go live to the general public on Tuesday 20 May at Midday, so please get in fast to secure your seats and support our amazing tamariki!

📌 More information (e.g. what to wear, arrival times, etc.) will be sent out once we receive it.

Ngā mihi nui,
Merehana, Matua Dylan and Miss J

- **School Photos**, we are not sure when they will arrive at school, but as soon as they do we will hand them out to students
- If anyone needs a rain jacket, come and see Erin in the school office and she can give you a kidscan one
- **Nits** - if anyone needs any nit treatment or combs, see Erin at the school office she can give you some of this too.
- **The importance of being contactable throughout the day.** It is very important that the school is able to get in touch with parents and caregivers, whānau and aiga during the school day. We often need to ring someone because their child is unwell or has had an accident or injury, we need to let them know about. Please let us know if you have changed your contact details or phone number as we need to know that we can get in touch with someone as soon as possible



Request – please send a change of clothes for tamariki

Now that we are experiencing the full effects of winter we would like to ask parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga to please put in a change of clothes for their tamariki. We have had a number of children come to the school office with wet and /or muddy clothes recently from playing out on our school field, which is frequently wet and muddy due to the weather.



🌸 TALOFA! SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK CELEBRATIONS AT OUR TCS 🌸

Talofa lava whānau,

To celebrate Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa – Samoan Language Week, we are holding a full day of activities on **Friday, 13 June**, and we'd love you to come along and join us! We are celebrating a week later to allow for aiga to take part.

This year's theme celebrates the importance of language in preserving identity and culture. We look forward to sharing the beauty of Samoan culture through music, dance, language, games, and kai.

👤 Can you help us celebrate?

We warmly invite whānau to come along and celebrate with us. If you'd like to help on the day – whether it's running an activity, setting up displays, supporting the shared kai, or anything else – we'd love to hear from you. – **please see the Samoan Language Week Celebration Notice that you tamaiti/child is bringing home.**

Attendance, Engagement and Achievement

Thank you to the parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga that have been letting us know why your child is not at school. Understanding the reason why helps us to code the student's absence correctly rather than listing them as truant for the day.

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**.

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 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 5 & 6 across the school was **Whakawhanaungatanga / Te toa takitini / So'otaga** – we come together as one.

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

Our next assmby will be held on Friday 30th May at 10:00am in the Whareroa/Hall. Families, Whānau and aiga are always welcome.

Term 2 Week 4 Assembly - Thank you to Ako 3 and our hosts Vaiana, Paea, Niko and Kyle and visuals Shalom and Toby.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Palai & Koval

Ako 3: Sujith & Kyle

Ako 4: Marley & Casey-Jean

Ako 7: Manawa, Manasoni & Nyla

Ako Waru: Emma & Tyson

Ako Iwa: Rhys & Faith

Akomanga Māori: Koval (A1)

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 1: Panapa for always following the POWER Values and being an amazing role model to your peers and the rest of our school. You frequently produce high quality work and do your very best. I love how you help others and ask for help for yourself too.

Ako 3: Sia for sharing your enthusiasm and kindness with us all. You always try your best and help others out. You notice when people need help and offer yourself willingly.

Ako 4: Arieta for being a great role-model in Ako 4. You are OUTSTANDING.

Ako 7: Molly you always put so much mana and effort into everything you do at Taita Central. You are our star Akomanga Maori student, and you bring that into Hutt Fest as well-We are so grateful for your commitment to Tikanga Maori. Thank you Molly for being a star, ka mau te wehi!

Ako Waru: Layan for being a supportive friend and welcoming new students into our akomanga. Your kindness is always appreciated.

Ako Iwa: Genzyah-Reign Nau mai haere mai ki te kura! You are a great addition to Pohutukawa Whānau and fit in well. It is awesome to see you join in discussions and grow friendships! Ka mau te wehi

Staff Special Nomination: Nia-Grace (A9) for stepping up and showing your leadership during our Support Staff celebration.

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners: Molly (A7) Eva (A3) Tia (A4) Rhys (A8) Freja (A4) Samuel (A7) Ace (A1) Casey-Jean (A4) Emma (A8) Naayagi (A7) Tyson (A8) Iriana (A3)

Congratulations to our Tough Guy/Gal competitors: Bella, Nesta, Nia-Grace, Izzy, Emma, Eliana, Faith, Emperor, Indy, Irene & Sitina

Congratulations to our StepsWeb Award Winners: Jericho & Jacob (A7)

Congratulations to our Duffy Champion Reader: Naayagi (A7)

Mana Moments

Support Staff Celebrations

On Wednesday 21st May we gathered together in the quad to celebrate our amazing support staff with a special assembly where the tamariki presented them with cards and treats followed by a morning tea from all the staff.



Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

The Tough Guy and Gal Challenge is a fun and challenging mud run event designed for school students. It promotes resilience, perseverance, and teamwork as tamariki navigate a course filled with obstacles, mud pits, and natural terrain. We took 11 tamariki to the event, and they showed incredible teamwork and tenacity throughout the course. They represented our kura and their whānau with pride, embracing the challenge with enthusiasm and determination. It was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence and whanaungatanga through shared achievement and fun.



Football - Kowhai

On Friday, Kowhai team had a soccer tournament run by Tony from Little Dribblers. They were split into 8 teams; 4 boys and 4 girls who played short games of soccer against each other. They had lots of fun. We are very thankful for the opportunity of doing this and the sponsors who made this possible.

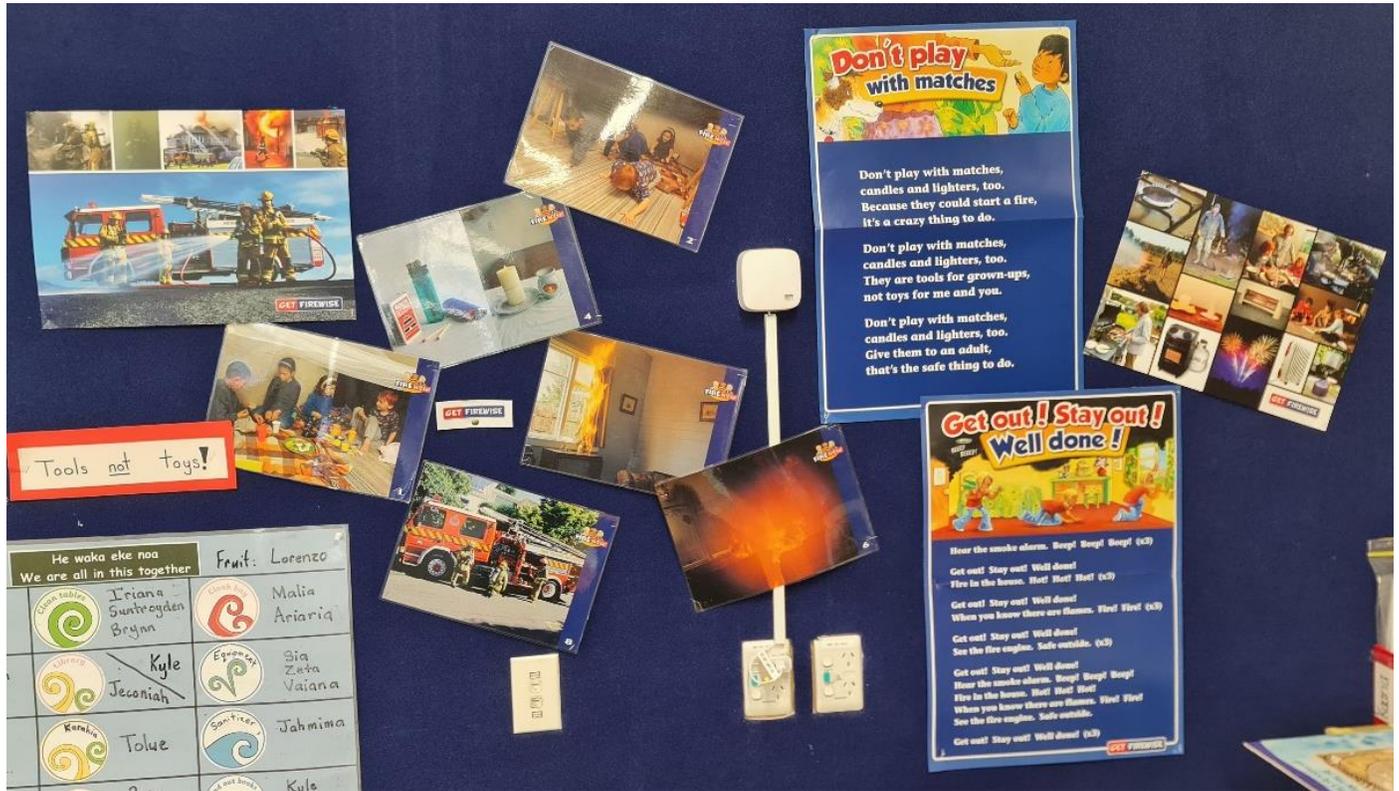


Firefighter Visit Kowhai

Jamie the Firefighter visited Kowhai team to check how well we were doing in taking on the safety practices needed to be safe in and around fires. He read us a story and we practiced going out if there was smoke. (under a black cloth). Jamie commented on how much the children knew about 'Being Firewise'.



Ako 3's Firewise classroom display. Ako 3 ākonga have been very interested in learning about the fire that burned down Taitā Central School in 1979.



Ako 1's Firewise display – this is only part of their display. If you get a chance pop in and check it out.



NZSO Ngā Tohu o te Taiao The Signs of Nature Schools' Concert

On Thursday 29th May our whole school travelled into the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington to participate in the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Ngā Tohu o te Taiao The Signs of Nature Schools' Concert.

Ngā mihi nui ki te The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, Conductor James Judd and our wonderful creatives: Marcus Winter aka "The Sandman", NZ composer Jeremy Mayall and NZSO Animateur Chris Lam Sam. The other gentleman in the photos is our new CEO Marc Feldman.

We would like to acknowledge the support and sponsorship we received from the NZSO to provide free tickets for us all and free buses to and from this event.



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 4 and 5** was ...*He āwhina māu / Do you want/need help? / I have a question* and **Week 6** is... *Māku koe e āwhina / I will help you.*

Community News



St Bernard's College

TE KURA TUARUA Ō HATO PERENARA

St Bernard's College is running an orientation half-day for year 6 or 8 boys who are considering enrolment at St Bernard's College next year.

Such a visit will provide the boys with a great opportunity to be introduced to their local Catholic college, to meet staff and experience hands-on activities in a number of our facilities. We will be asking parents to arrange transportation for their son from and to your school. Please call St Bernards School if you would like to book this in.

The session for students in state schools is scheduled for:

Wednesday 18 June

12.15pm to 2.30pm

Thursday 19 June

9.30am – 11.30am

Whakatauki

He toka tu moana ara he toa rongonui.

Your strength is like a rock that stands in raging waters.

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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