



• Taitā Central School Pānui • Term 1 Week 8 - 26th March 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 ākongā katoa."

Standing strong together – enhancing the mana of all learners

Mission

Ako tahi Tātou, Tipu tahi Tātou

Together we Learn, Together we Grow



Back-to-School Whānau Event

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: No new enrolments in the last 2 weeks.

Coming Up

Thursday 02 April – Last day of Term 1 – **School finishes at 3pm**

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday – **School Closed**

Monday 20th April – First day of Term 2 8:55am start

Friday 22nd May – Staff Only Day Maths PLD day for staff **School Closed**

Farewelling our Teacher Aide Sharon Walker

Sharon will be finishing working at Taitā Central School on Thursday 2nd April. Sharon is moving out of the area and will be working as a Teacher Aide at another school. Sharon has been an amazing member of our staff. She has put a lot of time and effort into the staff and students at Taitā Central School. We are all going to miss her a lot.

We will be having a Poroporaki/Farwell for Sharon next Tuesday 31st March at 2.15pm.

School Attendance

Our Term 1 attendance is looking good. At this stage we have 70% of our tamariki regularly attending school, we have 15% with irregular attendance, 7% with moderate absence and 7% who are chronically absent. These figures are better than 2025, but we still need to work on having our tamariki regularly attending school unless they are sick.

Safe Walking with Constable Blue

We have recently observed some of our tamariki running across the road when coming to or from school ,without looking when the school Road



Patrol has not been on duty. Our teachers in Kowhai Block thought it would be a good idea to ask Constable Blue to come and show our tamariki how to cross the road safely, they know that they need to **Stop, Look left and right and left again and listen before they cross the road**. Constable Blue also talked to the tamariki about Sneaky Driveways, where cars can be backing out when they are walking along the footpath.



Back-to-School Whānau Celebration

At our Back-to-School Whānau Celebration last Friday afternoon we were blessed with a lovely fine afternoon/evening. It was a wonderfully fun and energetic event, which was well attended by our tamariki, families, whānau and aiga.

As always, the Awesome Bounce inflatable was a huge hit with our tamariki and a few of our more courageous whānau, who were challenged to "Give it a go" by our ākongā. The free barbeque sausages and hash browns were very popular, and we sold out of juicies and ice pops - the money we raised from these will go towards our 2026 EOTC week and our 2027 Year 5 & 6 Camp.

We raised \$262.80 from selling juicies and ice pops. Thank you for supporting our tamariki and school.

We were also supported by the following members of our local community, Dayna Lindsay - Kaiwhakaako Hauora ā-Waha Oral Health Promoter for Bee Healthy, Paul Carline - Fire and Emergency NZ Advisor Community Readiness and Recovery, a display from the Te Whatu Ora Health NZ Public Health Service, Dan Harper and Mandi Lanceley from Awhi Attendance Services and 4 members of our local New Zealand Police Community Policing Officers.

Thank you to our Taitā Central School staff who helped us set up and support this event, making sure that everything ran smoothly and this event was a real success.





Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.

This year we are continuing to focus on using 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 for Week 8 & 9 is,

Week 8 & 9: Me pā he mea.../ Touch something that is ... (insert colour)

Me pā he mea ...
Touch something that is ... (insert colour)



Taitā Central School Ki-o rahi Tournament

Last Tuesday 17th March our kura/school hosted the Ki-o-rahi tournament to showcase their skills, connect with other schools, and celebrate kaupapa Māori through sport and movement.

Local Kāhui Ako schools, Koraunui, Tui Glen, Avalon Intermediate, as well as Te Ara Whanui Kura Kaupapa Māori, and some schools from Porirua participated in this event. The tournament was organised by Te Rua from Nuku Ora and had been planned for Term 4 2025, however weather conditions and ground availability meant we had to wait until this year to actually make it happen.

This event was an opportunity for our Pōhutukawa tamariki to get involved, have fun and display Manaakitanga and whakawhanaungatanga as they welcomed the manuhiri/visitors and showed our POWER values.

Ngā mihi to Matua Dylan and Nuku Ora for organising the day and all the whānau, aiga & families who came to support.



Te Rua Munro
Healthy Active Learning Facilitator

www.nukuora.org.nz





Taitā Central School Breakfast Club

We are looking for parent volunteers to help us run our school Breakfast Club on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8:00am until 9:00am. This includes setting up and cleaning up – Our Breakfast Club is open to tamariki from 8:15am until 8:45am. We have a roster of senior students who help in the mornings; however, they need supervision and support from an adult. If you are available to support us on one or both of these mornings please speak to Erin at the Office or email admin@taitacentral.school.nz

One of our Board members has set up a Give a Little Page to support our school Breakfast Club. The money raised from this page goes towards covering the cost of the bread, margarine, spreads and milo we offer on top of the free Weet-Bix, donated by Sanitarium, milk donated by Fonterra and some spreads, fruit and yogurt donated by KidsCan.

Help Us Feed Little Learners

A community effort to ensure every child at Taitā Central School starts the day with a healthy, nourishing breakfast.

https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-us-feed-little-learners?ref=home&ref_code=donation_feed

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Community News



Warm Pasifika greetings,

Welcome to the second issue of Matavai for 2026. As we journey together through Term 1, we hope your children are settling confidently into their early learning and school environments.

In the spirit of uplifting our Pacific communities and championing pathways

to success, this issue includes a range of scholarship and training opportunities to help our learners, families and educators to thrive.

As always, we bring you the latest education updates and highlight key Pasifika events taking place across the motu.

We look forward to sharing more uplifting and inspirational stories in the months ahead. If you have an education story, achievement or community celebration to share, we warmly invite you to contact us at matavai.newsletter@education.govt.nz.

Vinaka vakalevu

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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