



# 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!

**28 February 2025**  
**28 Huitānguru 2025**

**Number 3**  
**Toru**

**Term 1: Week 5**  
**Wāhanga 1: Wiki 5**

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## Coming Events:

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Movin' March starts  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – Taka Trust Bike Day  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Whānau Back to School Celebration  
Tue 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March – Y5 & 6 Camp  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Mar- BOT Meeting  
Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Community Responsibility Practice  
WREMO 4pm – 7pm

## 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,**

The start of the 2025 school year has been a busy time for our teachers as they gain an understanding of the new English and Maths Curriculums.

## Structured Literacy – Reading, Writing & Spelling

In our Junior School – Kowhai Block we have been using the Liz Kane little Learners Love Literacy Structured Literacy approach.

In our Senior School Pohutukawa Block our Year 4, 5 & 6 teachers will be participating in PLD (Professional Learning & Development) in the Ideal Structured Literacy approach.

## Structured Mathematics

In our Junior School - Kowhai Block are working with the Maths No Problem Ministry of Education Maths resources, our new Teacher Guides and student workbooks have arrived.

In our Senior School – Pohutukawa Block are working with Pr1me Maths and the Ministry of Education Maths resources, Teacher Guides and student workbooks have arrived.

Our teachers are working hard to upskill themselves in the Structured Mathematics learning approaches, and implement the guided group work, independent work and the maths workbook tasks within their classroom programmes.

**Attendance, Engagement and Achievement – the following are statements from our Schools Attendance Policy and Attendance procedures Policy.**

## Student Attendance Policy

At Taita Central School, our attendance procedures ensure students are accounted for during school hours and activities as well as emergency events. This allows school staff to identify and respond to

student attendance concerns. We recognise the importance of regular attendance to support student welfare and help students achieve their educational potential.

### **Parent/Guardian and student responsibilities**

Parents and guardians have legal obligations to ensure their children attend school (Education and Training Act, s 244). We expect parents/guardians to:

- notify the school as soon as possible if their child is going to be late or absent
- arrange appointments and trips outside school hours or during school holidays where possible
- work with the school to manage attendance concerns.

### **Attendance Procedures Policy**

Taita Central School has procedures to record and monitor attendance, and to identify and follow up concerns. We share attendance expectations with students and their parents/caregivers, and staff are responsible for reminding students of these expectations.

#### **Monitoring attendance**

The school office receives attendance information from classroom teachers and/or relievers, itinerant, or specialist teachers, and is responsible for checking and updating attendance information (e.g. due to students arriving late or going home early). Office staff follow up absences, monitor for changes or trends in student attendance, and coordinate with relevant staff as needed.

Staff are encouraged to report any attendance concerns to the principal.

The Ministry of Education collects attendance data from the school, including:

- the proportion of students who attend regularly
- students with five or more full days of unjustified absence in a term
- absences remaining unexplained at the end of each week.

#### **Student absences**

Parents/Caregivers are expected to notify the school as soon as possible (before or during the school day) if their child will be absent. A reason for absence must be provided no later than the end of the school week. Taita Central School will contact parents/caregivers directly if no explanation is provided for student absence.

#### **School Policies – Schooldocs**

Our school policies are available to all parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga to view and also to participate in their reviews.

##### **All reviewers**

1. Visit the website <https://taitacentral.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (taitacentral) and password (power).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

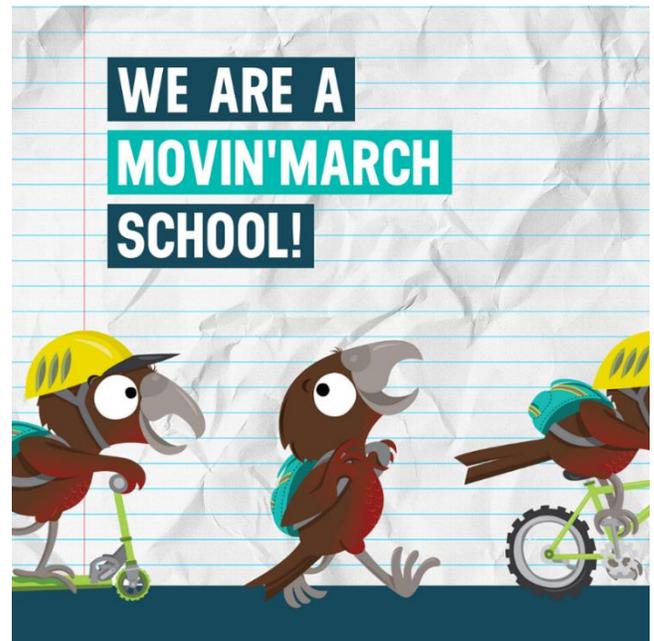
#### **Movin' March 2025**

**Ka hīkoj, ka wīra rānei hei whakaatu i tā mātou atawhai ki te taiao / We walk or wheel to show our care for te taiao**

This year the Movin' March theme is **Te Taiao!** Te Taiao is the natural world that contains and surrounds us – the land, water climate and living. It refers to the interconnection of people and nature.

Tamariki keep telling us that looking after te taiao is one of the big reasons they love Movin' March. Of course, it can still tie in excellently with wellbeing or relationship learning too. Through walking and wheeling whānau:

- keep the air clean and healthy
- put less greenhouse gases into the air
- take time to connect with and be in te taiao



**Whānau Back to School celebration – Friday 14th March 3:00pm – 6:00pm**

We are inviting all our ākonga/students and their families, whānau and aiga to join us at school for an active, fun afternoon at our Back to School Celebration.

This will be a great opportunity to informally meet and chat with your tamaiti/child's teacher and catch up with friends and family.

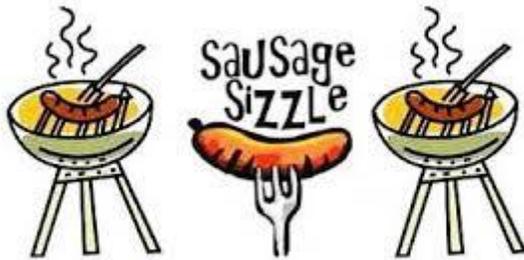
We hope that all our ākonga/students and at least one person from their family, whānau, aiga will be able to attend for some part of this celebration.

We have support from local organisations and agencies again this year, some of the local sports groups such as the Avalon Wolves Rugby Club, the Hutt Valley District Health Board (HVDHB), Public Health Nurse health information, Nuku Ora Active Healthy Learning will be there running some games and play activities. We also have the local Fire and Emergency crew there from 3:00pm until 4:30pm and Awesome Bounce will again be supplying a 16m inflatable obstacle course.





The BBQ will be up and running, offering a free sausage sizzle, there will also be Vegetarian and Halal options available too. There will be frozen Juicies for sale.



## 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: Welcome to Taita Central School, Tolue Ako 3, Manasoni Ako 7, Tepaula Ako 9 and Dilan 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 <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 3 & 4 across the school is **Outstanding / Kei runga noa atu! / Matua silisili ona lelei - always being the best that you can be.**

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

**Assembly – Week 4.** Thank you to Kowhai Block and our hosts Vaiana, Skye, Iriana and Mason and visuals Bella and Anaiya-Rose.

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

**Ako 1:** Tarusila, Ralene & Chaze

**Ako 3:** Neerev & Malia-Rosa

**Ako 4:** Freja & Sioeli

**Ako 7:** Eduard & Taione

**Ako Waru & Iwa:** Tuiariki, Talia, Elisefou & Michael

**Akomanga Māori:** Carlos (A7)

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

**Ako 1:** Jeconiah for showing whakawhanaungatanga in Ako 1 and supporting the other tamariki. Ka mau te wehi!

**Ako 3:** Finn for showing great focus on your own learning and challenging yourself. It is also a pleasure to see you support other learners in Ako 3.

**Ako 4:** Alex for participating in all class activities throughout the day. Well done Alex

**Ako 7:** Naayagi for always showing the POWER Values in class, and making the best choices for your learning. Tino pai rawa tō mahi - Great work!

**Ako Waru:** Tyson for persevering with your work. Working well in a teacher guided group and completing your work tasks.

**Ako Iwa:** Faith for working hard in Ako Iwa and showing whakawhanaungatanga by helping others. Ka mau te wehi!

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

Faeteete (A9) Ace (A1) Bella (A8) Acaexia (A8) Eva (A3) Molly (A7) Finn (A3) Naayagi (A7) Paea (A3) Phoenix (A7)

## Mana Moments



### **BREADMAKING WITH AKO 7**

Mehi: When we made the bread we used yeast and flour. First we had to put the water in a bowl with the yeast, and then the yeast was activated.

Lama: Then we put the water in the flour and kneaded it with our hands. It felt like clay.

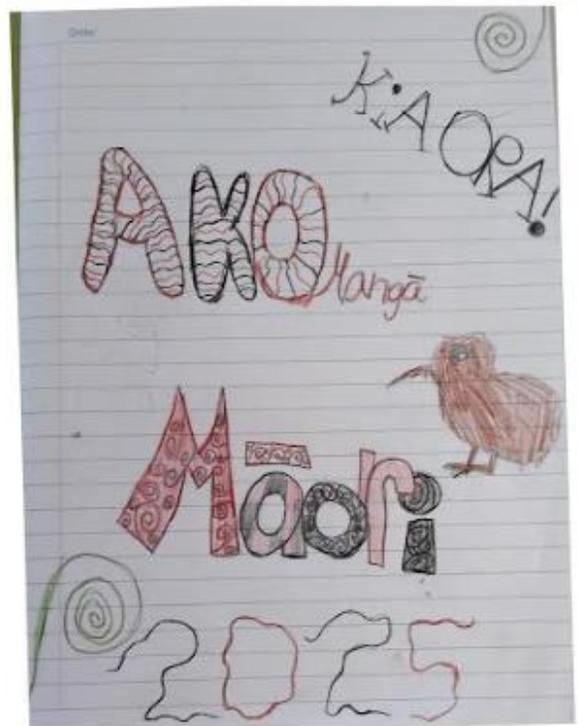
Nyla: We put the dough back in the bowl, and put it in the sun for the yeast to eat all the sugar.

Naayagi: The dough rose up and then we kneaded the dough. Then we rolled it up into a ball and put it on a tray in the oven. Once it was done we ate it!



## Akomanga Māori

Pohutukawa Akomanga Māori 2025 has started off on an amazing note. All our tamariki are very engaged and focused on their mahi.





**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 and all our Kaiako/teachers and Kaiawhina/Support staff are trying to make sure we use throughout the week. You may hear your tamariki using these phrases at home.

**The phrase we are using in Week 4 is, *Tuhia tō ingoa* – (Write your name)**

**The phrase we are using in Week 5 is *‘Tuhia te rā’* (Write the date)**

**Whakatauki**

***Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei***

Pursue excellence – should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain

(This whakatauki challenges us to pursue our dreams/our goals. It asks us to persevere through adversity and only bow our heads if the obstacle is truly great.)

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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