



# 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 March 2025**  
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**Number 5**  
**Rima**

**Term 1: Week 9**  
**Wāhanga 1: Wiki 9**

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## Coming Events:

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Apr – Study Centre trip to Shona McFarlane Retirement Village

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Apr – Duffy Role Model Assembly

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Apr – Last day of Term 1

## Term 2 Dates

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April – Term 2 starts

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> May – Teacher Only Day – **School Closed**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun – Kings Birthday – **School Closed**

Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Jun – Y3 – 6 Dodgeball Tournament

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June – Matariki Holiday - **School Closed**

**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,**

## Year 5 & 6 Camp Brookfield, Wainuiomata

During week 8 our Year 5 & 6 ākonga attended their school camp at Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre in Wainuiomata. Every 2 years our staff and board organise this EOTC Camp experience for our Year 5 & 6 ākonga Which builds confidence and resilience through participation in challenging activities. They were given multiple opportunities to develop their leadership skills and build their understanding of what they can achieve when they apply themselves.

Camp pushes children out of their comfort zone and exposes them to new activities and experiences that they may not be familiar with. Our ākonga were able to take risks and overcome their fears during activities such as kayaking and abseiling and trying out different things which may eventually lead to new hobbies or passions. Many of our ākonga overcame individual challenges through these activities and strengthen their bond as a class.

During camp we make links to the Health and Physical Education in the New Zealand Curriculum:

- To develop understandings and skills related to outdoor education, including those specific to mental health, food, nutrition, body care and physical safety.
- Students need to: apply knowledge and understanding about safety in the context of the outdoors; develop personal skills in the context of the outdoors; take positive action, individually or collectively, in the context of the outdoors.

Our ākonga also had an opportunity to show Manaakitanga and Whakawhanaungatanga while visiting Brookfield. They engaged in a range of different activities and experiences including helping prepare meals, prepare entertainment for the whānau concert, care for their cabin space, clean up the camp and buildings before leaving camp at the end of the week.

Preparing for camp is a long and involved process which involved the following people; Matua Dylan, Miss Kelly, Merehana, Nada, Conor, Erin, our school Board of Trustees and our incredible Parent Volunteers, Damian Kissick, Kelly Lia, Sasha Burns who were essential to the success of this years camp.



### Attendance, Engagement and Achievement

We know that autumn has started to bring its crisp mornings, and winter is not far away with all its chills, bugs and colds. Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky at times. Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora have refreshed their guidance for schools and parents to use to help make that call. Check out the Ministry of Health [Knowing if a child is well enough to be at school – Te Whatu Ora](#) for more information.

If you are still unsure, get in touch with us.

At our school we have strong processes and hygiene practices in place to make sure our school environment is as healthy as possible for our students and our staff.

## 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: Dawson Ako 9.

	<b>P</b>	Perseverance / <i>Whakapau Kaha / Onosa'i</i> - give it a go and keep trying, even when it gets hard.
	<b>O</b>	Outstanding / <i>Kei runga noa atu! / Matua <u>silisili</u> ona lelei</i> - always being the best that you can be.
	<b>W</b>	Whakawhanaungatanga / <i>Te toa takitini / So'otaga</i> - we come together as one.
	<b>E</b>	Empathy / <i>Aroha - Ngākau aroha / Lagona Alofa</i> - trying to understand how others feel.
	<b>R</b>	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 is **Empathy / Aroha – Ngākau aroha / Lagona Alofa – trying to understand how others feel**, and our values focus for weeks 9, 10 & 11 will be **Respect / Kiritau – Whakamana – Whakaute / Fa'aaloalo – treating others how you would like to be treated**. The New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.

**Assembly. We did not have an assembly in Week 8 due to our Year 5 & 6 Camp and Kowhai Block + Ako 7 Fun Dress Up Day.**

**Assembly – Week 9.** Thank you to our hosts Ahrie, Freja and Arieta and visuals Nia-Grace and Bella.

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

**Ako 1:** Praise & Zion

**Ako 3:** Tolué & Kina

**Ako 4:** Freja & Leon

**Ako 7:** Jacob & Manasoni

**Ako Waru & Iwa:** Acaexia, Sthelin, Talia & Dawson

**Akomanga Māori:** Skye, Phoenix & Emperor

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

**Ako 1:** Mirai for showing the POWER Values particularly Outstanding. You take such pride in all your work and produce well-thought, quality work. I am very proud of you! Keep up the great work. Ka Mahi.

**Ako 3:** Vaiana for always approaching your work with a positive attitude and asking good questions when you are unsure. I love how focused on your learning goals you are.

**Ako 7:** Manawa for doing your best in all your learning. Manawa you have Perseverance, and Resilience. You should feel very proud of the consistent effort you put into your learning.

Tino pai rawa tō mahi - Great work!

**Ako Iwa:** Noah for always showing the POWER Values no matter what is happening! You are such a great role model at Taita Central School.

**Ako 4:** Arieta for giving everything a go, doing her best and being a great friend in Ako 4.

**Ako Waru:** Emma for being a happy and positive member of our class and looking after your friends.

**Special Nomination:** Carmelita (A7) you are one of the kindest, most Empathetic young people I know. You show Kindness, Caring, Support, and Helpfulness to all. Always be Proud to be YOU.

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

Paea (A3) Chaze (A1) Victoria (A9) Brynn (A3) Bryce (A7) Emperor (A9) Ahrie (A4) Suntroyden (A1) Faith (A1) Niko (A3)

**Congratulations to our Pathway to Leadership Award Winners:** Ako 7 for stepping up and taking on the leadership roles of Road Patrol and Fruit Buckets while our Year 5 & 6 ākonga were away at camp. You did these responsibilities with enthusiasm and a smile. What great role models you are for our school.



**Duffy Theatre for Schools**

On Monday, we got to watch the Duffy Theatre show. Thank you for coming to perform for us.

Ngā mihi to Nia-Grace, Izzy and Bella who did their mihi's and welcomed our visitors to our kura.



**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 are using in Weeks 10 and 11 are ...Kei te haere koe ki hea? / Where are you going? And Noho mai / Stay here.**

**Whakatauki**  
**Ki te kāpuia e kore e whati**  
**we succeed together**

Ngā mihi maioha - warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff

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