



• Taitā Central School Pānui • Term 2 Week 4 - 14th May 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



Coming Up

Friday 15 May - Wednesday 3 June – Bee Healthy Dental Van at school

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

Tuesday 26 May – Kowhai Block walk around Taitā Shops

Tuesday 26 May – Keeping Ourselves Safe - Parent Information Session

Thursday 18 June – Kowhai Block Cross Country 1.30pm till 3pm

Monday 1 June – Kings Birthday Holiday **School Closed**

Wednesday 3 June – School Photos

Thursday 4 June – Kowhai Block Football Tournament - Little Dribblers



School Attendance

I have been looking at our school attendance by akomanga/class at the start of this term. You can see how your child's class is tracking here.

Term 2	First	Second	Third
Week 1	Ako 8 89.6% present	Ako 7 86.3% present	Ako 9 83.6% present
Week 2	Ako 9 96.2% present	Ako 8 93.9% present	Ako 3 93.4% present
Week 3	Ako 8 98.4% present	Ako 9 96% present	Ako 7 92.8% present
Week 4	Ako 3 96.4% present	Ako 1 94.4% present	Ako 7 94.2% present



Celebrating our tamariki who were at school between 95% and 100% during Term 1 2026.



Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme



During Term 2 our Kowhai and Pōhutukawa Block ākonga will be participating in the **Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme**. This is a comprehensive child abuse prevention programme for schools.

Its purpose is to:

- teach students a range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with other people, both online and face to face
- teach students how to recognise the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and encourage students who have been or are being abused to seek help
- prevent abuse by making parents and teachers more aware of their responsibilities to help students avoid abuse.

Our School Community Officer 'Blue' McCaffrey will be coming to run a **Parent Information Session on Tuesday 26th May in our Whareroa/Hall from 2:00pm – 3:00pm**. He will explain the programme in more detail and answer any questions you may have

Pou Ārahi

Our Pou Ārahi are the Year 6 leaders of Taitā Central School — ākonga who guide, support, and uplift others. A pou is a post that holds up a structure, and our Pou Ārahi do the same for our kura by helping uphold our culture, values, and wairua.

A Pou Ārahi is a leader who demonstrates our POWER values every day and leads with mana, ensuring that everyone in our school community feels valued and supported. They step up to help with assemblies, events, and daily responsibilities, and they act as positive role models for younger students.

To become a Pou Ārahi, these students showed consistent leadership, positive behaviour, and a strong

commitment to serving others. They took part in a leadership application process and demonstrated that they could be trusted to represent our kura with pride, kindness, and integrity.



The Karearea Badge – The karearea reminds our leaders to stay sharp, be courageous, and rise above challenges. Like the Karearea, a Pou Ārahi maintains a clear vision and acts with decisive strength to protect and guide their whānau and kura.

SYMBOL OF EXCELLENCE



POU ĀRAHI 2026

FA'AMAGO ENOSA

Fa'amago is a positive, respectful leader who tries his best in everything he does. He shows empathy by checking on younger students and inviting them to play. He leads by example in assembly and helps clean up without being asked.



POU ĀRAHI 2026

NOAH BURNS-TUPU

Noah is a kind, gentle leader who shows all of our POWER values. He supports younger students and helps at home without being asked. Noah leads with honesty, respect, and a big heart for others.



POU ĀRAHI 2026

TAIRONGO PETTERSON-HAPE

Tairongo is a mature and thoughtful leader who treats others the way he wants to be treated. He perseveres through challenges and stay calm. His dream of creating safe spaces for students shows his natural leadership.



POU ĀRAHI 2026

ESHA NAIDU

Esha is an outstanding role model who always tries her best. She shows empathy by listening carefully and using her manners. Esha leads with respect, kindness, and a strong sense of responsibility.



POU ĀRAHI 2026

JAHZIAH WAIWIRI-MILNER

Jahziah is a caring and reliable leader who looks out for others. He notices when someone is upset and lets an adult know. He leads by example in the playground and assembly.



POU ĀRAHI 2026

KATNISSÉ RANA

Katnissé is a respectful and hardworking leader who always tries to do the right thing. She comforts younger students and listens carefully. Her positive attitude makes her a strong role model.



POU ĀRAHI 2026

JAELAH-ROSE RAPIRA

Jaelah-Rose is a caring and thoughtful leader who always looks out for others. She shows empathy by comforting classmates when they're upset and demonstrates respect by listening, using manners, and helping without being asked.



POU ĀRAHI 2026

INDIANA RICHARDS

Indiana is a supportive and encouraging leader who brings calm and confidence to others. She shows empathy by comforting younger students and perseverance by hyping herself up and never giving up. Indiana leads by example.



POU ĀRAHI 2026

NIA-GRACE JENKINS-KOLIO

Nia-Grace is a respectful and caring leader who always considers others' feelings. She shows empathy at home and school, shares generously, and includes everyone. Her perseverance in learning makes her a strong role model.



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 1 & 2 is,

Kia hia ngā... ? / How many...? (when counting objects/things) / Tokohia ngā...? / How many...? (when counting people).



A message from our Board of Trustees

Tēnā koutou Taitā central school whānau!

The school board of trustees met on Monday 11th of May, and I became conscious of how MUCH STUFF is going on for our school and staff, and that our community is probably not aware of much of it.

You will all have a front row seat to the care and attention our teachers and teacher aides give to teaching our children every day. On top of that full time mahi, staff are juggling:

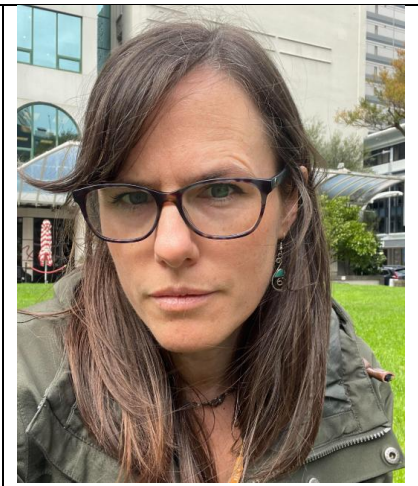
- PLD - professional learning development
- School refurbishment and upgrade
- Connecting with the community and Kāhui Ako
- Planning and practicing for Hutt fest (thank you to our parent volunteers, we love you!)
- Implementing the new curriculum
- Investigating the new assessment platform
- Considering the integration of the new assessment platform into our reporting tools
- Reviewing additional funding options (for a whole bunch of things) and preparing applications

... I could go on, but I'll stop here (for now!)

On top of managing and coordinating all this, our principal Whaea Shell is also teaching this term. On behalf of the board, I would like to say a huge thank you to Whaea Shell for your dedication to our tamariki and the school. We really appreciate your hard work, care, and consideration.

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update via the newsletter on some of the background stuff going on at our school. It's all important mahi, and I am so proud to be part of a school community that cares so deeply for our children and their future.

Ngā mihi nui,
Katherine



Community News

You are invited to a free concert being held in our region next Friday night 22 May 7pm at the Walter Nash Centre.

First class entertainment .. orchestra, choir and Holly Smith ... it doesn't get better than that!

See ya there

Naomi Shaw MNZM

Kaikaunihera ki Te Raki | Northern Ward Councillor

A promotional poster for a concert. The background is a light teal color. On the right side, there is a profile of a woman with dark hair adorned with a large, colorful floral headpiece. She has intricate Maori-style tattoos on her shoulder. The text on the poster includes: 'ORCHESTRA WELLINGTON' in the top left, 'SYMPHONY IN THE HUTT' in large white letters across the middle, 'FREE' in large white letters below that, and 'FRIDAY 22 MAY 7PM WALTER NASH CENTRE' at the bottom left. On the right, a teal circle contains the text 'WITH HOLLIE SMITH AND SIGNATURE CHOIR'. At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'HUTT CITY' and 'WALTER NASH CENTRE'.



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
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