



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 4
Wāhanga 2: Wiki 4

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Coming Events:

Term 2 Dates

Mon 26 May - Firefighters visiting Kowhai Block

Thu 29 May - NZSO - Whole school

Mon 02 Jun – Kings Birthday – School Closed

Tue 02 Jun – Bee Healthy Dental Van

Tue 10 Jun - SC trip to Shona McFarlane

Thu 12 Jun - Y3–6 Dodgeball Tournament

Fri 13 Jun – Samoan Whānau Day

Tue 17 Jun - Kowhai Block Cross Country

Thu 19 Jun - Matariki Breakfast

Fri 20 Jun – Matariki Holiday - School Closed

Wed 25 Jun - HuttFest Performance -

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,

This year I have been participating in the Springboard Trust Strategic Leadership for Principal's Programme.

"Springboard Trust is a unique charitable trust working in the New Zealand education sector to help school leaders enhance their strategic leadership capability. Our work stems from the fundamental premise that effective strategic leadership not only enables positive change in schools but also assists in improving student outcomes."

This programme provides me with an opportunity to work with a knowledgeable groups of local principals and leaders in the business sector. Since the start of 2025 I have been working with the staff and Board, we have been reviewing our school vision and starting to create our Strategic Goals for 2026 – 2028. Through consultation with our school community at events such as the Whānau Back to School night and through the notice that came home on Monday we will consult with our community and create a powerful vision for our school.

First Community Consultation - during our Whānau Back to School night Term 1

The spot prize winner of our \$50 Countdown voucher for responding to the vision consultation at our Whānau Back to School night was Sasha Burns.

Second Community Consultation - Taitā Central School - Creating our new School vision notice

If you would like to go into our second spot prize draw (\$50 Queensgate voucher or \$50 Petrol Voucher) please make sure you return the **Taitā Central School - Creating our new School vision notice** to the school office by **Friday 23rd May**.

Attendance, Engagement and Achievement – see email attachment for a copy of the Flow chart

We have put together a one-page **STAR Attendance Flow Chart for Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and Aiga** which outlines our important messages about working in partnership with parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga to help make sure your tamaiti/child attends school regularly and what Action and support may be needed.

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, Tia Ako 4, Lily-Ann Ako 7, Genzyah-Reign Ako 9.

	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 3 & 4 across the school was **Outstanding / Kei runga noa atu! / Matua silisili ona lelei** – always be the best that you can be.

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

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

Term 2 Week 2 Assembly - Thank you to Pohutukawa Block and our hosts Nia-Grace, Bella, Izzy and Irene and visuals Toby, Jacob and Jahziah.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Jackson & Zavier

Ako 3: Niko & Ariaria

Ako 4: Arieta, Casey-Jean & Marley

Ako 7: Bryce, Nyla, Mani & Arwen

Ako Waru: Fa'amago & Ata

Ako Iwa: Katnisse & Emperor

Akomanga Māori: Zion & Jahziah

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 1: Amara this term you have become a focussed learner that tries your best and supports others. You ask great questions, seek help from your teacher and peers and show resilience. Keep up the hard mahi!

Ako 3: Tolue for being a positive hard worker. You try everything and are learning things fast. It is great to see you persevere.

Ako 4: Alex for an amazing start to Term 2. Persevering with your work, sharing your ideas and being brave enough to do jobs for the teachers.

Ako 7: Prezz it has been so wonderful to see you come back to school this term with such enthusiasm. You apply 110% effort to everything you do, and you are growing in confidence every day. Well done Prezz!

Ako Waru: Jahziah for getting out of your comfort zone and trying lots of new things. Your growing confidence is amazing to watch.

Ako Iwa: Victoria you show care, whakawhanaungatanga and aroha to all of the tangata that come into our whānau, Thank you for everything you do to make our whānau great!

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Award Winners:

Vaiana (A3) Chaze (A1) Trinhah (A1) Mani (A7) Alex (A4) Taione (A7) Freja (A4) Faith (A1) Zeta (A3) Zavier (A1)

Mana Moments

Study Centre trip to Shona McFarlane Rest Home

Study centre went on a trip to Shona McFarlane. We walked there. We saw lots of residents there. We played dots and boxes, find the items and a dice game. The person I played with was a woman. She was really nice. I had lots of fun. At the end they gave us cards and chocolates.

By Naayagi

Yesterday Study Centre went to Shona McFarlane. We played Dots and Boxes against the Residents. Then we got to do a dice game. We sang Ka Pioioi E. My favourite game was Find the Items. Whaea Shell came with us and we walked there. At the end we got chocolate. I liked Robert, he was funny.

By Phoenix

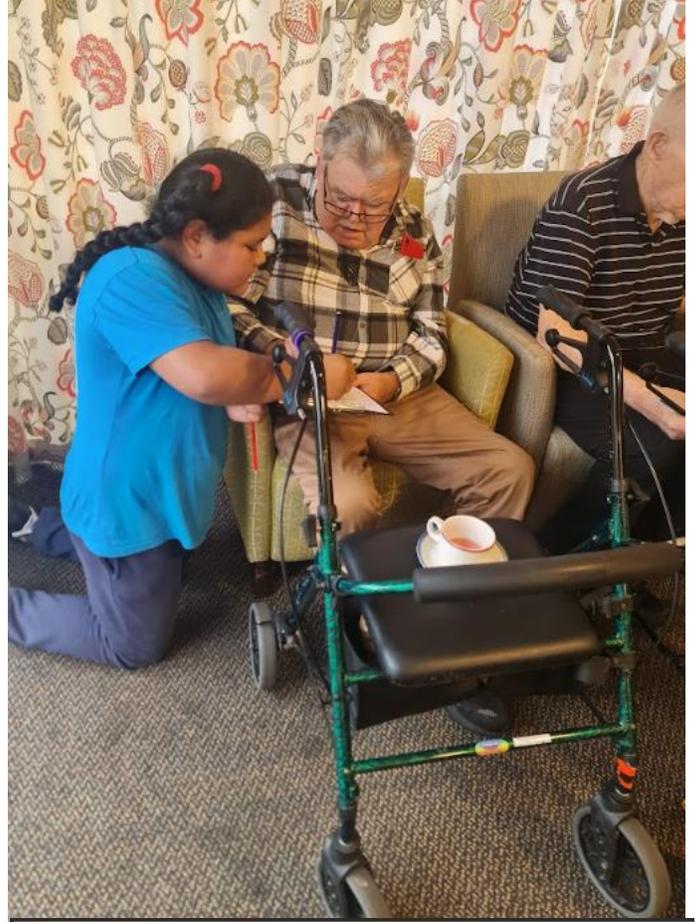
Study Centre went to Shona McFarlane again. When we got there we sang Ka Pioioi e to the residents. Talia stood up to explain how to play dots and boxes then we played with the residents. I versed Bob, he was funny and kind. Then we played other games like find the items and dice game. At the end the residents made us thank you cards and gave us chocolates.

By Faith

On Tuesday 13th of May (yesterday) we went to Shona McFarlane. Study Centre and Whaea Shell went there. We all walked to the retirement home (Shona McFarlane). When we got there, we sang Ka pioioi e then we were going to play dots and boxes. So Talia explained how to play. I played dots and boxes with a woman named Judy (she won). Afterwards I played find the object with Roger and we found all the objects. Then I got this questionnaire. So I basically have to ask a resident some questions. I chose Pam (she was awesome). We also got to play the dice game but I didn't play. At the end Elisefou thanked them. Afterwards they gave us cards and chocolate. When we got back we got some ice blocks from Whaea (Thank you Whaea Shell) 😊

By Layan





Ako Waru and Ako Iwa trip to te Papa – Wednesday 14th May

Last Wednesday, Ako Waru and Ako Iwa had a trip to Te Papa where we learnt more about Matariki. Ngā mihi nui to our parent helpers who came today to help out.



HUTTFEST:

A reminder that we are having our HuttFest practices every Wednesday and Friday 2-2.45pm in the Whareroa.

If you are available to help, we would love to see you there.

The Parent permission/declaration Forms are coming home today. Please sign and return asap.



Drumming Workshop – Thursday 15th May

Miss J organised for Ricky and Haley to come and take some drumming lessons with our tamariki. They had heaps of fun making some beats.

Wow, what an incredible music lesson the level of ākonga/student engagement and excitement was something we could all see, feel and hear throughout the Kura/School. Whaea Shell 😊

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Miss J for organising this for our Kura/School and also to Ricky and Haley for their time, energy, skill and patience while working with all our tamariki.



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 3 was ...He pātai tāku / I have a question and Week 4 Pātai mai / ask me your question.

Community News

Bee Healthy Dental Van will be onsite at Taitā Central School from Monday 3rd June until Thursday 19th June.



FREE Dental Checks!

Taita Central

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be parked at your school in term 2 from 3rd to 19th of June. Once seen, your child will be given a completion certificate which will inform you of what happens next.

Please search your child's school bag for one of the following:

- Your child requires no further appointments this year
- Your child needs an appointment at your local Dental hub for further care.

Your local Hub clinic is: **Naenae**

If your child is **not** enrolled in the service please scan the QR code below to complete the enrolment form:



To update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)** or scan the QR code below:



If you have pre-school aged children please call us to arrange an appointment for their annual dental checkup at the Dental Hub.

To book or reschedule an appointment, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)**.

Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt
www.beehealthy.org.nz | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)



Whakatauki

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 / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff

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STAR Attendance Flowchart for Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and Aiga

IMPORTANT Messages:

- Regular attendance is important for your tamaiti/child's learning and well-being.
- Open and honest communication with our Kura/School is important and valued.
- Support is available, please speak to your tamaiti/child's teacher or Whaea Shell, if you need support to get your tamaiti/child to school regularly.

