



• Taitā Central School Pānui • Term 2 Week 6 - 28th 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

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

Wednesday 3rd June – School Photos 8.55am make sure you are on-time!

Thursday 4th June – Kowhai Block Football Tournament - Little Dribblers

Wednesday 10th June – Whānau Hui – Reporting to Parents

Thursday 18th June – Kowhai Block Cross Country



WHĀNAU HUI



WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2026

5:00PM - 7:00PM

REPORTING TO PARENTS

KEY CHANGES FOR 2026



Whānau Hui

Our staff and I would like to invite all our parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga to our important **Term 2 Whānau Hui on Wednesday 10th June from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** where we will share with you the regulatory requirements to Reporting to Parents, and the governments push for standardisation through their expected practice.

Kia ora e tu Whānau,

While writing this week's newsletter I am sitting in a hotel room in Auckland participating in the Rural and Teaching Principal's Conference, which I am able to attend through the generosity and sponsorship of the Hutt Valley and Wellington NZEI Branches.

The conference theme is ... **“opening gateways, Expanding Horizons: Rural and small school leadership shaping tomorrow”** a key note speaker reframes rural and small school principals as **‘super navigators’** leading people and communities through times of uncertainty with steadiness, courage and connection.

In this time of rapid educational change impacting our New Zealand Curriculum and the way we are being asked to Assess our tamariki and Report to Parents – we need to be fearless and to hold fast to the following beliefs;

That our ākongā

- *know who they are*
- *know where they come from*
- *know where they belong,*
- *develop an understanding of the world around them*
- *have opportunities to gain knowledge about the natural world, Aotearoa New Zealand History and the arts, as well as literacy and numeracy*
- *reflect the values and beliefs of their tupuna/ancestors,*
- *stand strong in their identity and build a strong sense of belonging to our kura, our local community and continue to create powerful connections*

Our staff, our whānau, aiga, and community know what is important for our tamariki to learn and how to support them to achieve the best outcomes.

Having the opportunity to attend this type of conference is a valuable professional learning opportunity and a chance to make connections with other principal's around New Zealand who lead and teach in small schools.

School Attendance

At this stage of the year, we are starting to see the impact of the winter illnesses on our tamariki. We ask that parents, caregivers, whānau & aiga make decisions about the health and wellbeing of their tamariki and keep them home from school when they are unwell. However, it is essential that you ring or text and let us know **WHY** your tamaiti/child is not at school otherwise the absence must be recorded as **TRUANT!**

School Photos

School photos are on **Wednesday 03 June**. Please make sure your child is at school on-time to ensure they don't miss out on having their photo taken. To order place cash in the envelope, fill the details out and bring it in to the office or you can order online using the following link.

<https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=FVGLWV7E>

We don't have eftpos in the office. Family photos must be pre-ordered before photo day to ensure the photo is taken. You can order online or get an envelope from the office. All students at school that day will have a photo taken and bring home an internet access key to enable online viewing of the



photos and to allow online ordering after photo day for those who have not pre-ordered.

Kowhai Block walk to Taitā Shops

On Tuesday 26th May the tamariki and staff from Kowhai Block walked to Taitā shops to look at our local environment. This trip was part of our Term 2 Community Topic. We will explore the changes that have taken place in Taitā, the history of our local area and how we can contribute to continuing to grow and support our local community.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to the many parents, caregivers and whānau who were able to support us and who joined us on this trip.





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 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 7 & 8 is, *Kia pai mai hoki! That's fantastic!*



A message from our Board of Trustees

Tēnā koutou Taitā Central School whānau!

This week I would like to talk a bit about some of the property work our principal is coordinating for us:

- Replacement of the back fence
- Redesign of our classroom spaces as part of the ministry programme to provide individual classroom spaces (parents of children who struggle in highly stimulating environments will understand what a win this is!)
- Network for Learning - replacement of the wi-fi network and switches (boosters) across the school
- Fire alarm system upgrade
- Junior block water tightness and select window replacement
- School painting & colour scheme selection
- Pā harakeke Project in partnership with Victoria University

These items are additional to the general upkeep and maintenance the school manages including the playground and lawns. Whilst we have partnerships and providers who help to do the mahi and plan the more technical aspects of the projects, our management staff, especially Whaea Shell, are integral to the coordination, decision making, administration, tracking, and reporting on these many projects.

Tēnā rawa atu koe!

Ngā mihi nui, Katherine

Community News

Hello from LocalTech, your local community-focused internet provider.

We understand that times are tough for many families, and reliable internet access is essential in today's world for education, communication, and everyday life. We want to do our part to help make internet access more affordable for those who need it most.

Families within our school community may be eligible for our \$30 (per month) unlimited InTune Equity Fibre Internet Plan. The same plan is normally offered without these eligibility conditions for \$59 per month.

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1. The household must already have an existing Chorus Fibre ONT (white fibre box) installed that has not been active for at least the past 3 months.
2. They must either:
 - have a child attending a school with an Equity Index of 480 or higher (Taita Central School's Equity Index is 504), or
 - live in social housing.
3. They must hold a valid Community Services Card or provide a letter from MSD confirming financial hardship.



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- AND**
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OR LIVE IN PUBLIC/COMMUNITY HOUSING
- AND**
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LOCALTECH VERIFY BEFORE ANY CONNECTION IS MADE



Whakatauaiki

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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