



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!

8 May 2025
8 Haratua 2025

Number 7
Whitu

Term 2: Week 2
Wāhanga 2: Wiki 2

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Coming Events:

Term 2 Dates

Wed 14 May Year 5 & 6 Te Papa Trip

Thu 15 May School Photos

Fri 16 May – Teacher Only Day – School Closed

Mon 19 May – **Pink Shirt Day**

Thu 29 May – NZSO Performance

Mon 2 Jun – Kings Birthday – School Closed

Thu 12 Jun – Year 3–6 Dodgeball Tournament

Thu 19 Jun – Matariki Breakfast

Fri 20 Jun – Matariki Holiday - School Closed

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 staff at Taitā Central School would like to thank parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga for their response to our Emergency Closure last Thursday during the extreme weather event that affected the Wellington Region as well as other parts of New Zealand. We were very impressed by the quick and calm response of parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga who saw our email, text or facebook post and either came down to school themselves or were able to arrange for someone else to collect their child.

The school leadership team with support from the Board Presiding member were able to make a quick decision after monitoring the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office alerts as well as the Metservice and Hutt City Council facebook announcements. A decision was made to start sending our tamariki home around 1pm as the alerts were indicating that the wind would peak between 3pm and 4pm, when our tamariki would be heading home. The serious nature of the alerts which indicated the threat to life and the need to get inside and stay away from doors and windows helped us to come to a decision to close the school for safety reasons.

As a result of the severe winds, we had a tree uprooted in the school bush area and a few other trees and branches break and fall down.



We have put up a barrier to keep our tamariki and staff away from these damaged trees and have had a representative from Treescape come to assess them. We hope to have these trees and damaged branches cleaned up in the next week or so.



Attendance, Engagement and Achievement

The Education Review Office are carrying out the Improving Attendance project and are looking at how attitudes have changed to regular attendance in the last few years, and the strategies that work. They are wanting to put out a series of practical resource for schools. They will also make recommendations to the government. They are sending out surveys to the following groups: Teachers and school leaders, students and parents and Whānau. Completing their short survey (5-10 min) is a small way you can make a big difference.

Parent and whānau survey:

- Researchers at the Education Review Office (ERO) are doing some research about school attendance. They want to hear your thoughts about what makes a difference. **Please help** by clicking on this survey link: [Parent and Whānau survey](#)
- This survey closes on the 23rd of May.

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, Marley Ako 4, Casey-Jean Ako 4, Jackson Ako 1, Emil Ako 1, Ariaria Ako 3, Erline 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 <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 1 & 2 across the school was **Perseverance / Whakapau kaha / Onosa'i – give it a go and keep trying, even when it gets hard.**

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

Our first Assembly for Term 2 will be held on Friday 9th May at 10:00am in the Whareroa/Hall.

Property Work at Taitā Central School – Asbestos Removal and Insulation Project

The next stage in our Ngā Iti Kahurangi – small and remote school property upgrades will start next week. This work is to remove asbestos from the ceiling cavities around the school. This work will take place after school hours and during the weekends in May and June.

Please see the [Notice of Asbestos Removal Work](#) at the end of the Newsletter for further details. This includes information about dates over weekends when the school grounds will be closed to the public.

Pohutukawa Whānau welcoming a Student Teacher

Today, Ako's Waru and Iwa had a Mihi Whakatau to welcome Whaea Justice Kimura-Gutsell who will be with us for 6 weeks as a student teacher.

Again ngā mihi to our tamariki who got up and whaikōrero, your confidence with this is growing and it's so awesome to watch. Ka pai tō mahi



Mana Moments

NZSO Orchestra Wellington – Friday 2nd May

On Friday 2nd May we were visited by some of the musicians from the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. The team from the NZSO worked with Pohutukawa Block in the morning and Kowhai Block in the afternoon. Later this term our whole school will go into the Michael Fowler Centre to watch the NZSO *Ngā Tohu o te Taiao The Signs of Nature*.



Beanies and Slippers

This year the wonderful ladies from the Naenae Knitting Natters charity knitting group under the umbrella of the Team Naenae Trust have been busy knitting beanies and slippers for all the ākonga/students of Taitā Central School.

This group of wonderful people Heather, Chris, and Sandra knits for 8 local primary schools as well as Foster Hope, The Red Cross Refuge Support Programme, Te Omanga Hospice, The Hutt Hospital and Wellington Hospital, Greenstone Doors, Kokiri Marae and Birthright.





Kelly Sports working with Pohutukawa Whānau this term.

We are very excited to be working with the team from Kelly Sports this term each Thursday afternoon. The goal is for our staff to work in parentership with the Kelly Sports team to get our tamariki to be active and engaged in physical activity and support them to develop a life-long love and participation in sports.

“We encourage kids to have fun, build confidence and give sport a go. We teach fundamental sporting skills, giving kids a foundational skill base to start a lifelong love of sport.”

On Wednesday 7th May Pohutukawa Block had a visit from Ness and Craig (Kelly Sports) who gave all our tamariki a choice of a AFL hat, back pack or swimming bag.



A massive ngā mihi for the amazing gifts, we appreciate it.

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 1 and 2 was ...*Kei te aha koe?* / What are you doing?

Whakatauki

Mauri tū mauri ora.

An active soul is a healthy soul.

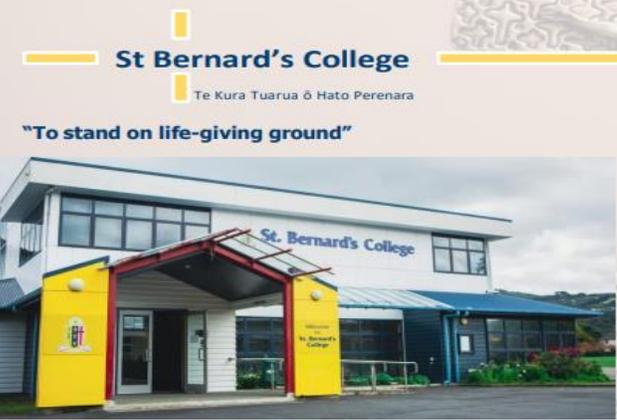
Ngā mihi maioha - warm greetings

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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St Bernard's College
Te Kura Tuarua ō Hato Perenara
"To stand on life-giving ground"



RESPICE STELLAM • VOCA MARIAM

The Catholic College for boys in Lower Hutt years 7-13

Open Day

Saturday 24 May 2025
10am – 2pm
Enrolment packs will be available at open day, on the College website or from the College office.

Enrolments for 2026 close 4 July 2025

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Notice of Asbestos Removal Work

Date: 8th May 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

PRO Environmental Services, a licensed Asbestos Removalist (WorkSafe Class A Licence: [number RA21100054](#)) will be undertaking removal work of some Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) from Taitā Central School Block A, B, C, J & M (Administration Block, Kowhai Block, Pohutukawa Block, Library/Study centre and Whānau Room)

This removal work will be conducted between the hours of 7:00AM to 7:00PM commencing on 16 May 2025 and is expected to finish on 16 June 2025.

WorkSafe NZ was notified on 1 May 2025 that this licensed asbestos removal work is to be undertaken.

Taitā Central School management and Board of Trustees have been consulted about the nature and timing of this work, together with the safety measures to be used.

The following safety measures will be put in place and maintained for the duration of this project:

- Signs, barriers and/or temporary fencing will be installed.
- *School staff, students and visitors may NOT visit the site at any time during the decontamination project. Our school grounds will be closed during the following dates – Friday 16th May – Sunday 18th May, 3pm Friday 23rd May – Sunday 25th May, 3pm Friday 30th May – Sunday 1st June and 3pm Friday 6th June – Sunday 8th June*
- PVA solution or water will be applied to asbestos containing materials to prevent airborne asbestos fibres dust (as required).
- Asbestos containing materials will not be broken, where possible.
- Plastic will be used to cover horizontal surfaces and surrounds.
- Asbestos containing material will be wrapped on site and disposed of at an approved tip site
- Air monitoring at the work site boundary will be place for the duration of the work. If asbestos fibres above the allowable safe limit are detected, work will cease immediately, and corrective measures applied
- An independent party will carry out an inspection of the site on completion of the [work](#), and issue a clearance certificate.

The Ministry of Education website has further information about the management of asbestos and procedures to ensure the safety of all involved in or affected by the work, at the school and community. This can be found on: www.education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/health-and-safety-management/asbestos

Additional information about asbestos removal and/or Asbestos Removal Licences can be found on WorkSafe NZ's website on www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/asbestos or by phoning 0800 030 040 (24 hours).

If you have any questions or concerns about this removal work, please feel free to contact PRO Environmental Services on 021 153 8724.

Signed

Michelle Picard
Principal
Taitā Central School