



# Taitā Central School Newsletter



Ako tahi Tātou, Tipu tahi Tātou  
Together we Learn, Together we Grow

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Wāhanga 4: Wiki 3

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## Coming Events:

Mon 4 Nov – Children’s University Graduation

Tue 5 Nov – Board of Trustees Meeting

**Fri 8 Nov – Staff Only Day – School Closed**

Fri 22 Nov – School Athletics Day

Thur 28 Nov – Pohutukawa to Walter Nash

Tue 3 Dec - Board of Trustees Meeting

Mon 9 Dec – EOTC Week

Fri 13 Dec – Reports go Home

Mon 16 Dec – Road Patrol Pool Party

**Mon 16 Dec - Final Assembly**

Wed 18 Dec – Last Day of Term 4

## To Action:

*Important Dates to remember...*

**Last day of swimming Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**School Closed - Staff Only Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Please note the change of date for our school Athletics Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Absence TXT Line: 022 351 2655** - Text child’s first & last name, Ako/class, absence reason, sender’s name

Mālō ni, Ulu tonu mai – Hello, Welcome

I want to apologize for the error in the Coming Events section of last week’s newsletter regarding the date of our End of Year assembly and prizegiving, it is definitely on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at Fraser Park Ricoh Centre from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

## Term 4 Sun hats and sun block

It has been outstanding to see the number of tamariki who have been bringing a sun hat to school to wear this term even if the weather hasn’t really been that great so far.



## Term 4 Swimming

Our school swimming programme started this week at Huia Pool. During Weeks 3 and 4 of this term our tamariki participate in 8 swimming lessons, these lessons are part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum and teach important water safety skills and how to swim to survive.

I have been impressed by the enthusiasm our ākonga are showing and their excellent attitude to learning to swim.

## Attendance, Engagement and Achievement

We continue to focus on supporting our ākonga and their parents, whānau and aiga to get them to school every day.

*“Attendance is when learners are at school and in the class they are supposed to be in. If learners miss a week or more of school in a term they have ‘non-regular attendance’. Learners who miss a week each term will have missed out on a year of schooling by the time they are 16.”*

At Taitā Central School we want to work together with our parents, whānau and aiga to support our `akonga to be at school regularly and to engage in their learning.

Some things that parents, whānau and aiga can do to support your tamariki.

- Have a regular bedtime – most children up to 10 years old need 8 - 9 hours sleep a night and should be in bed by 9pm at the latest on a school night (earlier for younger children).
- Tamariki should stop using devices or gaming at least 30 minutes before bedtime.
- Have a regular routine each morning, so your tamariki know what they need to do to get ready for school and what they need to take with them to school.

### Safety outside our school

We have a shared responsibility for the safety of our tamariki when they are coming to school and when they are going home. We also share the responsibility for showing consideration to all our parents, whānau and aiga who transport their children to school.

### WAYS WE CAN KEEP OUR TAMARIKI SAFE:

- You must **not stop or park** on the **yellow lines** in front of the school gate at anytime and particularly not when our Road Patrollers are working. They cannot see over or past your cars to see if it is safe for our tamariki to cross the road.
- Please be a good role model for your tamariki and cross your children at the school crossings.
- We close our school driveway and carpark from 8:30am until 8:55am every morning and from 2:50pm until 3:10pm every afternoon, so our tamariki can walk safely on the footpath.

**It is important that we all make an effort to be safety conscious – not only are we modelling good behaviour to our tamariki, we are supporting an environment where we are all considering each other... and we are keeping our tamariki safe!**

Stopping or parking on yellow lines is a traffic offense and we do not want members of our school community to be fined for this behaviour.

### 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, Winter Ako 4.

	<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 silisili 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 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.

### Assembly - Week 1

**Friday Assembly.** Thank you to Ako Iwa and our hosts Glynis, Janelisa, PJ & Fa'amago (A8) and visuals Bella and Ngawairangi.

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

**Ako 1:** Manuah, Suntroyden & Palei

**Ako 3:** Carlos & Phoenix

**Ako 4:** Zavier & Caleb

**Ako 7:** Avin & Khanisk

**Ako 8:** Amira & Fa'amago

**Ako Iwa:** Kristina & Noah

**Akomanga Māori Pohutukawa:** Indy (A8)

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

**Ako 1:** Simaima for an amazing start in Ako 1 and supporting the other new students in our class. You have been enthusiastic about your learning and it is wonderful to have you in Ako 1!

**Ako 3:** Halamihi for being a great support to our new student. You have looked after her confidently and made her feel welcome. You are supportive, kind and considerate.

**Ako 7:** Albert for being an amazing tuakana during Ako 7 & Ako 3's Tuakana Teina Buddy time this week. You showed perseverance and patience.

**Ako Iwa:** Dayton for settling into whānau Pohutukawa like you've been here before. It's great to have your smiling face in our ākomanga! Nau mai haere mai ki te whānau pohutukawa.

### **Congratulations to POWER in the Playground Winners:**

Jack (A3) Zeta (A1) Caleb (A4) Carlos (A3) Niko (A1) Brynn (A3) Faith (A4) Panapa (A4) Atarangi (A8) Ellie (A1)

**Congratulations to our Special Prize:** Victoria (A9)



### **Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.**

Whaea Michelle has been supporting our teachers and ākonga to increase the use of 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.

Week 2 & 3 – **“Ko te \_\_\_\_ tēnei rā”** (Today is day of the week ) e.g. **“Ko te Rāpare tēnei rā.”** (Today is Thursday)

## Mana Moments

### **Royal New Zealand Ballet – Ballet Workshop**

On Wednesday, Pohutukawa Block took part in a ballet workshop with Jordana from the Royal New Zealand Ballet, we had fun learning some of the moves from the show we will be going to watch on Friday. Thank you to Jordana for coming in to teach us the steps. One of the staff members from the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra (NZSO) came along to observe Ako Iwa's dance lesson.



### Walter Nash Park Opening

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Matua Dylan and a group of ākonga attended the Walter Nash Park opening ceremony. This was a joint initiative by the **Healthy Families Hutt Valley** and the **Hutt City Council** together they established the **Storyboard Hiko Project** and created a vibrant and educational environment for all age groups. These storyboards will feature interchangeable stories and narratives, offering an ongoing opportunity to explore and celebrate diverse tales. The first story being told is **The Taniwaha of Te Whanganui a Tara**. Our aim is to engage local whānau and kura, encouraging not only physical activity but also a love for reading and storytelling. This project aims to use storytelling and arts as a powerful tool to promote physical activity, enhance literacy, and foster community engagement.

Whaea Sue Rei is at Walter Nash Park every Wednesday afternoon until 5pm with the games and activities available for tamariki to use.



### Blake NZ VR

On Thursday, Pohutukawa Block were very lucky to take part in the Blake (Sir Peter Blake) NZ Virtual Reality programme. We learnt about the ocean and marine life. Thank you to Alice and Rewa who can in to take this.



### **Royal New Zealand Ballet**

On Friday, we took the whole school to watch the Royal New Zealand Ballet matinee performance. Despite the rain we had a great time watching the show. Thank you to Miss Forman who had arranged this prior to her leaving.



## Community News

### **\$5 SUMMER READING OFFER**

Your child would have come home with a \$5 Summer Reading Offer. Orders for this close Friday 15 November. Please bring your order form and cash to the office if you would like to order any books.

# COLOUR PARTY!

(a Halloween alternative)

When: Saturday 2nd Nov, 2-4pm

Where: St Matt's Hall, Taitā

(corner of Reynolds and Taine St - next to new housing development)

Come dressed in your favourite colours  
or in a costume.

BBQ, fun activities, games, prizes,  
face painting.....Lots of fun to be had!

All welcome!

Run by St Matt's church

Contact Sarah on 021840525 for more details.

**Whakatauki**

***He toka tū moana. Arā he toa rongonui***

Your strength is like a rock standing in raging waters.

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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