



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!

14 November 2024
14 Whiringa-ā-Rangi 2024

Number 18
Tekau ma waru

Term 4: Week 5
Wāhanga 4: Wiki 5

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Coming Events:

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
Mon 9 Dec – Wainui Pool Party
Thur 12 Dec – Y6 celebration
Fri 13 Dec – Reports go Home
Mon 16 Dec – Road Patrol Pool Party
Mon 16 Dec - Final Assembly
Tue 17 Dec – Kowhai Christmas Party
Tue 17 Dec – Shoebox Christmas
Wed 18 Dec – Last Day of Term 4

To Action:

Important Dates to remember...

Please note the change of date for our school Athletics Day – Friday 22nd November

End of Year Prizegiving Assembly Monday 16th December Ricoh Sports Centre Fraser Park 1pm – 3pm

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

Kia ora e te Whānau – Hello, Welcome

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. We want to work together with parents, whānau and Aiga to identify issues, concerns or problems which may have an impact on your child coming to school every day.

As a school we reflect on our school timetable, classroom programmes and school events to try to make sure that we are providing engaging classroom lessons and exciting school events which make your child want to come to school.

This year the day with the lowest attendance rate was a Monday.

The government target was changed in April 2024 – ***the current student attendance target for schools is 80% of ākonga/students attending school regularly, which is 90% of the time.***

Year / Term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2023	54%	44%	50%	54%
2024	61%	47%	48%	

Regular Attendance 90% of the time

Key messages

1. *Regular attendance at school helps build and maintain a child's learning and positive daily habits and routines, as well as promoting their wellbeing by connecting them to their peers and learning new things.*

2. We want our ākonga to thrive and be resilient and active members within their whānau and community.
3. Attendance matters and we can all work together to increase school attendance.

Health Consultation 2024

Our Health Consultation is currently taking place and closes on Friday 29th December 2024. . We are very keen to receive your feedback about the Health and Physical Education programmes we deliver at Taitā Central School. These programmes range from our school POWER values in action, Caring for our bodies, Keeping Ourselves Safe, Healthy eating, Mental Health, Sexuality Education and PE & Sport.

A notification has been sent out on Skool Loop with a copy of the Health Consultation Form. A paper copy of this form is being sent home today and an electronic copy will be included in the email with this Newsletter.

You will have 3 opportunities to respond to this survey

- Fill in the form in Skool Loop
- Write on the paper copy
- Reply via email to principal@taitacentral.school.nz

If you are happy to put your name on your survey, you will go into our spot prize draw. We will have 2 spot prizes for families, whānau, aiga who get their survey completed before Friday 29th November.

I have set aside a couple of afternoons next week for Whānau and Aiga to come along to school to chat about the Health Consultation survey and ask any questions particularly around Sexuality Education.

These hui – **Tuesday 19th November** and fono – **Wednesday 20th November 3:15pm** will be held in the school staffroom from 3:15pm – everyone is welcome.

2025 School Organisation

In 2025 we will have 2 Teaching teams, Kowhai – Year 0 to 3 and Pōhutukawa Year 4 to 6. We will have 6 classes and some teacher changes for 2025.

Miss Kelly will be moving across to teach Year 5 & 6 in Ako 8, Pōhutukawa Block. We currently have 2 vacancies which are being advertised and as soon as this process has been completed we will be able to let you know who the new teachers in Ako 1 and Ako 7 will be.

Another change next year will be Whaea Michelle moving up north to be closer to family. Even though Whaea Michelle will not be physically in the school next year we hope to keep a close working relationship with her as we continue on our staff professional learning and development journey to improve our Te Reo Māori and understanding of Mātauranga Māori. Whaea Michelle plans to come and visit us once a term during 2025 and will continue to offer guidance and support in Te Ao Māori.

Merehana has agreed to lead our Akomanga Māori classes which means we can continue to offer this option in 2025.



	Year Level	Classroom	Teacher
Kowhai Block	New Entrant/Year 1	Ako 4	Miss Powell
	Year 2	Ako 1	To be appointed
	Year 3	Ako 3	Miss Wright
	Year Level	Classroom	Teacher
Pōhutukawa Block	Year 4	Ako 7	To be appointed
	Year 5 & 6	Ako 8	Miss Kelly
	Year 5 & 6	Ako 9	Matua Dylan

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, Freja Ako 4 & Katnisse Ako 8.



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'otoga</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 being the best you can be.

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

Assembly: Thank you to Kowhai Block and our hosts Mehi, Molly, Jack and Joshua and visuals Samuel and Fa'amago.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Malia-Rosa & Tarusila

Ako 3: Phoenix, Mason & Eva

Ako 4: Ahrie & Mirai

Ako 7: Sitina & Kent

Ako 8: Evatyn & Jahziah

Ako Iwa: Noah & Khalisha

Akomanga Māori: Suntroyden (A1) & Ryan (A8)

Mrs Knox: Skye & Jahmima

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Week 2:

Ako 4: Ralene for just showing the POWER values from the beginning of the term.

Ako 8: Mere-Makere for preserving with all her work this week, even when it gets hard. You are making great progress. Tino pai rawe.

Week 3:

Ako 1: Legacy for being outstanding all the time. You are always doing the right thing and have an eagerness to help others, especially your teacher with jobs around the classroom.

Ako 3: Finn for being a hard worker and challenging yourself. You try everything even when it is challenging. Kia Kaha.

Ako 7: Nia-Grace for your leadership, perseverance and whakawhanaungatanga in our mihi whakatau this week.

Ako 9: Ngawairangi for being an independent learner who is always willing to learn new skills and knowledge. You are constantly willing to share knowledge and help to improve others. Ka mau te wehi.

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Kopo (A4) Niko (A1) Finn D (A3) Skye (A1) Naayagi (A3) Sujith (A3) Molly (A3) Paea (A3) Eduard (A3) Skyy (A7)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: Eliana (A8)

Congratulations to Merehana on her achievement with becoming a Limited Authority to Teach teacher.



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)



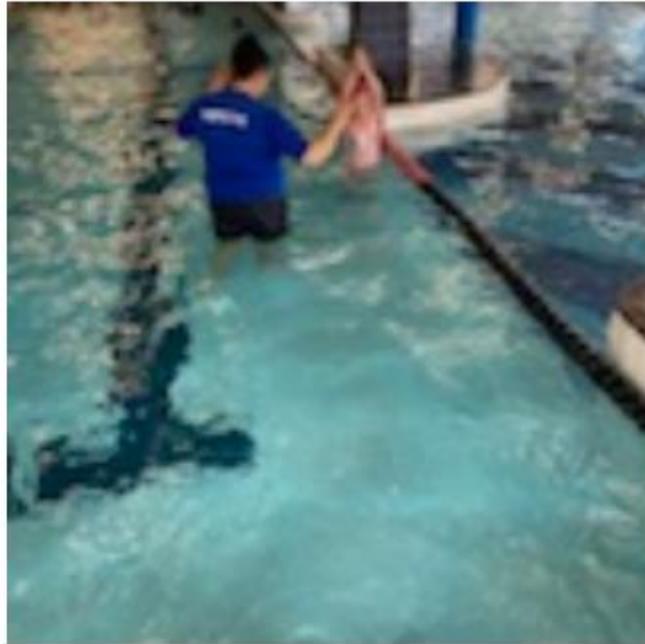
Swimming Programme 2024

This year we were back at Huia Pool again for our swimming programme because Naenae Pool was not finished. We hope that next year we will be able to return to Naenae Pool for our school swimming programme.

This year we were able to offer 8 swimming lessons to our ākonga/students, some of our students were taught by the Hutt City Council Swim instructors and some were taught by our staff. I would like to thank our staff who supported this very important educational programme, learning to swim is an essential life skill and during the 8 lessons I was able to see the growth and development of our tamariki who gained confident, overcame their fears and developed knowledge about swimming and water safety. Thank you to our parents, whānau and aiga who helped to make sure their children had swimming togs and towels each day and who were happy to support their child to learn to swim.

Thank you to our teachers who had to change their daily routines and often went without lunch!. I particularly wanted to mention Manihira, Connor and Sharon who stayed at the pool supporting our tamariki and staff each day.





Taitā Central School Study Centre Massey University Children's University Graduation 2024

Last Monday 4th November we travelled into Massey University Wellington Campus to take part in our third Children's University Graduation.

I had the honour of speaking on behalf of the 5 Wellington Region schools who were part of this Kaupapa/programme in 2024.

In my speech I was able to acknowledge the journey our ākonga/students who started their journey in 2022 and who achieve their Gold Award.

From the very beginning, Taita Central School has embraced the Children's University programme and made it our own, incorporating it into our Study Centre. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Nada Otineru, our Study Centre coordinator, whose tireless efforts ensure that our tamariki make the most of every opportunity available to them.

Some of our ākonga began their journey back in 2022, while others joined in 2023 or even just this year.

Throughout this time, they have engaged in powerful and authentic learning experiences—attending University Discovery Days, exploring exciting learning destinations, participating in challenging activities through the Children's University portal, and enjoying a memorable three-day Study Centre Camp. This camp included hiking in the bush—still up for debate if it was enjoyable!—sleeping in tents, kayaking, and cooking over an open fire.

Some people were very nervous. I was one of those people but I still had some confidence with me a little. The hall was crowded and was filled with other schools and a lot of people including my family. We were here to graduate because we completed our hours by doing activities. Looking straight forward, I saw an enormous t.v screen saying "Graduation!" Looking to my left were two hosts, a boy and a girl. Then they called our Principal Whaea Shell to read out the people who were going to get their awards. There are 3 different awards, bronze, silver and gold. Everyone was wearing a graduation gown and hat. When I looked around and it made me feel more nervous. As my principal was calling my name, I already had sweaty hands and also butterflies in my stomach. I walked up to the stage and got my gold award as people were cheering for me. Then the camera took a photo of me then I finally walked down the stairs. When I got back on my chair I was relieved, proud, cheerful and joyful of myself. I was also quiet a bit. I kept on looking at the fancy designs on the walls until it was over. It was in Wellington Massey University in the Dominion Hall.

Glynis (5/11/2024)



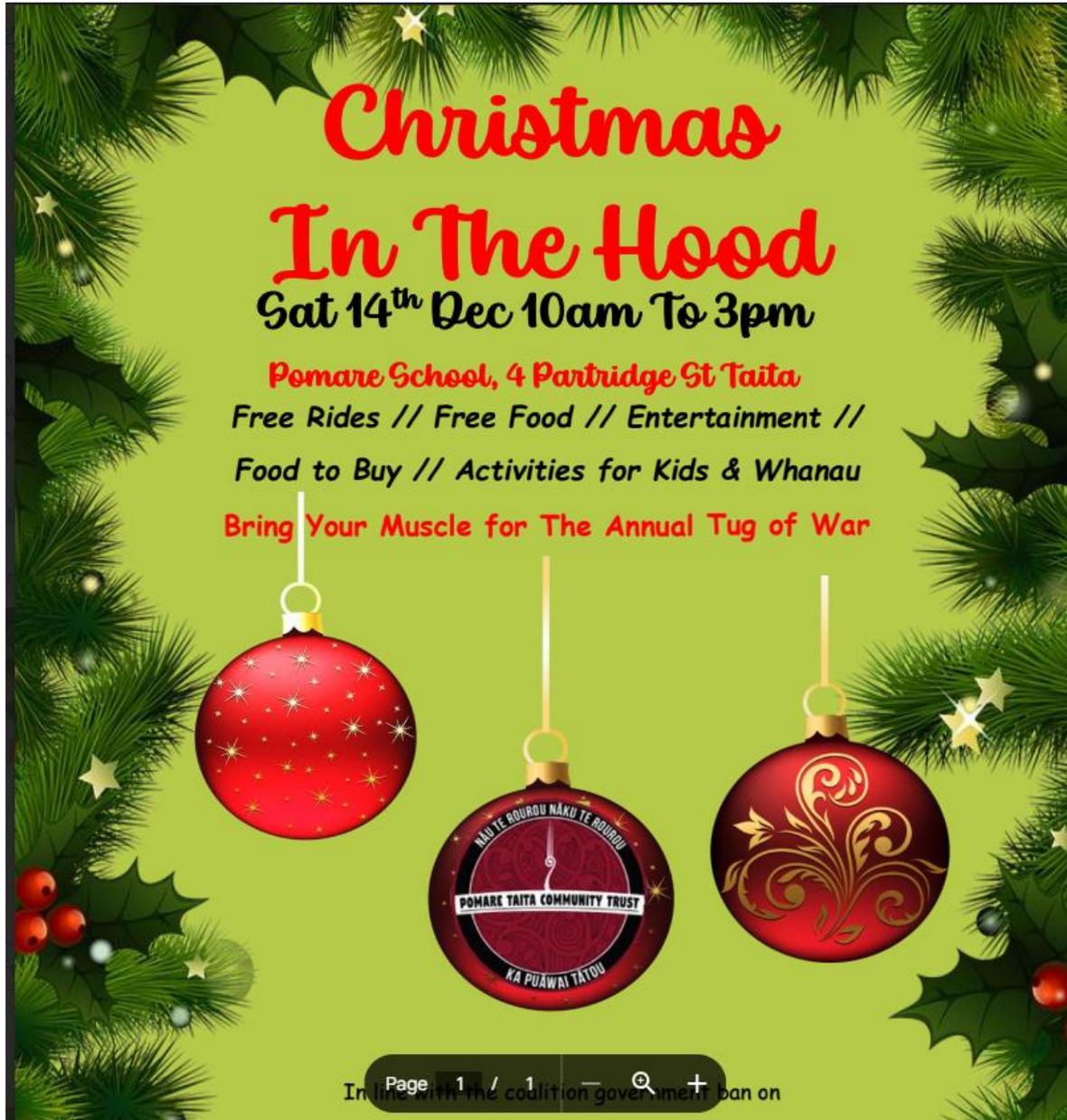
On the cloudy evening of November, we went to graduation in a bus but some people went in a car. The graduation started at 4:30pm. When we got there I put on my graduation hat and gown and I finished my survey that was on my seat. Our school got called up first. When it was about to be my turn to walk up on stage, I was nervous and excited. I gracefully walked across the stage and received my bronze award and smiled for my photo and I walked off the stage and sat on my seat until all the schools finished graduating. We got to take a group photo. I was in the middle of the photo. After the photo I went to my dad and he took a photo of me with Fergus the Ram and by myself. Then on the way out I got a graduation cookie and went to school on the bus.
Navilan (5/11/2024)

On graduation day I was so nervous and excited that I felt like I was going to pee my pants! Well, not really but it really felt like it. First we went and got ready and put our hats on. I don't know what the hat is called but its okay. While we were going to sit down we had to look for our names on the seat and our gowns were there. My one was too small so I had to switch with someone. We started and the people on the stage did a speech, then we did a song. After we did a song we did the certificates. The category was bronze, silver and gold. When they called my name to come up on stage, I had stage fright. But when I got on stage I was okay. I got a silver award and it came with a gold blond tassel that had the numbers 2024. After all the other schools had finished getting their awards, each school got a photo with the mascot, his name was Fergus the ram. After that my mum and sister came with the lolly ula's and then we went back home. While we were going out they gave us a cookie and it was delicious.
Eliana (5/11/2024)

OMG, I can feel the anxiety in my body! Oh, hi, what I was yapping to you was the GRADUATION day (the best night) on Monday 4th November 2024 (basically yesterday). First we entered a huge hall filled with people. 5 minutes later me and Emily made fun of Michael Jackson. "Line up" said Nada in a big voice. As you know we lined up to get our graduation hat and walked into an enormous hall. In the hall there was a giant t.v screen with all of the principals of the 5 schools. The MC said their little thing and then Whaea Shell gave a speech and said my name (Aaru Masimukku). I was sooo NERVOUS! I got a bronze award. 1 hour and 30 minutes later we had a group photo and gave the graduation hat and gown back. At last we had cookies. Now why we graduated, was all hours of childrens university.

Aaru (5/11/2024)

Community News



Whakatauki

Ko taku reo taku ohooho, ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria

My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my 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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