



# 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!

**28 November 2024**  
**28 Whiringa-ā-Rangi 2024**

**Number 19**  
**Tekau ma Iwa**

**Term 4: Week 7**  
**Wāhanga 4: Wiki 7**

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## Coming Events:

Tue 3 Dec - Board of Trustees Meeting  
Mon 9 Dec – EOTC Week  
Mon 9 Dec – Wainui Pool Party  
Wed 11 Dec – Kowhai trip to movies and beach  
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  
Wed 18 Dec – **Last Day of Term 4, 12.30pm Finish**  
**Christmas Holiday Break**  
**Wed 29th Jan- First day of school for 2025**  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Waitangi Day – **School Closed**

## To Action:

*Important Dates to remember...*

**Wainui pool Party – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 2pm. Parents, caregivers, Whānau and Aiga welcome to come and join in the fun.**

**End of Year Prizegiving Assembly Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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

It was fantastic to see all the parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga who were able to drop into school last Friday during our school athletics day. It was such a wonderful day with lots of colour, fun and laughter. Firstly, I want to make a special mention of the work Mr. Little did to prepare our school field and grounds ready for these athletic events – he went above and beyond to have our school looking great. Secondly, I would like to thank Matua Dylan for his amazing organisation and leadership in getting this event up and going. Finally, I would like to say a big THANK YOU to our KPMG Volunteers who came and ran the events for us, so our teachers could stay with their ākonga and enjoy the fun activities with them.


Term 4 is racing away, and we now have only 13 and a half days of this year left. In the next couple of weeks, we have our EOTC Week events for Kowhai and Pohutukawa Blocks with trips and fun outdoor activities. We also have our Road Patrollers Pool Party to thank them for their dedication during the year in keeping our tamariki safe when crossing the road to and from school. We also have our Year 6 Leavers Celebration Day where they get to enjoy a fun filled day out together with their teachers.

The end of the school year can be a challenging time for our Year 6 leavers as they prepare for their new learning journey at Intermediate, this can cause anxiety, uncertainty and worry for some tamariki, however it is important that they manage themselves and their choices while still at Taitā Central School and focus on finishing the year well, showing or POWER Values and being the awesome leaders we know they can be.

## Attendance, Engagement and Achievement

As a staff and a Kāhui Ako have been discussing ways to help our ākonga and families, whānau and aiga to improve student attendance at school. At a recent Kāhui Ako leadership Day schools shared things they have done to help them to improve student attendance. At the start of 2025 our Taitā Central School staff will be brainstorming ways that we can improve student attendance through engaging classroom learning programmes. We are also very keen to hear from ākonga and families, whānau and aiga about things that you are experiencing that may be having an impact on your child/children attending school every day.

## SCHOOL NEWS

	<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 4 & 5 across the school was **Whakawhanaungatanga / Te toa takitini / So'otaga** – we come together as one.

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

Assembly: Thank you to Pōhutukawa Block and our hosts Aaru, Ruby-Lee and Aiden and visuals Navilan, Emperor and Finn.

### Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Zeta & Ellie

Ako 3: Jacob, Joshua, Phoenix & Naayagi

Ako 4: Kopo & Alexzander

Ako 7: Maddie & Khanishk

Ako 8: Atarangi & Acaexia

Ako Iwa: Emperor & PJ

Akomanga Māori: Ahnaira-Ann (A8) & Jahmima (A1)

### Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

#### Week 4

Ako 4: Caleb for giving an outstanding effort in Structured Literacy.

Ako 8: Layan for always trying your best to be outstanding at everything you do and being a friendly class member of Ako 8. Ka mau te wehi

#### Week 5

Ako 1: Skye for being an enthusiastic learner and being excited about all the progress you have made.

Ako 3: Eva for persevering. You work hard and always give 100 % to your learning. You are not afraid to make mistakes as you learn new things. Kia Kaha.

Ako 7: Avin for being outstanding in class. She has been persevering and has shown great improvement in her class work. Keep up your efforts.

Ako Iwa: Dayton welcome to Pōhutukawa Whānau, it is like you have been here all along.

### POWER in the Playground Award Winners:

Zeta (A1) Tyson (A7) Michael (A7) Fa'amago (A8) Amira (A8) Sia (A1) Cherie (A8) PJ (A9) Glynis (A9) Avin (A7) Vaiana (A1)

## Congratulations to Special Prize Winner:

Kent (A7)

## Congratulations to our netball players of the day:

Year 1&2: Eva & Niko

Year 3&4: Nyla & Acaexia



## 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 6 - **“Mā wai te karakia e tīmata?”** (Who wants to start the karakia?) Students can respond with **“māku”** (I will) and Week 7 – **“Noho mai”** (Stay here)



## Taka Trust Golf Day Performance Roopu

*Very humbling to work with the amazing Te Awa Kairangi (Taka) Trust.*

*A charity golf tournament was held at the Shandon Golf Club with \$20K raised to help tamariki from low decile Hutt Valley schools access opportunities that matter through digital access, laptops, funded school bus trips, new school bikes and now individual student scholarships.*

*Massive thanks to principal partner Hawkins Construction as well as all the other wonderful sponsors and participants.*

*Special thanks to Hayley Whalen, Matt Reid & numerous volunteers for your hard work to bring it all together.*

*Finally massive shout out to the awesome tamariki and staff of Taita Central School who performed for everyone. You did yourselves and community proud. Ka Rawe. Mahia Atu. Empowering tamariki for brighter futures.*

*Naomi Shaw Counsellor*



### Tuakana Teina / Buddy Time

On a Thursday afternoon we have Tuakana Teina / Buddy Time. Each senior class in Pōhutukawa Block is buddied up with a junior class from Kowhai Block.

During these sessions the classes work together to develop social skills which support them to make new friends, work with different people, try new activities, play games and do challenges together, create works of art and sing together.

We love seeing our tamariki strengthening the bonds across our school and coming together as one.

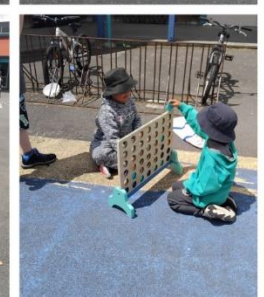


### Te Awa Kairangi Tākaro Play Trailer

For the last 2 weeks we have had the Tākaro Play Trailer at school.

This is a great resource that schools can book for a 2 week time period which adds new and interesting playground games, activities and equipment which we don't usually get to play with.

We were able to use it at playtimes or lunchtimes and it has been fantastic to see the tamariki sharing the resources, working together and taking turns.



## Akomanga Māori Y4 – 6 Haerenga

On Tuesday, Whaea Michelle, Matua Dylan and Merehana took 15 of our Akomanga Māori tamariki to visit Whānau Treehouse (Whaea Michelle's Puna Reo where she also works) and then we visited the Wainuiomata Recreation Park as part of our wai/water topic. We went for a walk up to the dam and then back down to the swimming hole where we got to have a swim. On our way back to school we stopped at McDonalds, and we all got an ice cream.

A massive ngā mihi nui to Mr Little, Kelly and Terrence who came along to support our haerenga/trip.



**Christmas**  
**In The Hood**  
**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am To 3pm**

**Pomare School, 4 Partridge St Taita**  
**Free Rides // Free Food // Entertainment //**  
**Food to Buy // Activities for Kids & Whanau**  
**Bring Your Muscle for The Annual Tug of War**

In line with the coalition government ban on gang insignia in public places, the school is:  
Insignia Free, Smoke Free, Vape Free, & Alcohol Free

For more information contact Jasmine Tamaka 0210-845-4251  
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Our sponsors whom we appreciate for supporting our event for over 10years:  
PTCT, RPH, HCC, Pub Charity, Pomare/Petone HUCHS, Nexgen, Pakn'Sav LH.

### Whakatauki

**He aha te kai ō te rangatira? He Kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero.**  
(What is the food of the leader. It is knowledge. It is communication.)

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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