

• Taitā Central School Pānui • Term 4 Week 4 – 5th November 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

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:
Ako 4 – Brian, Teaomarama
Ako 1 – Leilani, Hauora-Leigh
Ako 3 - Hazel
Ako 8 – Jahlahnee
Ako 9 - Jasper

Coming Up
Friday 6th November - RLWC Semi-Finals & Cultural Parade
Monday 9th – Thursday 12th Nov – Swimming continues
Friday 13th November – Taka Trust Golf Day -Performance Roopu
Monday 16th November – Borad of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 17th November – Children's University Graduation
Thursday 19th November – Study Centre visiting Shona McFarlane Rest Home
Wednesday 25th November – Kowhai trip to Wellington Zoo
Friday 27th November – Keep New Zealand Beautiful - Clean up Taitā
Parihaka Day is commemorated annually on November 5.
It marks the tragic yet inspiring 1881 colonial invasion of the peaceful Māori settlement of **Parihaka** in Taranaki, New Zealand.

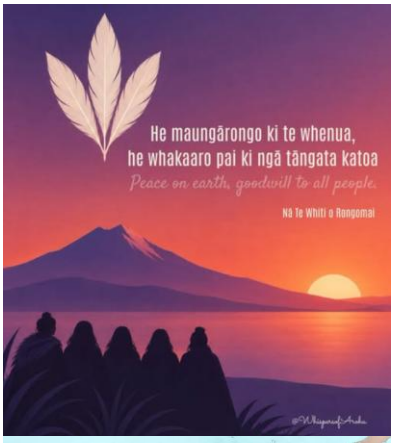
Today, we remember the ancestors of ***Parihaka*** who stood with courage and peace. The resilience carried through generations. And the strength of unity within the raukura (feather plume).







Honouring the past, standing together in the present, and nurturing hope for those yet to come.



A Legacy of Peace: The non-violent stance at Parihaka predates similar global movements by figures like Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., serving as a foundational footprint for peace and reconciliation in Aotearoa New Zealand.

If you would like to learn more about the history of Parihaka you can visit the National Library of New Zealand
https://natlib.govt.nz/blog/posts/remembering-parihaka



Swimming - *Swimming continues next week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)*

Swimming is a very important and compulsory part of our tamariki's learning and all tamariki are expected to bring their togs and towel each day. If your child is not able to participate in swimming due to medical reasons, a note must be sent to school.
It is helpful if tamariki can have their togs on under their clothing before going to the pool. *Please name all your children's belongings*
Tamariki will need:

- Togs
- Towel
- Spare clothes, goggles if they have them
- A bag





RLWC Semi-Finals & Cultural Parade
On Friday 6th November, some of the tamariki in Pōhutukawa have asked if they can do a Parade, like the one they have been doing over the last few weekends to celebrate the Rugby League World Cup. We encourage our tamariki to wear their supporters gear or their team colours and join in our parade on the Basketball Court during POWER Time – 1:45pm – 2:45pm this Friday.
Tamariki are welcome to walk around with their flags and gear, showing support for their teams playing over the weekend.



Community Support for Taitā Central School

Our school Board of Trustees is working with Yvonne Leitch from Go Fund NZ Ltd to find community organisations who are willing to support projects at our school.

This term we made an application for funding support from the ***New Zealand Community Trust*** to fund a new playground to replace our old wooden fort.

We have been successful in obtaining a grant of $90,000.00 towards this project.
We will be getting a structure similar to this design.



We are truly grateful to NZCT for this grant and would like to acknowledge the NZCT partner venues located near us here in the **Hutt City**: Roadhouse Bar and Grill, Sin Bin and The Hardware Bar & Restaurant.

Keep Hutt Valley Beautiful Clean Up Week
Monday 23rd November to Friday 27th November

https://www.facebook.com/KeepHuttValleyBeautiful/

Small actions can make a big difference!
Clean Up the Hutt is back this November, giving our youngest environmental superheroes a chance to make a positive impact in their communities.
From 23–27 November, small community clean-ups will take place across the Hutt. It's a great opportunity for students to get outdoors, work together and learn about the impact of litter and the importance of reducing waste.
***Friday 27 November* – Taita Central School will be joining in the Celan up around Taitā shops and our school** – *parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga are welcome to come and join us.*
- Pōhutukawa Block will gather at school and head down to the Taitā Shops at 9:30am
Kowhai Block will clean up Churton Crescent, Taine Park and Reynolds Street near school.
The clean-up continues over the weekend, with two larger community events that students and their whānau are welcome to join:
Saturday 28 November: Parks & Reserves
Sunday 29 November: Coastal
Every helping hand makes a difference!

Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.
You may hear your tamariki using these phrases at home. We are revisiting some familiar phrases and trying to extend our responses to the question – How are you?
The phrase for Week 4 and 5 is, Kei te aha koe? / What are you doing?
Kei te aha koutou? / What are we doing?

A message from our Board of Trustees



Kia ora e te Taitā Central Whānau,

I've really been enjoying the longer evenings and warmer weather lately - it's a great opportunity to get out for a quick walk after dinner, either a walk down to Te Awa Kairangi, or lately I've found myself down at the school grounds, walking the track around the field while my children either join me on my walk or play on the playground.

I think we sometimes forget what terrific grounds we have at Taitā Central - the great expanse of the field gives a fantastic view of te rangi (the sky), especially from the top of the slide on the rainbow playground!

Kei te mihi ahau ki te manu whenua ki Ngāti Toa Rangatira raua ko Te Ātiawa.

I'm also quietly excited about the planting projects we have on at school - one of the pleasures of an evening walk is the bird song. Our school grounds will be bursting with native bushes and trees, to support the diverse manu that live in our neighbourhood.

Ngā mihi, Katherine



Community News





Whakatauāki

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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