



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!

27 October 2024
17 Whiringa-ā-Nuku 2024

Number 16
Tekau ma ono

Term 4: Week 1
Wāhanga 4: Wiki 1

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Coming Events:

Fri 25 Oct – RNZ Ballet ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream

Tue 29 Oct – Swimming starts

Mon 28 Oct – Labour Day School Closed

Mon 4 Nov – Children’s University Graduation

Tue 5 Nov – Board of Trustees Meeting

Fri 8 Nov – Staff Only Day – School Closed

Fri 15 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 Nov - Final Assembly

Wed 18 Dec – Last Day of Term 4

To Action:

Important Dates to remember...

Friday 25th October - Royal New Zealand Ballet – “A Midsummer Nights Dream”

Tuesday 29th October – Swimming starts at huia Pool

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

Tēnā ra Koutou, Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu - Greetings.

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kura o Ngā Hau e Whā - Welcome back to Taitā Central School and a warm welcome to our new tamariki and Whānau who have joined us this term.

Term 4 is a 9-and-a-half-week term, and we have lots of engaging learning experiences, arts, sports and outdoor educational opportunities planned for the term.

This year we will be holding a whole school End of Year assembly and prizegiving on Monday 16th December at Fraser Park Ricoh Centre from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. We hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate our tamariki’s achievements over the year, so please make a note of this date in your calendar.

During the September school holiday break, we had work done in both Kowhai and Pohutukawa Blocks to remove the low false ceiling and open up these areas. They look very bright and nice with the sunlight coming through the top windows and the new white paint. However, our teachers, teacher aides and tamariki have noticed that the classrooms are a bit noisier than we are used to. We are working with the contractors to look into this issue and hope to have them come and check out these learning spaces again to ensure they meet the appropriate levels for learning spaces.

Term 4 Sun hats and sun block

Taitā Central School promotes being Sunsmart, which means that we expect all ākonga/students and staff to wear a sunhat (please make sure you name your child's sunhat) during Term 4 and Term 1 each year. Your child will be required to wear a sunhat whenever they are outside for morning tea, lunch, class PE lessons or sports and games. We also encourage our ākonga to put on some sunscreen before they head off to school.

No sunhat – No playing out in the sun!



Royal New Zealand Ballet – “A Midsummer Nights Dream”

Our school will be joining other lucky Wellington and Hutt Valley School attending this matinee performance next Friday 25th October. We will be leaving school at 11:30am to travel into Wellington by bus and returning to school around 2:30pm. The school office will be closed between these times as we are taking all staff with us.

If you urgently need to get in touch, please text the school cell phone 022 351 2655.

Term 4 Swimming

Swimming begins on **Tuesday 29th October** and our ākonga/students get 8 lessons. Our tamariki will travel to Huia Pool for the lessons in Week 3 and Week 4 of this term. As we live in a country surrounded by water, as well as having many rivers, lakes, dams and pools it is essential that our ākonga learn to swim and be safe around the water. *Swimming is an important part of our physical education and health curriculum that we deliver, and **we have an expectation that all children will participate in the free swimming programme.*** Please send a note to your child's teacher if your child is unable to participate due to sickness. All children need togs and a towel in named bag. They can bring goggles if they have them.

If your child does not have swimming togs, please come and have a quiet word with one of us ahead of time and we can organise something. It is much easier to know ahead of time instead of on the day.

Our tamariki and staff will be travelling to and from Huia Pool by bus. Sadly, we are not able to transport parents, caregivers, whānau, however if you would like to watch your child/children swimming you are welcome to join us at Huia Pool. Information about what times the Akomanga/Classrooms are swimming will be sent home soon.

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: We welcome to Taita Central School Faith Ako 7, Paea Ako 3, Dayton Ako 9, Michael Ako 7, Irene Ako 1, Palei Ako 1, Alex Ako 4, and welcome back Ceideys 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 silisili 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 9 & 10 across the school was Respect, Kiritau – Whakamana-Whakaute, Faaaloalo – treating others how you would like to be treated.

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

Assembly - Week 9 Thank you to our hosts Maddie, Nia-Grace and Emma and visuals Navilan and Albert.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Iriana & Chaze

Ako 3: Naayagi & Finn

Ako 4: Ralene & Mirai

Ako 7: Faaeteete & Jared

Ako 8: Ata & Acaexia

Ako Iwa: Izzy & Sera

Akomanga Māori: Ahrie (A4) Arieta (A4) Bella (A9) & Akomanga Māori

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:**Week 8**

Ako 4: Ahrie for showing empathy and caring for the other students in the class.

Ako 8: Londoni for being a helpful member of Ako 8. You are always using your POWER values and showing respect to others.

Staff Special Nomination: Jahziah (A8) for preserving with all his learning even with all the big changes in Pohutukawa Block.

Week 9

Ako 1: Jahmima for making great progress with your reading and always doing the right thing.

Ako 3: Mehi for showing leadership in Ako 3. You take care of others. You are good at organising yourself, your work and supporting others to be learning focused. Well done.

Ako 7: Avin for persevering and stepping up. You are putting in lots of effort and always on task. Keep up the efforts.

Ako 9: Kristina you are stepping up on your learning and taking it in the direction that you want. Keep working, looking ahead and pushing forward you're incredible! Ka mau te wehi e hoa ma!

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Londoni (A8) Eva (A3) Kopo (A4) Talia (A7) Panapa (A4) Brynn (A3) Faith (A4) Faaeteete (A7) Kyle (A3) Chaze (A1)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: Nyla (A3)

Congratulations to our Stepsweb Winner: Emperor & Stehlin (A9)

Congratulations to our Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Winners:

Kowhai: Mehi (A3) Molly (A3) Vaiana (A1) Amara (A1)

Pohutukawa: Nia-Grace (A7) Ahnaira-Ann (A8)

Assembly – Week 10 Thank you to Kowhai Block and our hosts Mehi, Jack, Molly and Nyla and visuals Samuel and Fa'amago.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Legacy & Niko

Ako 3: Emine & Manawa

Ako 4: Ace & Caleb

Ako 7: Khanikh & Jared

Ako 8: Anaiya-Rose & Irene

Ako Iwa: Elisefou & Bella

Akomanga Māori: Kowhai Block tamariki

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 4: Mirai for using the power values and showing respect to everyone, all the time.

Ako 8: Eliana for your work on your island and taking a lead with this project with your collaborative group. Kau mau te wehi!

Staff Special Nomination: Izzy (A9) showing whakawahanungatanga and manakitanga by helping, leading and caring for other ākonga in our kura through your break times. Kia pai tō mahi e hoa. E tū ana me te ārahi i te tira (stepping up and taking the lead)

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Shalom (A1) Caleb (A4) Ryan (A8) Aiden (A9) Maddie (A7) Mason (A3) Samuel (A3) Noah (A9) Navilan (A7) Faith (A4)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: Avin (A7)

Lucky Book Club Issue 7 - Your child would have come home with a brochure for Lucky Book Club the last day to order this is Thursday 24 October.



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 1 – “**Ka taea e koe!**” (You can do it!)



Our Term 4 Topic is Wai / Water the last of the 4 elements.

The Atua we are celebrating is **Tangaroa**. Kaitiaki of oceans, lakes & rivers - seeking shelter from the storm / life and death.

Te Ara Whakamana <https://tearawhakamana.com/>



Tangaroa - Ko ahau te awa, ko te awa ko ahau (I am the river, the river is me) -looking at our independence with and connection to wai.

The value we are exploring is **Kaitiakitanga** - Kaitiakitanga invites people to form and maintain relationships with the environment in which they live. Iwi and hapū are restoring their environment and culture and using traditional ideas about kaitiakitanga in the modern world

Community News

Kia ora,

We're excited to invite your school community to The Learning Connexion this weekend for a creative experience as part of the **Lower Hutt Art Trail – 19th and 20th October, 10am – 4pm.**

There will be something for everyone, especially for children aged 5-13, with interactive and exciting activities, including:

- Our brand-new Kids Space, offering engaging and age-appropriate activities that let children unleash their creativity!

And for the adults we have:

- Bronze pouring demonstrations (a fascinating look at the art of metal casting) at 11:30am on Saturday and 1:30pm on Sunday.
- Open studios in our ceramics, jewellery, painting, and printmaking studios with tutors, students and Art Trail artists available to show processes and talk about their work.
- Student market stalls filled with unique handcrafted items, perfect for gifts.
- Food trucks & live music.

We'd love for your staff, students and their families to come along and enjoy this free, art-filled weekend!

Please feel free to share this information and attached poster with parents, carers, teachers, and anyone else who may be interested.

We look forward to welcoming your school community to a weekend of creativity and fun!

The Learning Connexion is at 182 Eastern Hutt Road, Taita.

Check out their website for more details. <https://www.capitalbasketball.org/kiwi-hoops-sign-up>

Whakatauki

Ko te wai te ora o ngā mea kātoa

Water is the life giver of all things

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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