



Taitā Central School Newsletter

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.

Vision

"Te tu pakari tahi, te whakamana i nga ākonga katoa."
Standing strong together – enhancing the mana of all learners



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!

30 October 2025

30 Oketopa 2025

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Number 17

Tekau ma whitu

Term 4: Week 4

Wāhanga 4: Wiki 4

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Coming Events:

Mon 27 Oct – Tokelau Language Week
Fri 31 Oct – Tokelau, Fiji & Niue Whānau Day
Mon 3 Nov–Thu 13 Nov - Swimming
Thu 6 Nov – Royal New Zealand Ballet (RNZB)
Tue 11 Nov – Children's University Graduation
Wed 19 Nov – Taka Trust Bike Day Yr 5 & 6
Frid 21 Nov – Taka Trust Golf Day – Y4-6 Huttfest performing
Tue 25 Nov – Study Centre visit to Shona McFarlane
Fri 28 Nov – Staff Only Day – School Closed
Mon 1 Dec – Fri 05 Dec – EOTC week
Mon 1 Dec – BOT Meeting
Tue 2 Dec – Wainuiomata Pool Day – Whole school
Mon 8 Dec – International Whānau Day
Tue 9 Dec – Kowhai Christmas Party
Wed 10 Dec – Road Patrollers Pool Party – Yr 5&6
Thu 11 Dec – End of Year Prizegiving Assembly

To Action:

Important Dates to remember...

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

Talofa koutou e te whānau

Our spring weather is certainly making its presence felt. We are still encouraging our ākonga to have a sun hat at school each day for when they are playing outside at break times and during class sports, even when we can have sunshine at the start of the day, gale force winds and hail and thunder and lightning by the end of the day!

Attendance, Engagement, Achievement

Attendance is a shared responsibility Today's learners are tomorrow's leaders. Attendance is the first step to learning.

During Term 3 we had 30 tamariki who were at school between 95% and 99% of the term. These tamariki will be presented with their attendance certificate at our next school assembly.

There has been a lot of illness amongst our ākonga – thank you to our parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga who have been calling or texting in letting us know that your child will be absent from school and the reason why.

Friday 28 November – Staff Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

We will be having a Staff Only Day on Friday 28 November with the focus on planning for 2026. We appreciate your support with this.

School Drive – Closed between 8:30am and 9:00am and from 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Please do not drive into our school car park during these times. The school car park and driveway are closed to ensure the safety of our ākonga/students as they walk to and from school.

The only exception during this time is a Cross Country Vehicle which drops off a student in our school car park who is met by a member of our staff.

Swimming at Te Ngaengae Pool (Naenae Pool)

On Monday 3rd November we start our two week swimming programme.

Swimming is a compulsory part of children's learning so if your child is unable to participate, please send a note to school.

Our ākonga will be travelling by bus to and from the pool each day. Parents are welcome to join us at the pool, but there will be no room on the bus for parents.

Children will need:


- togs, a towel, spare clothes, (something warm to put on after swimming), goggles if they have them.
- Please put these in a named bag.
- It would be great if your child could have their togs on underneath their clothes when they come to school.
- If you don't have any of these, please let us know as soon as you can and we will provide some.

Swimming Times for each class (in the pool):

Ako 3 and 7: 10.00 – 10.30, Ako 1 and 8: 10.35 – 11.05, Ako 4 and 9: 11.10 – 11.40

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. Tomas Ako 4.

	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'otaga</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 that you can be.

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

Term 4 Week 2

Friday Assembly. Thank you to Kowhai Block and our hosts Paea, Vaiana, Mason and Kyle and visuals Miss Powell.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Sami & Trinh

Ako 3: Tolu & Kaaria

Ako 4: Keanu & Nadia

Ako 7: Samuel & Lama

Ako Waru: Anaiya-Rose

Ako Iwa: Toby & Matua Blair

Akomanga Māori: Koval (A1)

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 1: Kalo for helping the children in your group complete their work to a high standard and for always helping others when they are stuck. Kai pai!

Ako 3: Jahmima for working so hard in your literacy. It is great to see your efforts paying off. You are reading with such confidence now!

Ako 4: Laukau for being an amazing member of Ako 4. You are always happy, smiling and looking after others. You always try your best at your best at work.

Ako 7: Jericho you have shown fantastic perseverance this term so far. You have leadership of your own learning, and been enthusiastic, helpful and curious. Well done Jericho! Ka pai!

Ako Waru: Jahziah for being super helpful in the classroom making sure all our jobs get done and the plants are watered! We love your enthusiasm!!

Ako Iwa: Noah for quietly getting on with your work and asking questions when you are stuck. It is awesome to see your confidence with your learning growing.

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Eva (A3) Amara (A1) Lorenzo (A3) Faith (A1) Sujith (A3) Panapa (A1) Suntroyden (A3) Jahmima (A3) Prezz (A7)

Congratulations to our StepsWeb Award Winners:

Eduard & Carlos



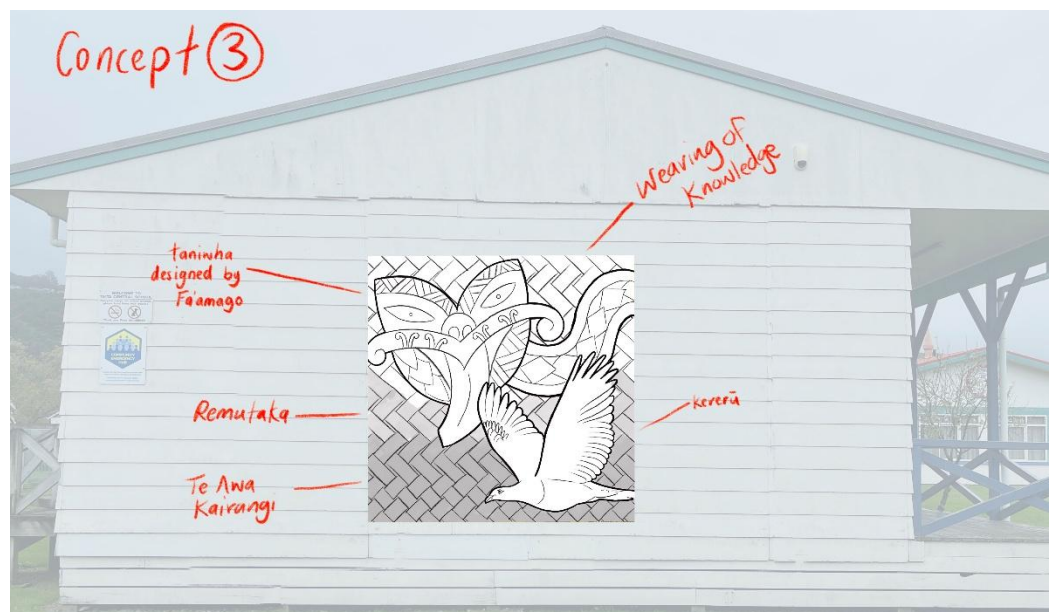
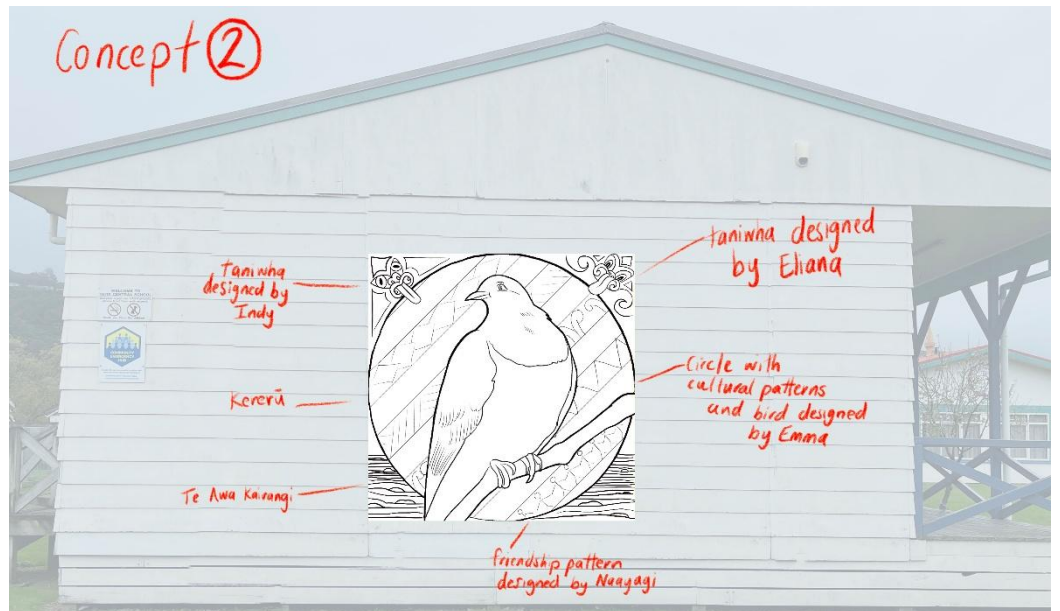
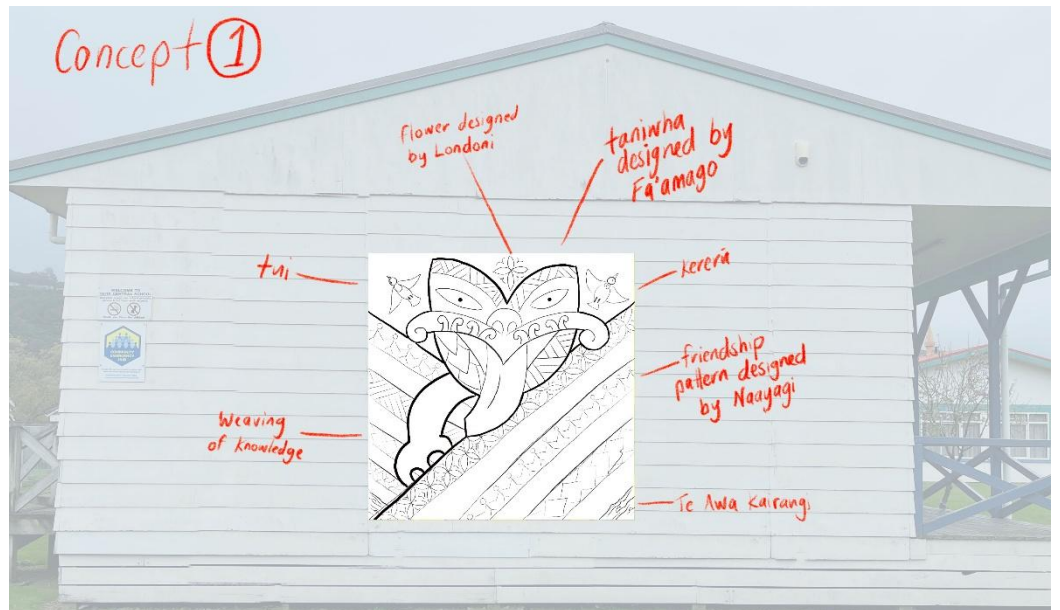
Mural Project

This term we have a group of 15 Year 4, 5 & 6 ākonga/students working with local artist Amy Burrell for 6 weeks to create a new mural which when finished will be placed on the end of the whareroa/hall facing Churton Crescent.

Taita Central School has asked me to work with their students to design a mural that expresses who they are as a school and welcomes the community. The school is nestled in the Hutt Valley near Te Awa Kairangi. They have gone through some exciting changes with their land guardianship over the past five years with it now lying in the hands of several local iwi. This has brought a wonderful opportunity for more knowledge, learning and growth. The school is in the process of creating a harekeke garden where they hope to provide opportunities in harvesting and weaving flax. The weaving of this knowledge is a lovely visual we can use. With a large Pasifica and Maori roll the students have chosen some cultural patterns that fit with their identity. Koru - symbolises new life and nature. Spearhead - Strength, courage and warrior spirit. Shark teeth - Power, ferocity and guidance. Braid - unity, tradition, prosperity and protection. The traditions and stories about the local area are alive with taniwha Awarua, Ngake and Whataitai and native birds like the kiwi, albatross, tui, kereru and ruru. Many of these birds still visit the school and area today. The students voted for their preferred bird the Kereru to feature in the mural. The students have shared with me their strong value of friendship within the school which they are really proud of. With these ideas we have put together three concepts for the mural.

*Warmest regards
Amy Burrell*

PLEASE VOTE ON THE
DESIGN YOU LIKE



Term 4 Diwali celebration Day – Friday 24th October

Last Friday, we celebrated Diwali. Thank you to Mrs Chawla who came and shared about the meaning of Diwali with us all, doing henna prints on some of the kids hands and morning tea for the staff.

The tamariki did rangoli patterns, lanterns, painting tea light candle holders and made some Indian sweets.

We also came together in the quad to have our lunch, we like burger and sunny days when we can do this.





Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.

To increase the use of Te Reo Māori at Taitā Central School we are continuing our Te Reo Māori phrase of the week. All our Kaiako/teachers and Kaiawhina/Support staff are trying to make sure we use this phrase throughout the week. You may hear your tamariki using these phrases at home.

The phrase we have been using in Weeks 3 & 4 is still... ***Tangohia tō pōtae*** / Take off your hat **and** ***Whakamaua tō pōtae*** / Put on your hat.

Community News

\$5 SUMMER READING OFFER

Your child would have come home with a \$5 Summer Reading Offer from Scholastic & Duffy Books in Homes. Orders for this close Friday 14 November. Please bring your order form and cash to the office if you would like to order any books.

Measles in the Wellington Region

You will be aware that there are now 3 confirmed cases of measles in Wellington. Now is a good time to check on your immunity, both children and adults.

At this point in time, it is business as usual and school will carry on as normal. We will only need to take action informing parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga that unimmunised children must stay home from school, if we are contacted by the Public Health agency and informed of a case linked to our school.

Symptoms of measles

The first symptoms of measles are similar to other respiratory illnesses, such as a cold, COVID-19 or flu (influenza) which means it can be hard to know you have measles.

Symptoms of measles are:

- fever (a temperature of at least 38°C)
- cough
- runny nose
- sore, red eyes
- rash.

The rash develops 3 to 5 days after the other symptoms. The rash appears as pink or red spots or bumps which start on the face before moving down the rest of the body. The rash may be more difficult to see on darker skin. The rash is not usually itchy. It can last for a week or more.

If you have any concerns, please **Contact Healthline on 0800 611 116** anytime 24/7.

2026 start date

Our start date for 2026 is Wednesday 4th February. We will have staff only days on the days before this.

Whakatauki



Ngā mihi maioha - warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff

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