



• Taitā Central School Pānui • Term 3 Week 9 – 17th September 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 Taitā Central School community:
Ako 4 – Izaiah, Jedidiah, Viola,
Ako 8 - Esther

Coming Up

Friday 18 September – Duffy Role Model Assembly 9:30am – 10:30am

Friday 18 September – Year 4 – 6 Performance Roopu visiting Best Start Taitā

Monday 21 September – Tuvalu Language Week.

Friday 25 September – Kowhai Block Superhero Day

Friday 25 September – Last day of Term 3

Monday 12 October – First day of Term 4



Term 2 Policy Review

During Term 2 our staff and Board of Trustees have been reviewing our school policy for **Identifying and Responding to Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect**.

You can check out this policy through the SchoolDocs link on our website.

SchoolDocs - A link has been added to our school website with the following login information.

- **URL:** <https://taitacentral.schooldocs.co.nz>
- **Username:** taitacentral
- **Password:** power



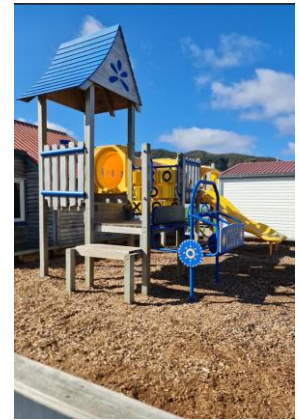
KPMG Volunteer Day

Once again Taitā Central School has been supported by KPMG to carry out a volunteer day at our kura. On Friday 21 August we had a team of 13 people from KPMG. They dug out the 9 fruit trees at the front of the school (alongside the bike track) and replanted them over near our raised garden beds and fruit trees on the other side of the car park. The reason we were moving the fruit trees was to clear the area for the Pā Harakeke development which will happen later this year and to replant them in an area which has better soil so they can grow strong and provide fruit for our tamariki for a long time to come.

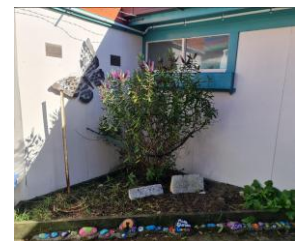


St Matthews Church Working Bee

On Saturday 30 August we had the wonderful team from St Matthews Church Taitā come and complete a Working Bee at school to help us tidy up a number of areas around our school grounds. The dedicated team of adults and children worked hard to tidy up our memorial garden for Miss Sheree and Bev, weed the front area of our school, cut back the trees along the front entranceway and moved the bark chips in our junior playground behind Ako 4 to put all the bark back in the correct places under the play equipment.



Ngā mihi nui to – Sarah, Caleb & Mimsy, Marie, Rosemary & Amalie, Robert McClay, Anna, Eva, Nadia & Zoe, Esperance, Jess, Oli, Mitchell, Ari, Emily, Josh, Caiden & Jordan, Charlotte, Harper, Spencer & Roman, Nick & Georgia, Matt, Claire and Tihei.



Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – 14th – 20th September

Theme: *Ake, Ake, Ake – A Forever Language.*

Focus: Te Reo Towns, celebrating communities that keep the language alive.

Mane – Our senior Akomanga Māori ākonga headed into Whanganui-a-Tara (Wellington) to join in the Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Parade with Merehana, Manihira, Matua Dylan, Sasha, Shanaia and Jess.

Tūrei – Our kura acknowledge Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori with Karakia, raising the flag and waiata.

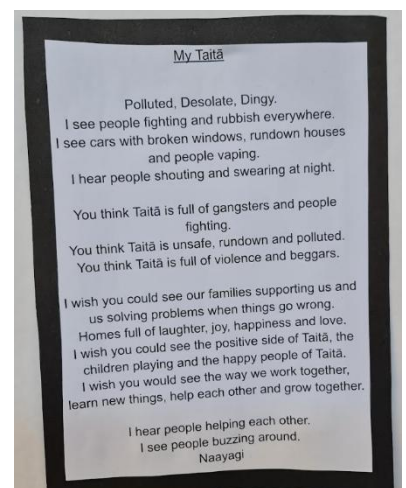
Wenerei – Wero: Merehana created a wero (challenge) for all tamariki, if you come find Merehana and can tell her:

KO...TŌKU INGOA - My name is ... / KEI TE NOHO AU KI... - I live in...

Eg: **Ko Merehana tōku ingoa** - My name is Merehana /**Kei te noho au ki Te Awakairangi ki Tai** - I live in Lower Hutt

Tāite – Our senior Akomanga Māori ākonga and Kowhai Tamariki will be attending a Te Reo Panui (Reading) event at Walter Nash Centre to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.

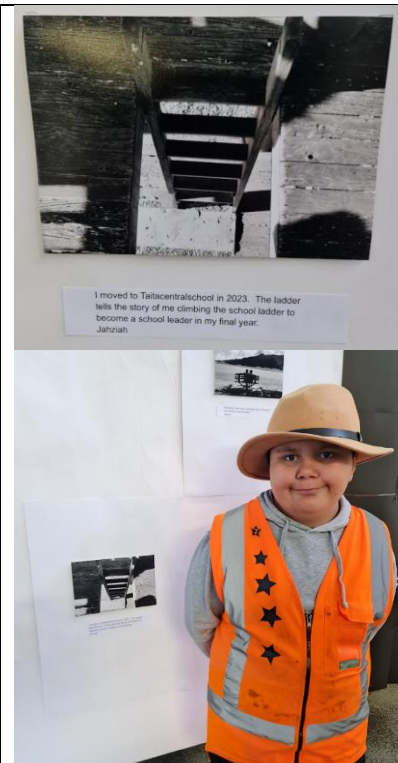
Paraire – Our senior performance Roopu have been invited to perform at Best Start Taitā to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.



Taitā Central School Pōhutukawa Whānau

Taitā, Our Truth, Our Voice – this exhibition was open to whānau and our wider Taitā Community on Wednesday 16th September during the school day and after school. Our Year 4, 5 & 6 Tamariki have been working on this project over the past eight weeks, our tamariki have been engaging in an integrated learning sequence focused on the concept of Perspective. Through slam poetry and a visual photography project called My Taitā, they have explored a central question: “Who gets to tell the story of our place, and how do we use our voices to tell the truth?”

Our students have been learning that a story is shaped entirely by the perspective of the teller. Inspired by the proverb, “Until the lion learns how to write, every story will glorify the hunter,” they have worked hard to challenge external, often deficit-based narratives about our neighbourhood. Through their writing, they have crafted powerful contrast poems — pairing the “They Say” stereotypes of outsiders with the vibrant, loving, and supportive “I Know” reality of their daily lives in Taitā. Alongside their poetry, they have captured stunning, high-quality photographs showcasing Taitā’s beauty, cultural wealth, and community connection through their own lenses. By pairing contrast poems (“They Say” vs. “I Know”) with striking visual imagery, these young creators challenge external stereotypes and celebrate the vibrant, loving, and supportive reality of Taitā through their own eyes.



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 5 was, **Patai – “Kei te marama?” / “Do you understand?” / Whakahoki – “Āe” “Yes” or “Kei te marama ahau.” / “I understand”**

The phrase for week 6 is: **Patai – “No hea koe?” / “Where are you from?” Whakahoki – “No Taitā ahau.” / “I am from Taitā.”**

Patai – “No hea ia?” / “Where is he/she from?” Whakahoki – No Whanganui-a-tara ia.” / He/she is from Wellington.”



A message from our Board of Trustees

Kia ora koutou Taitā Central whānau,

Thank you to everyone who made it along to the Hauora Kai, Tinana Ora Whānau event at Walter Nash on the 3rd of September. Nutritious food is so important to support the wellbeing and learning of our tamariki. We talked about the value of whole foods vs processed foods, and also talked about the difficulties in finding time to cook and prepare meals from scratch. To be honest, I don't think we solved that one! I think there is value in us bringing this discussion back to our whānau and aiga - I know I for one would love to hear some ideas from other parents, especially those with picky eaters!

We also had the opportunity to try some of the kai our tamariki are enjoying at lunchtime - our school lunch provider Kapura provided us with 3 different meals to try - chop suey, butter chicken, and chicken lasagne. I was very impressed with the quality and flavours of the meals. All meals are made from scratch - partly due to the government budget requirements, but also in deference to the nutrition value of using whole foods. Taitā Central is lucky to be able to provide hot lunches Marae style, meaning we can reduce single use plastics and giving our tamariki the chance to go back for seconds.

Noho ora mai whānau,
Katherine



Star Group - Kāpura School Lunch Survey

It's time for our Term 3 Survey. We received an excellent response last term, and the feedback provided valuable insights that helped us make decisions around our menu and service.

We would greatly appreciate hearing from parents, teachers, and students again this term. Your feedback helps us continue to improve and ensure we are delivering the best possible service.

Term 3 Survey Link --

- <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/x1Pnna5FtN?origin=lprLink>

We look forward to hearing your thoughts.



Head Lice / Nits

We are seeing an increase in the number of cases of Head Lice / Nits in school at the moment. Can you please check your tamariki to see if they have head lice or if they are clear.

Checking... at least once a week, check the scalp for head lice insects and eggs, especially:

- around the hairline at the back of the neck
- behind the ears
- on the crown (top of the head).

If you find head lice or eggs, you will need to treat them.

Today we are sending home with every family a bottle of Nit Buster Treatment and a comb (please see Erin at the office if you need more combs).

This is a highly effective treatment that kills the head lice and the eggs. Follow the instructions that are supplied.

You need to do a second treatment 7 to 10 days after the first. This is to kill any head lice that may have hatched after the first treatment.

Community News

Mitey – Drive for Five

As a Mitey school we are proud to support Mitey in its goal to reach even more schools across Aotearoa. Mitey is calling on schools and tamariki across Aotearoa to get behind the **Mitey Drive for Five**.

Ākonga can register to fundraise for Mitey and if they raise \$50 or more, they could win a spot on the field at Eden Park for the Mitey Match, Mitey's world-record-breaking attempt at the Bledisloe Cup® curtain raiser in Auckland on 10 October. At least 521 kids will take to the field alongside famous faces for one unforgettable match - and no rugby experience is needed! 5 prizes up for grabs - includes a place on the squad and airfares, accommodation, a ticket to the game for them and a caregiver. **Ākonga can register at www.miteydriveforfive.co.nz.**

As part of Mitey's Drive for Five, there will be a free, family-friendly community event in Wellington in the school holidays. There'll be fun activities, and Sir John Kirwan will have **The Bledisloe Cup®** shined up and ready for your new profile pic.

Wellington Drive For Five - Free Community Event

Thursday, 1 October 2026 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Toitū Pōneke Community & Sports Centre

Kilbirnie Park, [49 Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie, Wellington 6022](#)

Anyone aged 5–15 who comes on the day will have the chance to win a trip to Auckland on 10 October 2026 with their guardian, to take part in The Mitey Match and attend The Bledisloe Cup® game. **You can register to attend this free event at <https://www.miteydriveforfive.co.nz/community-events>.**

It's completely free, so come say hi, have some fun and show your support for the **Mitey Drive for Five** and Kiwi kids' mental health.



The background of the poster is a vibrant green, overlaid with a pattern of semi-transparent soccer jerseys. The jerseys are dark green with white numbers and the word 'MITEY' in white. Visible numbers include 145, 57, 25, 26, 344, and 79. At the top center, there is a white logo consisting of a stylized 'X' above the word 'MITEY' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the words 'DRIVE FOR FIVE' are written in large, bold, black letters. A white silhouette of a soccer player in mid-action is positioned to the left of the word 'DRIVE'. Below the main title, the text 'Raising \$5 million to help Kiwi kids tackle life's toughest moments' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A horizontal white line separates this from the next section. The next section contains the text 'Fundraise for the chance to play in the Mitey Match, the curtain raiser for the Bledisloe Cup® game at Eden Park' in white, sans-serif font. Another horizontal white line follows. Below this, three options are listed in white, sans-serif font, separated by vertical white bars: 'RAISE \$50', 'GET AN ENTRY', and 'GET IN THE GAME'. A final horizontal white line is at the bottom of this section. The last section contains the text '5x experiences to be won including travel, accommodation and tickets to the Bledisloe Cup® for a child and guardian.' in white, sans-serif font.

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Whakataukāki

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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