



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!

19 September 2024
19 Mahuru 2024

Number 14
Tekau ma wha

Term 3: Week 9
Wāhanga 3: Wiki 9

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Coming Events:

Fri 20 Sept – Te Wiki o te Reo Māori Assembly
Tue 24 Sept – Board Meeting 6pm
Thur 26 Sep – Tuvalu, Fijian & Niue Whānau Day celebrations
Fri 27 Sept – Taitā Central School Onesie Day
Fri 27 Sept – End of Term 2
Mon 14 Oct – Start of Term 3
Tue 29 Oct – Swimming starts
Fri 25 Oct – RNZ Ballet 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'
Mon 28 Oct – Labor Day School Closed

To Action:

Important Dates to remember...

Fri 27 Sep - Onesie Day bring a donation & dress up
Friday 27 September – last day of term 3
Monday 14 October – first day of Term 4.

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

I have to say I have not been too impressed with the weather this week following my return from my principal Study Tour to Finland.

The purpose of my trip was to gain an understanding of the Finnish education system and why they are rated as number one in the world for student outcomes.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dylan Turnbull for his leadership at the school during my absence. I also want to express my deep gratitude to the school board for their support, which allowed me to participate in the Principal Study Tour in Finland. Visiting other schools is always a valuable experience, but having the opportunity to do so in Tampere was truly a privilege. As many of you may know, Finland's education system is considered one of the best in the world. Education is a top priority for the Finnish government and is well-resourced, particularly in the area of learning support. Finnish children are encouraged to be self-managing and independent from a very young age.

During the tour we were fortunate to visit 4 different types of education centres, ranging from 1500 students aged 7 years to 16 years to a school of 54 students very similar to a New Zealand School. We also spent some time at an early childhood centre which catered for students aged 5 and 6 years who attended prior to starting formal schooling at 7 years old. On our first day at Tesoma School we got to experience a Finnish school lunch and on our third day the Grade 3 & 4 students (Years 5 & 6) at Lastusten School greeted us with the Māori waiata **Tutira Mai Ngā Iwi**, which was a wonderful rendition and a fabulous way to welcome us and make us feel at home.

We also got to experience a trip to a Finnish forest where we explored the forest, learned about the edible and poisonous plants and animals – there is one poisonous snake in Finland, luckily we did not come across it during this trip! After our walk we had to get our campfire lit before we could cook our Salmon Soup and pancakes for dinner.



Attendance, Engagement & Achievement

As a school we continue to focus on ensuring our ākonga are at school and actively engaged in learning. As a school we are seeing an increase in student absence again, this may be due to the recent cold, wet weather and ongoing winter illness. Being at school every day is essential for our tamariki to make progress and achieve their goals and meet the achievement expectations for their year level. This is particularly important for our Year 1 ākonga, as it helps them to develop a good routine of going to school every day, it means that they do not miss out on important learning, as well as supporting the development of friendships and good social skills.

We ask you to please support your tamariki to come to school each day, well rested and ready to learn. Be assured that if your child becomes unwell at school, we will call you and let you know.

Swimming Programme – Tuesday 29th October – Thursday 7th November (12:30pm – 2:00pm)

All tamariki will be bussed to and from Huia pool and will receive 8 swimming lessons during this time and will need to bring a bag with their swimming togs and a dry towel (swimming goggles if your child uses them) everyday. No deoderant or hairspray.

Swimming is part of our school Health and Physical Education programme and all tamariki are expeted to participate every day. Learning to swim is such an important skill for all tamariki in New Zealand with our fabulous rivers, lakes and beaches.

Parents are welcome to come and join their child at the pool during their swimming lesson, however you will need to find your own way to Huia pool.

A notice will be coming home today for you to fill in providing information about your child's swimming ability. Please return this swimming ability notice to your child's teacher, asap.

SCHOOL NEWS

	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 <u>silisili</u> 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 5 & 6 across the school was **Whakawhanaungatanga / Te toa takitini / So'otaga** – we come together as one.

Our value focus for Week 7 & 8 across the school was **Empathy / Aroha – Ngākau aroha / Lagona Alofa** – trying to understand how others feel.

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

Assembly – Week 5 Thank you to Kowhai Block and our hosts Jack, Molly, Cren and Mehi and visuals Joshua and Fa'amago.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Kina & Legacy

Ako 3: Mehi, Neerav, Jack & Kyle

Ako 4: Faith & Manuah

Ako 7: Maddie & Faaeteete

Ako 8: Ruby-Lee & Evatyn

Ako Iwa: Glynis, Emperor & Janelisa

Akomanga Māori: Phoenix (Ako 3)

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 1: Zeta for making great choices in the classroom and helping your friends when they need it. You are always the first person to offer to help and it is so lovely to watch you grow in confidence.

Ako 3: Carmelita for working so hard in Literacy. Giving everything a go, persevering and doing your best. Well done.

Ako 7: Esha for showing Perseverance and getting engaged in her learning. You are putting in efforts and making incredible progress.

Ako Iwa: Nesta You're working hard to be a fantastic ākonga who is taking the time to think about how your ngā hohenga and ngā kupu affect others. Choosing to do the right thing, he mahi tika, is always a great decision.

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Elisefou (A9) Panapa (A4) Taione (A3) Nyla (A3) Albert (A7) Mirai (A4) Praise (A4) Izzy (A9) Niko (A1) Kristina (A9)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: Brynn (A3)

Assembly – Week 6 Thank you to Ako Iwa and our hosts Izzy, Janelisa and Bella and visuals Aiden and Kaden.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Vaiana & Ellie

Ako 3: Mehi & Finn

Ako 4: Faith & Mirai

Ako 7: Nivayah & Jared

Ako 8: Layan & Anaiya-Rose

Ako Iwa: Aiden & Toby

Akomanga Māori: Cherie & Acaexia (Ako 8)

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 4: Faith

Ako 8: Eliana for being a passionate and enthusiastic learner!!

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Simaima (A4) Skye (A1) Naayagi (A3) Tarusila (A1) Aaru (A7) Vaiana(A1) Glynis (A9) Molly (A3) Legacy (A1) Kopo (A4) Layan (A8)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner:

Ruby-Lee (A8)

Congratulations to our Pathway to Leadership Award Winners:

Ako 3: Naayagi, Samuel, Jericho, Taione, Lama, Kyle, Brynn, Finn, Eva, Mason, Sujith, Emine

Ako Iwa: Warren, Sera, Manai, Sthelin, Emperor, Ngawairangi, Kristina, Aiden, Toby, Elisefou, PJ, Bella, Izzy

Assembly – Week 7 Thank you to Kowhai Block and our hosts Mehi, Molly, Joshua and Jack and visuals Samuel.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Zeta & Iriana

Ako 3: Finn & Mehi

Ako 4: Koval & Panapa

Ako 7: Avin & Talia

Ako 8: Amira, Cherie & Ahnaira-Ann

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 1: Chaze for being an enthusiastic learner and always trying your best even when it is hard!

Ako 3: Taione for being supportive of other learners in literacy and maths. Helping others when they are stuck. Using encouraging words to your classmates. Well done, Taione.

Ako 7: Navilan for showing his Power values all the time. Being on task and a role- model to the year 4's. Keep up the great work.

Ako Iwa: Janelisa for being a super leader who cares and respects everyone all the time.

Congratulations to our POWER Award Winners:

Praise (A4) Ellie (A3) Jacob (A3) Jack (A3) Rhys (A7) Tu'u (A8) Niko (A1) Faith (A4) Cherie (A8) Tarusila (A1)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: Khalisha (Ako Iwa)

Congratulations to our Stepsweb Award Winners:

Aaru (A7) Albert (A7) Kent (A7) Kaden (Ako Iwa)

Congratulations to our netball Award Winners:

Manawa - Izzy, Ruby-Lee, Janelisa, Faaeteete, Emma, Evatyn, Skyy, Emily & Cherie

Kārearea - Ahnaira-Ann, Aaru, Eliana, Irene, Amira, Anaiya-Rose, PJ, Atarangi & Talia

Mana Moments

Last Thursday afternoon, instead of having Buddy Classes we had tuakana/teina choosing time with the whole school



Study Centre Camp – Brookfield Wednesday 11th September – Friday 13th September

Last week on Wednesday the 11th of September 2024, Study Centre students got to embark on an exciting 3 day camp. On arrival at Brookfield camp in Wainuiomata, the kids were taken on a walk-about around the grounds where Mr Little gave a bit of a history lesson about the place, the original owner and how it came to be a place where it is used by many to this day.

Day 1 - consisted of – obstacle course, flying fox, trampoline, setting up tents, sorting our cabins, lots of sports including tennis, cricket, volleyball, frisbees etc... dinner preparation for tin foil meals cooked on the fire in a tin foil pouch (carrots, potatoes, sausages and gravy, it was very yummy!!), dessert preparation, banana spilt down the middle and stuffed full of chocolate chips sealed in tin foil and cooked on the fire (also VERY YUMMY especially all the melted chocolate) After dishes were done and it got dark, out came the torches and a game of spotlight was had out on the big field and amongst the trees. Then before you knew it, it was bedtime and all the kids and the strongest of the adults, slept out in their tents. It was freezing and uncomfortable, but we managed to survive!

Day 2 – started very early for some (once again the strongest of the adults) we got the kids nice hot chocolate drinks to get them warmed up for the day. Breakfast of hot porridge was finally made when our cook got out of his warm cozy bed and made us all some. Once the dishes were all done we embarked on a bit of an adventure. Mr Littles Humpy Hike – ask any of the kids who went on this hike and they will tell you how much they THOROUGHLY enjoyed this hike, we went up and down and around and up and down and up and down and sideways and up and down.....and anyways we managed to make it there and back again safely (and lets NEVER do that walk again - EVER)

Back at camp we our made our own rolls for lunch and then we prepared out pizza dough for dinner. After that it was kayaking time and most of the kids got to spend time out on the water and have a good time paddling around. With that done and dusted it was quickly back to the hall to get our pizzas ready and made and on the fire to be cooked. 6pm came around fast and our whanau started to arrive. We made lots of pizza so were able to give some for our families.

Next, we were onto our campfire where once again Mr Little gave a bit of a history lesson to our visitors and then we did some campfire chants and songs – so much fun had by all that were there. MARSHMELLOWS!!!!

MARSHMELLOWS!!! The kids were all yelling for my marshmallows, so I had to share them 😊 Marshmallows on the fire, the best way to end the night around the campfire.

After our visitors left we had apple crumble (which the kids helped prepare) and custard and then it was lights out, we got to sleep in our cabins on the last night.

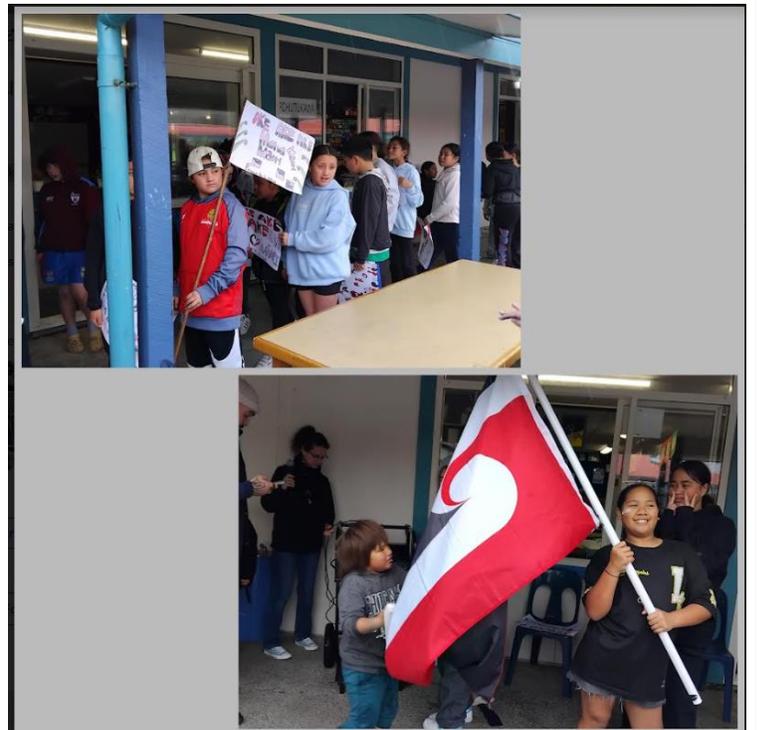
Day 3 – Lots of tidying up and packing before we got to play some sport. Crafts were inside once it started raining more and then to finish off our camp we had a sausage sizzle. We arrived back at school at 2:30pm to end our camp trip.

Big ups goes to Mr Little, who thought up the idea and then organised pretty much everything! Thank you to Miss Kelly and our amazing parents, Peka, Emily and Thangavel, you guys took on everything that needed to be done and helped in so many ways, we couldn't have done it without you guys. Thank you to Whaea Shell and to the B.O.T for allowing us to give the kids this awesome opportunity. And lastly thanks especially to my Study Centre kids, I had an awesome time hanging out with you all – peace out, Nada



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori –

On Monday morning, Akomanga Māori tamariki were meant to go into Wellington to the Te Wiki o te Reo Māori parade but unfortunately due to the weather it was cancelled so we decided to have our own one at school around the quad.



Buddy Time sessions

On Rātu/Tuesday, Rāapa/Wednesday and Rāpare/Thursday afternoon this week our Tuakana/Teina Buddy Class teachers worked collaboratively to design and deliver an activity that will be taught 3 times, so every ākonga gets to experience all the activities.

The activities ranged from Māori crafts, weaving, printing etc.



This week, during the afternoons we are getting into our buddy classes and rotating between the different classes to do different activities to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.

This Friday we will share and celebrate the mahi/work our ākonga have achieved during our kura/school assembly starting at 11:30am in Pohutukawa Block and follow this with sharing kai.

Puna Reo visit to Year 4 -6 Akomanga Māori

As part of our Te wiki o te Reo Māori celebrations Whaea Michelle arranged for WTH to come and spend time with our Year 4 to 6 ākonga Akomanga Māori on Tuesday 17th September.



On Tuesday morning, our Akomanga Māori had a visit from Tree House Whānau Puna Reo where Whaea Michelle also works. Our tamariki welcomed them with a mini Mihi Whakatau, shared kai and a little play.

**TE WIKI O
TE REO MĀORI**
14-21 o Hepetema 2024



AKE AKE AKE
A FOREVER LANGUAGE
KIA KAHA TE REO MĀORI



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 “**Wā whakapai**” (Tidy up time)

Week 7 “**Tīkina tō...**” (Eg. **Tīkina tō pukapuka/pene rākau/kai etc**) Fetch your... **book / pencil / food**

Week 8 “**Waihotia**” (Leave it/don't touch) “**Waihotia te _____**” (Leave the _____ alone)

Week 9 “**Me whakatau koe**” (Calm down / Settle down)

Friday 27 September – Taitā Central School Onesie Day

We are celebrating Onesie Day on Friday 27 September. We know it is not the official day but wanted everyone to have a chance to be involved. Come dressed up in your onesie or pajamas and bring a donation/coin if you can, in support of Wellington Free Ambulance.

Community News

Public Health Information Headlice (Nits)

Now is a good time to check your child's head for Headlice as the weather warms up and prior to our school swimming programme starting early in Term 4.

We have free headlice treatment and combs at school, just let Erin in the school office know you need some and we can send them home to you.

HEAD LICE

Five tips to prevent head lice:

1. Comb and brush your hair everyday with your own comb or brush
2. Avoid sharing hats
3. Wear swimming caps at the pool and avoid sharing towels
4. Wear your long hair tied up
5. Let an adult check your hair and check the whole family weekly

If you notice your child has head lice:

- Treat with wet combing or Dimethicone 4% lotion
- Notify school so that they can tell parents to check their children

See your Public Health Nurse or school office for resources and advice.

For more information:
www.rph.org.nz/public-health-topics/early-childhood-centres/fact-sheets/head-lice.pdf

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora



Whakatauki

Ko ngā pae tawhiti whāia kia tata, ko ngā pae tata, whakamaua kia tina

The potential for tomorrow depends on what we do today.

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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