



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, Hello, Greetings!

2 February 2024
2 Huitanguru 2024

Number 1
Tahi

Term 1: Week 1
Wāhanga 1: Wiki 1

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Coming Events:

Mon 5 Feb – Staff Only Day – **School Closed**
Tue 6 Feb – Waitangi Day – **School Closed**
Tue 13 Feb – BOT Meeting
Wed 14 Feb – Floorball starts
Tue 20 Feb - Peace March visit
Fri 23 Feb – Whānau Back to School Community Event

To Action:

Important Dates to remember...
Fri 23 Feb – Whānau Back to School Community Event
Absence TXT Line: 022 351 2655 - Text child's first & last name, Ako/class, absence reason, sender's name

Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura o Ngā Hau e Whā – Welcome back to Taitā Central School.

Welcome back to Taitā Central School - On behalf of our Board of Trustees, our staff, our students and our community, I would like to warmly welcome our new students and their families, Whānau and Aiga to Taitā Central School. This year we also have a new staff member who has joined our Teacher Aide team, welcome Conor Frederickson who will be working in Pohutukawa Block supporting our ākonga in Ako 9.

I know that our Taitā Central ākonga/Students will be wonderful role models for our new ākonga/students and staff and will model our POWER Values.

We have some changes for 2024 we would like to share with you, firstly we are introducing new Bell times for 2024.

We still **start school at 8:55am** and Breakfast club is still open every day from 8:15 am until 8:45 am.

We will be having an earlier morning tea break, it will start at 10:40am and our ākonga/students will go straight out to play for half an hour. When the bell rings for the end of morning tea our ākonga/students will go back into their classrooms and sit quietly to eat your morning tea kai for 10 minutes - this will be our **Read and Feed** time. After this our ākonga/students will start their classroom learning again.

The Lunch bell will ring at 12:50pm and again our ākonga/students will go directly out to play for half an hour.

The next bell will ring at 1:20pm and our ākonga/students will return to class to sit down and eat lunch - this will be our second **Read and Feed** time. After this our ākonga/students will return to their classroom learning until it is time to tidy up and finish off for the day. The bell will still ring at **3pm to end the school day**.

This new timetable is a big change for everyone, so teachers and teacher aides will students of what to do to help follow this new way of doing things.

2024 Taitā Central School Timetable



New school timetable for 2024

8:15 - 8:45am - Breakfast Club

8.30 - Road Patrol and classrooms Open

8.55 - 10.40am Classroom Learning (1 hr 45 mins)

10.40 - 11.10am Morning Break (30 mins)

11.10 - 11.20am Read & Feed in class (10 mins)

11.20 - 12.50 Classroom Learning (1 hr 30 mins)

12.50 - 1.20pm Lunch play (30 mins)

1.20 - 1.35pm Read & Feed in class (10 mins)

1.35 - 2.50pm Classroom Learning (1 hr 20 mins)

2.50-3.00pm - Pack up, Pathway to Leadership

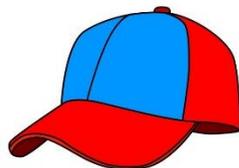
3.00pm - Home Time

Taitā Central School introduces our Pathway to Leadership Model

This year we are also introducing our new school **Pathway to Leadership model** – This model will be a way for us to support our ākonga/students to think about and reflect on their learning and their day. The model will help our ākonga/students to think about their attitude to learning, what they were successful with and what they need more support to achieve, it will enable them to set goals for the next day. This model will also enable us to recognise the ākonga/students at Taitā Central School who are showing and using the POWER Values throughout their day and who are leaders in their class and in our school.

Important reminders for the term

- Everyone must wear a **sunhat** when they are outside during morning tea and lunch breaks and when your class goes outside for sports or games.etc.
- Bring a **drink bottle for water**, so you can keep hydrated and refill it at school.



Phones away for the day

All state schools/kura are required to implement a phone rule that has student phones 'away for the day' as soon as possible in Term 1 2024 and no later than the start of Term 2 2024. The Government has introduced regulations to put this requirement in place. These can be found at: [Education \(School Boards\) Amendment Regulations 2023 – Parliamentary Counsel Office](#)



Taitā Central School Policy **Cell phones and other Personal Digital Devices states that** "Taitā Central School does not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to school. These are not necessary to have during the day. However, we understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school."

Parent/Caregiver and student responsibility

If a parent needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the school office – 04 567 7214.

If a student brings a personal digital device to our school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept any responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices brought to the school but investigates any issues as appropriate.
- **Students must** hand in their device to the classroom teacher at the beginning of the day and can collect the device at the end of the school day. Devices are not to be used at break times.

All our school Policies can be accessed and viewed through 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

2024 Term Dates for Taitā Central School

Term	Start date	End date	Weeks	Holidays during terms
Term 1	Wed 31 January	Fri 12 April	11	Teacher Only Day: Monday 5 February Waitangi Day observed: Tuesday 6 February Easter Observed: Friday 29 March–Tuesday 2 April ANZAC Observed: during the school holidays
Term 2	Mon 29 April	Fri 5 July	10	King's Birthday: Mon 2 June Matariki: Friday 28 June
Term 3	Mon 22 July	Fri 27 September	10	
Term 4	Mon 14 October	Wed 18 December	10	Labour Day: Mon 27 October

School Attendance

If ākonga/students miss one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All ākonga/students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. This is a reminder that as we enter 2024, **every day of school matters.**

We ask that you let the school know if your child/children are going to be absent for a day or intend to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Please ring **Erin 04 567 7214** or send a text to our **Absence TXT Line: 022 351 2655** - Text child's first & last name, Ako (class), absence reason, sender's name

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, set a regular bedtime, so your child can get 8 hours of healthy sleep to support them with their learning. Reach out to us! Talk to your child's teacher. Taitā Central School is committed to supporting you and your child to attend school and build a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with ākonga/students and whānau/Aiga.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating, and progressing in their education.

SCHOOL NEWS

New Enrolments – A warm welcome to our Taita Central School community: Panapa & Zavier Ako 4, Skye, Malia-Rosa and Sujith Ako 1, Avin & Aaru Ako 7,



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 Weeks 1 & 2 across the school is **Perseverance / Whakapau Kaha / - onosa'i – give it a go and keep trying, even when it gets hard.** The New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.



Taitā Central School Community “Back to School Event”

The Taitā Central School staff along with Kainga Ora, MSD and Ministry of Education would like to invite all our ākonga, families, Whānau and Aiga to our Community **“Back to School Event.”**

One of our 2024 Strategic Goals is to **“Create a Hauora Hub at Taitā Central School to support the health & wellbeing needs of our ākonga/students, staff, and Whānau/Aiga”**, so that we can support improved Health and Wellbeing and develop educationally powerful partnerships based on shared values and positive relationships.

Where: Taitā Central School field area

When: Friday 23rd February (Postponement date Friday 1st March)

Time: 3:00pm – 6:00pm

What: There will be representatives from Kainga Ora and Ministry of Social Development providing support and advice for Whānau & Aiga. Ministry of Education, Nuku Ora Healthy Active Schools leading and supporting active play. Our school Kiwi Can facilitators. Fire and Emergency NZ with a fire safety table and fire safety quiz with a lego prize. There will also be a bouncy castle, face painting, sports and games and free sausages for all.

There will also be an opportunity to get a free haircut thanks to Terrance Davidson of the Hairy Barber Petone.

Lucky Book Club

Your child would have come home with a Lucky Book Club brochure - Issue 1. The last day to place an order for this is Thursday 22 February.

Board News

School stationery

Once again, I would like to acknowledge the support of our Board of Trustees for covering the cost of the stationery for our ākonga/students this year. It was great to be able to start day one of the new school year with everyone ready with the equipment and resources they need to support their learning.

Community News

Hurricanes and Moana Pasifika Super Rugby meet in their last pre-season game in the lead up to the 2024 DHL Super Rugby Pacific Season. This is a fabulous opportunity for families, whānau and aiga to get to see their favourite teams as entry to the game is free.

Hurricanes v Moana Pasifika

Location: NZCIS NZ Campus of Innovation and Sport – 48 Somme Road, Trentham, Upper Hutt

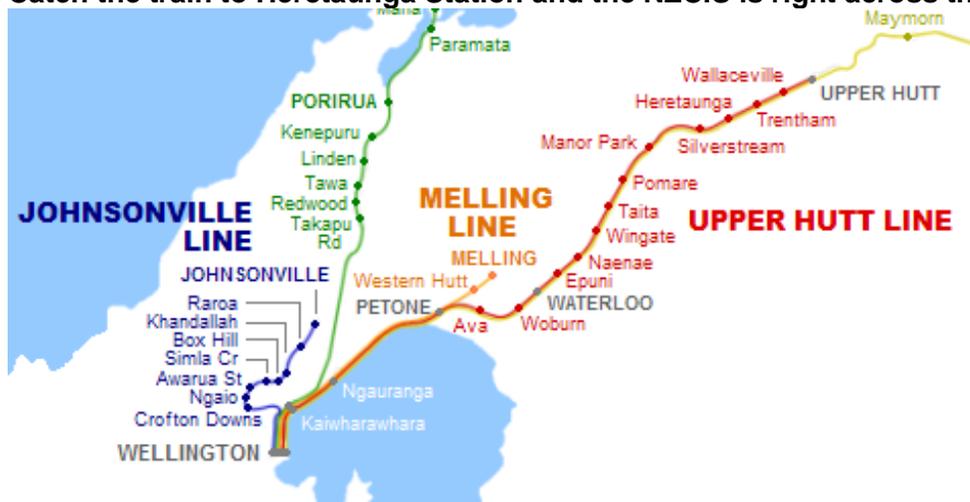
Date: Friday, 16 February

Kick-off: 2.30pm

Tickets: Free entry



Catch the train to Heretaunga Station and the NZCIS is right across the road.



Naenae Fruit & Vege Co-op: We're about community, not profit. www.hauorakai.nz

Buying regular \$15 fruit and vege packs from the Naenae Fruit and Vege Co-op is a great deal for you – and it helps us to provide affordable tāmatoa hauora kai (fresh healthy food) to everyone in our community.

It's a numbers thing. The more whānau who buy our packs, the more delicious fresh produce we can get into every pack. Available every Tuesday from four pick-up points, it's fresh from the growers, packed by volunteers, and always cheaper than the supermarket.



Walter Nash Event – free Family Fun 10th February 2pm til late.



Children's Asthma Study – see notice board for more details or email startcare@mrinz.ac.nz

START CARE
Children's Asthma Study

Do you have asthma?
We want to find the best inhalers for kids/tamariki with asthma.

SCAN ME!

What does it involve?

- Try turbuhalers to manage your asthma symptoms
- Attend 6 visits over 1 year for asthma reviews, education, and breathing tests
- Reimbursement for travel expenses for parents, and gift card koha for children

To take part you must:

- Be between 5 and 11 years old
- Have asthma
- Take separate reliever and preventer inhalers

Get in touch to learn more:

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Whakatauki

As a staff we have selected the following whakatauki for 2024 as the foundation for all that we do when planning and preparing our classroom learning programmes this year.

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tātau māhi.

Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.

Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff

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