



# 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!

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Rima

Term 1: Week 10  
Wāhanga 1: Wiki 10

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## Coming Events:

Tue 9 Apr – Duffy Role Model Assembly  
Tue 9 Apr – Movin' March Wheels Day  
Fri 12 Apr – End of Term 1

## Term 2

Mon 29 Apr – Staff Only Day – **School Closed**  
Tue 30 Apr – First day of Term 2  
Wed 1 May – Dental Van on site  
Thu 9 May – Parent Teacher Interviews  
Wed 15 May – School Photos

## To Action:

*Important Dates to remember...*

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Staff Only day**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – first day Term 2**

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

Tēnā Koutou Katoa,

As a school we are constantly reflecting and reviewing our processes to see if we can make some small changes that will make some big improvements for all.

## Taitā Central School Assembly – change of time

We have changed when we have our weekly assembly. Our school assembly will now be held at 10:00am each Friday. We are also changing up how we acknowledge our POWER in the Playground winners, instead of giving them an ice block the staff are inviting them to join them in the staffroom for morning tea.



**Ka Ora, Ka Ako Healthy School Lunch programme**

We have been reviewing our school lunch programme. We have noticed that the hot lunches are the most popular. We have also been looking at how we can make sure our ākonga receive healthy food that they are excited to eat, to provide food that our ākonga enjoy, to ensure that all ākonga who want a school lunch can receive one, and how we can reduce food waste.

You may have seen or heard a lot of discussion in the news about the Government reviewing the Ka Ora, Ka Ako, healthy lunches programme due to the cost of the programme and the perceived waste. As a school we believe that participating in the Ka Ora, Ka Ako Healthy School lunch programme is beneficial for our ākonga, it enables us to ensure our ākonga receive a healthy school lunch, healthy food is essential for the health and wellbeing of our ākonga and their learning as well as attendance.

From the start of Term 2 we will be changing to the Marae style lunch programme. The Marae style programme will provide hot school lunches every day. Due to the size of our Whareroa we will need to have 2 lunch sittings. Our junior ākonga from Kowhai Block will eat in the Whareroa from 12:50pm – 1:10pm and then they will go out to play. Our senior ākonga from Pohutukawa Block will go out to play at 12:50pm until 1:20pm, then they will come to the Whareroa for their kai. Any ākonga who bring their own lunch from home will also join their class and teachers in the Whareroa where we will say Karakia and then sit down to eat together.

If your child/children would like to join the school lunch programme from the start of Term 2 please speak to Erin at the school office or send her an email

[admin@taitacentral.school.nz](mailto:admin@taitacentral.school.nz).



### Attendance, Engagement & Achievement

As a school we continue to focus on ensuring our ākonga are at school and actively engaged in learning. Each term we receive a breakdown of our ākonga's attendance by year level for the previous term. This data is shared with our Board of Trustees.

#### Term 4 2023 Attendance Data

Year Level	Regular Attendance 90% - 100%		Irregular Attendance 80% - 90%		Moderately Absent 70% - 80%		Chronically Absent 0% - 70%		Number of ākonga
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Year 1	9	36%	8	32%	1	4.0%	7	28%	25
Year 2	6	31.6%	7	36.8%	1	5.3%	5	26.3%	19
Year 3	12	60.0%	3	15.0%	3	15.0%	2	10.0%	20
Year 4	17	65.4%	5	19.2%	1	3.8%	3	11.5%	26
Year 5	10	47.6%	5	23.8%	4	19.0%	2	9.5%	21
Year 6	13	48.1%	7	25.9%	3	11.1%	4	14.8%	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>54.1%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20.5%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>146</b>

The Ministry of Education (2020) defines 'regular attendance' as "students attending school for more than 90% of available half-days".

A 90% attendance rate still might mean a student is missing school for an average of one day each fortnight.

The data above from Term 4 2023 shows that only 54.1% of our ākonga had an attendance rate of 90% or higher.

Working in partnership there are things that our families, Whānau and Aiga can do to support their child/children to fully engage in their learning and achieve success. We need to build the 'habit of attendance' for our tamariki, and we need the support of our families, whānau and Aiga to achieve this.

Regular school attendance is an important life skill that will help your tamariki achieve success at school, set them up well for intermediate and secondary school, as well as help them to develop a good work ethic in the future.

#### **What can parents, caregivers, family, whānau and Aiga do?**

In his well-known *Visible Learning* research, John Hattie (2009) states that "parental aspirations and expectations for children's educational achievement has the strongest relationship with achievement" (p. 70).

#### **Prioritise school attendance:**

- Talk to your tamariki about the importance of showing up to school on time every day and make that your expectation.

- Help your tamariki maintain daily routines, play and exercise daily, finish any schoolwork and get a good night's sleep. Limiting 'screen time' in the evenings can help tamariki sleep better.
- Encourage your tamariki to manage themselves and organise what they will wear, what they need for their learning, what food they will take to school and pack their bag (if they bring one) the night before, so they are ready for school the next day and can focus on their learning, particularly if things are a bit rushed in your house in the morning.
- We trust our parents, families, Whānau and Aiga to keep your tamariki home if they are sick and we will call you if your child becomes unwell during the school day.

### Health and Wellbeing

Recently we have noticed some of our ākonga coming to school with sores that are uncovered, weeping or red rimmed and looking infected. I spoke with Isabel Furniss our Public Health Nurse to ask for some information I could share with our parents, families, Whānau and Aiga about keeping our tamariki's skin healthy and what to do when your tamariki has a minor cut, sore or other skin condition. Please see the Healthy Skin attachment included with this email.

### SCHOOL NEWS

**New Enrolments** – A warm welcome to our Taita Central School community: Koval and Praise Ako 4, Bryce Ako 3.

	<b>P</b>	Perseverance / <i>Whakapau Kaha / Onosa'i</i> - give it a go and keep trying, even when it gets hard.
	<b>O</b>	Outstanding / <i>Kei runga noa atu! / Matua silisili ona lelei</i> - always being the best that you can be.
	<b>W</b>	Whakawhanaungatanga / <i>Te toa takitini / So'otaga</i> - we come together as one.
	<b>E</b>	Empathy / <i>Aroha - Ngākau aroha / Lagona Alofa</i> - trying to understand how others feel.
	<b>R</b>	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.

### Assembly – Week 7 & 8

Thank you to Ako 1 and our hosts Brynn and Niko (with help from Janelisa, Glynis and Emperor) visuals Miss Kelly and Nesta.

### Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Emine & Vaiana  
 Ako 3: Naayagi & Cren  
 Ako 4: Amara & Koval  
 Ako 7: Harihar & Avin  
 Ako 8: Fa'amago  
 Ako 9: Emily  
 Ngā Hau e Whā: Mere (A8) Ceideys & Tuterangi (A9)

### Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

#### Week 7

Ako 1: Shalom for being a kind member of Ako 1, you are always the first person to help when someone is upset.  
 Ako 3: Molly for a focused work ethic and striving to continually be better. You constantly try new things and ask when you're not sure. *Kaimahi pai!*

Ako 7: Emma for showing all her power values. She is focused and is always on task. She is a role-model for her class.

Ako 9: Noah for working really hard this week and taking risks in your learning.

### **Week 8**

Ako 4: Suntroyden for making lots of good choices this week and thinking about how others might be feeling.

Ako 8: Layan for being an amazing role model and supporting Avin with her learning.

Outstanding Award: Joshua & Jericho (A3) for being a great buddy and being very caring and kind, awesome buddies.

**Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:** Kaden (A9) Talia (A7) Annie (A9) Joshua (A7) Zeta (A1) Nia-Grace (A7) Cherie (A8) Glynis (A9) Ahnaira-Ann (A8) Faaeteete (A7)

**Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner:** Xavier (A8)

**Congratulations to our Touch Rugby teams for Term 1:**

### **Wahs:**

Most Valuable Players: Ruby-Lee & Finn

Most Impressive Player: Emily

### **Kārearea:**

Most Valuable Player: Faaeteete

Most Impressive Player: Irene

Players of the Day: Janelisa, Anaiya-Rose, Manai & Emma

**Congratulations to our Moving March weekly winners:** Nyla (A3) Amara (A4) Isaac (A8) Sujith (A1)

### **Assembly – Week 10**

Thank you to Ako 7 and our hosts Faaeteete, Maddie and Emma and visuals Albert and Navilan.

**Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:**

Ako 1: Emine & Jahmima

Ako 3: Lama & Taione

Ako 4: Praise & Zion

Ako 7: Esha & Sitina

Ako 8: Isaac, Indy & Ruby-Lee

Ako 9: Victoria & Khalisha

Ngā Hau e Whā: Ryan (A8)

**Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:**

### **Week 9**

Ako 1: Skye for having an amazing couple of weeks. You have been working hard in your learning and asking questions when you are stuck. You are starting to show your classmates and teachers respect and being a friendly person in our class.

Ako 3: Jacob showing leadership in class. You share your knowledge and ideas confidently. You have also been a great class monitor.

Ako 7: Aaru for showing her power values every day. She is ready to take on the challenges. She is helpful and kind and has adjusted well in Ako 7.

Ako 9: Emily for showing all the POWER values and showing respect to others. Tino pai rawa tō mahi.

### **Week 10**

Ako 4: Amara for making good choices and supporting others in Ako 4.

Ako 8: Acaexia for showing initiative and focus in her work. Keep up the great mahi, Acaexia!

**Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:**

Kristina (A9) Anaiya-Rose (A8) Phoenix (A3) Jeconiah (A1) Aiden (A9) Nivayah (A7) Mani (A3) Molly (A3) Emperor (A9) Khalisha (A9)

**Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner:** Ceideys (A9)

**Congratulations to our StepsWeb Award recipients:**

Ako 8: Layan & Xavier

Ako 9: Glynis, Warren & Tuterangi

**Congratulations to our Movin March Winners:** Acaexia (A8) Janelisa (A9) Carlos (A3) Elisefou (A9) Anaiya-Rose (A8) Phoenix (A3) Maddie (A7) Faaeteete (A7) Panapa (A4) Izzy (A9) Amara (A4)



### Duffy Theatre in Schools

We had another great performance from the Duffy Theatre in schools on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and our tamariki enjoyed watching the show. All tamariki received 2 books on this day through the Duffy Books in Homes programme.



### Pohutukawa Trip to Te Papa

I was fortunate to join the ākonga, kaiako and parent volunteers from Pohutukawa Block On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April as they travelled to Te Papa to see ***Ngā Taniwha o Rūpapa - Dinosaurs of Patagonia***.



## POWER in the Playground

Here are our first POWER in the Playground winners of Term 1 Week 10, who had a special morning tea and a milo in the staffroom with our staff – thank you Miss Wright for making the milo's!



**Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:** Kristina (A9) Anaiya-Rose (A8) Phoenix (A3) Jeconiah (A1) Aiden (A9) Nivayah (A7) Mani (A3) Molly (A3) Emperor (A9) Khalisha (A9)

## Community News

Fraser Park Sportsville Ricoh Sports Centre are looking for a part-time permanent cook together with a casual barista and a casual f.o.h. (front of house) to fill the gaps within their hospo team.

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*School Holidays are all about having fun, right? Well, here at Ngā Manu, we've got fun in spades!*

*Come join us on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 11am for a very special puppet show by the extremely talented String Bean Puppets:*

***"Flutter"** A short tailed bat who is afraid of the dark is befriended by a sparkly glow worm who thinks she is a star. The show is for 3-10 year olds. It's about over coming your fears and includes some of Aotearoa's unique fauna and flora and the threats they face. The threat of introduced predators to our native species and the relationship between the short tailed bat and Te Pua o te Rēinga (Dactylanthus) is part of this story. The puppet show will be followed by a short talk from our Head Ranger about Te Pua o te Rēinga (Dactylanthus). Then we'll give you the opportunity to view this rare plant which is in flower at our reserve.*

*Entry to **Flutter** is by koha. For those wanting to see Te Pua o te Rēinga in flower, standard admission fees will apply.*

*On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April (Anzac Day) at 1pm we have a story telling session with local author **Bianca Begovich**.*

*Bianca is a children's writer and yoga teacher. She has published six books for children about caring for the environment through CreateBooks. All will be available for sale at Nga Manu as she reads her story 'The Earth and Me' on Thursday 25th April. She is also a published poet and in 2016 was awarded second place in the Rangitawa short story competition for her story about 'Koro Jack', an old whitebait who travels his local rivers and*

out to sea. She lives in Kāpiti with her husband, three teenagers, one dog, eight chickens and several thousand bees.

Entry is free for this session. Standard admission fees apply for those who wish to explore the reserve before or after.

We're also open every day during the holiday break from 10am to 5pm. For families we have concession passes available, which include entry for up to 3 children. Visit their site for more detail <https://ngamanu.org.nz/visit/>

### **Rippa Rugby and Tackle Rugby**

WRFU provides the following grade options.

Y1 Rippa

Y2 Rippa

Y3/4 combined Rip

Y3 tackle

Y4 tackle

Y5/6 Combined Rip

Y5 tackle

Y6 Tackle

Y7/8 Combined Rip

Y7 tackle

Y8 tackle

If a club doesn't offer a grade, please reach out to [lucy.barry@wrfu.co.nz](mailto:lucy.barry@wrfu.co.nz) to support you in your rugby opportunities.

To keep up to date with our learning and news, join our facebook page at [www.facebook@taitacentral.com](https://www.facebook.com/taitacentral.com)

### **Whakatauki**

***Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini.***

We cannot succeed without the support of those around us.

Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff

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