



# 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!

**16 February 2024**  
**16 Huitanguru 2024**

**Number 2**  
**Rua**

**Term 1: Week 3**  
**Wāhanga 1: Wiki 3**

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## Coming Events:

Tue 20 Feb - Peace March visit  
Thur 22 Feb – Pohutukawa to Walter Nash  
Thur 22 Feb – Ako 7 World of Waste trip  
Fri 23 Feb – Whānau Back to School Community Event  
Thur 29 Feb – Pohutukawa to Walter Nash  
Thur 29 Feb – Ako 9 World of Waste trip  
Wed 6 Mar – Pohutukawa trip to Whirinaki Whare Taonga  
Thur 7 Mar – Ako 8 World of Waste trip  
Tue 12 Mar – BOT Meeting  
Wed 13 Mar – Kowhai trip to Whirinaki Whare Taonga

## Term 2

Mon 29 Apr – Staff Only Day – **School Closed**

Tēnā Koutou,

## Updating Contact & Emergency Information

At the start of each year, we like to check that we have the correct and most up to date contact information for our parents, whānau and aiga and that the emergency contact information is correct. Erin will print out the contact information we have for each of our tamariki and send home a paper copy. Please can you read through, check and update any changes to contact people and/or phone numbers by crossing out incorrect or out of date information and writing the new names and/or numbers on the form that comes home, then return the form to school as soon as possible.

This is an important part of our schools Health & Safety practices, as there are many times when we need to get hold of our parents, caregivers, whānau & aiga during a school day.

## Attendance, Engagement & Achievement

As a school we continue to focus on ensuring our ākonga are at school and actively engaged in learning. By focussing on increasing attendance and engagement we need to work together to ensure that our ākonga are present, participating and progressing.

- Parents, caregivers and whānau are responsible for making sure their ākonga are enrolled in school and attend every day.
- We have this expectation, and we communicate with our parents, caregivers and whānau every day when their child/children are absent. We encourage you to phone or text to let us know if your child/children will

not be at school. When we do not hear from you and cannot contact you, we have no choice but to mark the child/children truant.

- Our aim is to provide a welcoming environment where ākonga feel safe.
- To provide engaging learning that reflects the identity, language and culture of our ākonga.
- To develop educationally powerful connections with ākonga and whānau and employ teachers who can connect with our ākonga.
- When we get this right and our ākonga are attending school every day, engaging in their learning, this will improve their wellbeing and their achievement.

The start of the school year is a very important time for your child/children to build positive, healthy relationships with their peers and to reconnect or build new friendships. Feeling safe at school is all about feeling that you belong, that you know what is going on and that you have friends that you can play with and share experiences with. Sometimes friends say and do things that are unkind. During school time we encourage our ākonga to tell an adult if someone has said or done something to upset or hurt them. If we are not told about a situation, it is very hard for us to help and support the child concerned. As parents, caregivers, whānau we encourage you to discuss this with your child/children and if they share something with you, but have not told a teacher/teacher aide, then we ask that you let us know, so we can all work together to keep everyone at Taita Central School feeling safe.

At school we talk to our ākonga about the difference between someone being rude, someone saying or doing mean things and someone being a bully.

The following image helps us understand the difference.

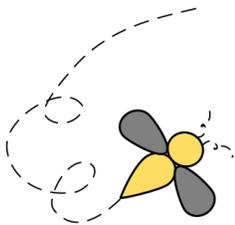


# Is it Bullying?



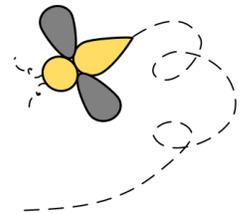
When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once.

**That's RUDE**



When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once.

**That's MEAN**



When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset.

**That's BULLYING**

## POWER in the playground

We want everyone to have a great time in the playground during our breaks.

When our teachers/teacher aides are on duty they give out Playground Cards when they see a child:

- Speaking kindly
- Sharing equipment/taking turns
- Playing well with others

The cards go in the POWER box and on Friday at assembly we draw out 10 names. These tamariki get an ice block and the rest of the school who have made great choices have an extra 15 minutes play time. At the end of each term everyone gets an ice block.

## Please have a kōrero/talanoa/talk to us

If you have any concerns or questions about your child/children please feel free to contact the classroom teacher. Teachers are available in the classrooms from 8.30 – 8.55 a.m. and again from 3pm. If you phone and leave a message, we will call you back.

## Term 1 Taitā Central School Policy Reviews

Our **Parent Involvement** and **Communicating with Parents** school policies are due for review. We would love to have your input into what our policy says and if we do as it says.

You are welcome to complete the review online through the link on our school website by clicking on the **Current Review** tab on the Schooldocs website and then clicking on the policy name.

**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

The screenshot shows the SchoolDocs website interface. At the top left is the SchoolDocs logo with the tagline 'Policies and Procedures'. To its right is the school name 'Taitā Central School'. Below this is a navigation bar with buttons for 'Home', 'Current Review' (circled in red), 'Useful Links', 'Forms', 'Dashboard', and 'Help'. On the left side of the page is the school's circular logo. Below the navigation bar is a section titled 'Term 1 review topics' containing a list of four items: 'Te Tiriti o Waitangi', 'Board Responsibility', 'Parent Involvement', and 'Communicating with Parents'. The last two items have red arrows pointing to them from the right.

You are also welcome to send you comments, suggestions and feedback to Whaea Shell by email [principal@taitacentral.school.nz](mailto:principal@taitacentral.school.nz)

## SCHOOL NEWS

**New Enrolments** – A warm welcome to our Taitā Central School community: Manuah & Simaima Ako 4, Neerav Ako 3, Jane Ako 7 & Anne Ako 9.



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.

**Assembly** - Thank you to Ako 9 and our hosts Emily, Janelisa, Glynis and Tuterangi and visuals Bella and Ngawairangi.

**Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:**

- Ako 1 - Skye & Sujith
- Ako 3 - Jericho & Molly
- Ako 4 - Chaze & Clara
- Ako 7 - Emma & Alex
- Ako 8 - Amira & Cherie
- Ako 9 - Noah & Sera

**Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:**

**Week 1**

- Ako 1 - Malia-Rosa for an amazing start to Taita Central School. You have been working hard and giving everything a go even when it is difficult or scary. It is a pleasure to have you in Ako 1!
- Ako 3 – Taione for trying hard and being a focused worker. You are positive and give everything a go with a smile on your face! A great beginning to your school year.
- Ako 7 - Nia-Grace for following instructions doing the right things and showing Perseverance in her work.
- Ako 9 - Tuterangi for all your help in the classroom and for having a great attitude and a great week. Tino pai rawa koe!

**Week 2**

- Ako 4 – Tarusila for listening to instructions, helping in the classroom and doing everything right.
- Ako 8 – Londoni for being a kind, caring and helpful class member of Ako 8.

**Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:** Everyone for having an **Outstanding** start to the year.

**Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner:** Nia-Grace (A7)



## Sports Results

### Floorball results - Week 3

TCS Victory Squad (Y3&4) 0 vs Belmont Panga 2

TCS Falcons (Y5&6) 4 vs Tawhai Kereru 2

### Touch results - Week 3

TCS Wahs vs 11 v Boulcott Rockets 2

TCS Karearea vs 0 v Naenae Hurricanes 9

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February (Postponement date Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Barbados, we will have the Play Trailer and Scott from Capital Basketball as well as 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, we will also have Halal Sausages and Hash Browns for our ākonga and Whānau/Aiga who have specific religious beliefs.

There will also be an opportunity to get a free haircut.

### Board News

We had a very productive meeting last Tuesday night. At this meeting the Board approved the purchase of 16 new chrome books for Pohutukawa Block. They also approved the purchase of a container for our bikes. This container will be placed behind Matai Block where the old caboos was, so that it is closer to the bike track, and will provide easier access and storage of the bikes. We are very keen to get this container in place so we can once again get out the school bikes and use them during play times.

The Board has agreed that the school will be closed for a Staff Only Day at the start of Term 2, Monday 29th April for our staff to complete the Fakailoga Tino PLD. Term 2 will now start on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April for our ākonga.

River of Life Centre  
presents...

# Movie and a Meal

Now Showing:  
**Wreck-It  
Ralph**

All Welcome  
Free



**Saturday 2nd March**  
**6pm - 9:00pm**

**774 High St Lower Hutt**

STOKES VALLEY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

# 20 SUMMER 24 SESSIONS



4 WEEKS IN TERM ONE  
STARTING WEEK OF 27TH FEB  
\$20.00 FOR 4 SESSIONS

Fun hour long sessions  
with age appropriate  
drills and skills at  
Delaney Park

Great pre-season  
fitness for your footy  
obsessed kids

Sign up for a taste of  
what our club is all  
about, the perfect  
chance to give it a go  
without the cold!

### TUESDAYS

U13 MIXED ..... 5:30 - 6:30PM  
U15 MIXED ..... 6:45 - 7:45PM

### WEDNESDAYS

U13 MIXED ..... 5:30 - 6:30PM  
U15 MIXED ..... 6:45 - 7:45PM

### SUNDAYS

FIRST KICKS ..... 9:00-10:00AM  
MIXED U9 & U10 ..... 9:00 - 10:00AM  
MIXED U7 & U8 ..... 10:15 - 11:15AM  
MIXED U11 & 12 ..... 10:15 - 11:15AM  
GIRLS ONLY 10+ ..... 11:30 - 12:30PM

TO REGISTER EMAIL [STOKESVALLEYJFC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STOKESVALLEYJFC@GMAIL.COM)  
OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK FOR A DIRECT LINK

## Male Mentors Needed

Make a big impact in a child's life. Become  
a mentor. Being you is the only skill you  
need

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- At least 18 years old
- Have full drivers license
- Have one hour each week to spend with your mentee
- Be willing to commit 12 months to a match



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
of Wellington  
*Tuakana Teina*

Contact us:  
[Wellington@bbbs.nz](mailto:Wellington@bbbs.nz)  
<https://www.bigbrothersbigsisters.org.nz/wellington>  
Phone Julie 0275533924



Do you have a spare  
hour each week?



**ATAREIRA**  
Mental Health & Addiction Support for  
Family Whānau,  
Transitional Housing

### CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

FREE ONE ON ONE SUPPORTS | FREE PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & GROUPS



ANY ENQUIRES PLEASE CONTACT

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### Whakatauki

Ka rongo, ka wareware  
Ka kite, Ka mahara  
Ka hungia, ka marama  
ahau.



I hear and I forget,



I see and I remember,



I do and I understand.

Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff

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