



# 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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14 Poutū-te-rangi 2024

Number 4  
Wha

Term 1: Week 7  
Wāhanga 1: Wiki 7

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## Coming Events:

Fri 15 Mar – Pohutukawa Te Papa trip  
Wed 20 Mar – Ako 3 Choral Music Trip  
Mon 25 Mar – Duffy Theatre in Schools  
Tue 26 Mar – NZEI PUM - **School Closing 1:00pm**  
Fri 29 Apr – Good Friday - **School Closed**  
Mon 1 Apr – Easter Monday - **School Closed**  
Tue 2 Apr – Easter Tuesday - **School Closed**  
Tue 9 Apr – Duffy Role Model Assembly  
Fri 12 Apr – End of Term 1

## Term 2

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

Kia Ora Koutou,

## Attendance, Engagement & Achievement

As a school we continue to focus on ensuring our ākonga are at school and actively engaged in learning. 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.

Setting a regular bedtime and having a good bedtime routine helps our tamariki to get a good nights sleep and be up in time to get to school before our classes start at 8:55am. Being at school before the bell goes gives your child time to put their things away and play with their friends. The start of the school day is a very important time when our teachers tell our ākonga what they will be doing for the day and share any school messages.

We have lots of our ākonga who like to spend time on their devices when at home or participating in online games like Fortnite. Setting rules and routines around the use of devices at home and making sure that there are no devices in the bedrooms helps your children to get a good uninterrupted nights sleep.

## Using our POWER Values at Taitā Central School

**Perseverance** – Whakapau Kaha, Onosa'I - give it a go and keep trying, even when it gets hard.

**Outstanding** – Kei runga noa atu!, Tulaga Silisili - always being the best that you can be.

**Whakawhanaungatanga** – Te toa takitini, So'otaga - we come together as one.

**Empathy** – Aroha /Ngakau aroha, Lagona Alofa - trying to understand how others feel.

**Respect - Kiritau - Whakamana -Whakaute**, Faaaloalo - treating others how you would like to be treated.  
-care for self, care for others, care for the environment

**We encourage our ākonga to develop a Growth Mindset through using and showing our POWER Values.**

Growth mindset describes a way of viewing challenges and setbacks. People who have a growth mindset believe that even if they struggle with certain skills, their abilities aren't set in stone. They think that with work, their skills can improve over time.

People with the opposite belief — that abilities are what they are and won't change — have a *fixed* mindset. They think their skills won't improve no matter how hard they try.

**BIKE HELMETS ARE A MUST:**

We want our tamariki to be active and love them bringing their bikes, scooters and skates to school.

Just a reminder if your child is riding their bike to school they need a helmet which is a legal requirement, please make sure they are bringing this to school with them.



At Taitā Central school we expect anyone who is riding a bike to wear a helmet – **No Helmet – No bike riding.**



We are a health promoting school and we ask that our ākonga have healthy lunch options and water in their drink bottles.

In the last few days, we have had a large number of our senior ākonga bringing chewing gum, bubble gum, lollipops and lollies to school and handing them out to their friends.



**Emergency Procedures – Annual Lockdown Drill – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

Next Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March we will be having a Lockdown Drill at school for our students and staff. It is important that we practice these drills so in an emergency everyone knows what they should do. During this drill we will be testing our Lockdown communication through our text alerts, email alerts and website notifications.

When we send these alerts out to parents/caregivers we will include the words **THIS IS A TEST** at the top of each message. We will also send out a message at the end of the Lockdown Drill to let you know that we have completed the drill. **Lockdown drill is now over.**

**Important information to remember if we ever have an actual Lockdown:**

- Please do not come to the school – no one will come to the door or let you in
- Please do not phone the school – no one will answer your call as we need to keep the phone lines open for updates from the Police.
- Your child/children's safety is our top priority – our staff will be making sure that all our students are keeping calm and quiet during the lockdown. Please do not come down and bang on doors or windows as this will only upset the students.
- We will only communicate via text, email and the school website – we will not monitor or respond to any messages via our facebook page.
- During an actual Lockdown we will follow all directives from the NZ POLICE.

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback please email [principal@taitacentral.school.nz](mailto:principal@taitacentral.school.nz).

## SCHOOL NEWS

**New Enrolments** – A warm welcome to our Taita Central School community: Zion and Caleb Ako 4, Carlos 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 <u>silisili</u> 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.
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**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 5.** Thank you to Ako 3 and our hosts Molly, Naayagi, Carmelita and Nyla and visuals Jacob and Samuel.

### **Congratulations to our Ako Awards Winners:**

Ako 1: Vaiana & Niko  
Ako 3: Manawa & Jack  
Ako 4: Tarusila, Panapa & Jayden  
Ako 7: Jared & Jane  
Ako 8: Tu'u & Irene  
Ako 9: Khalisha & Ceideys

### **Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:**

Ako 1: Brynn for being a leader during class time and making sure your group is doing the right thing. You have been working hard this week!  
Ako 3: Nyla for working steadily towards your learning goals. You persevere and don't give up. You work well with classmates and help them out when they are stuck.  
Ako 7: Maddie for showing her power values inside and outside the classroom. She is a respectful, responsible and supportive member of Ako 7  
Ako 9: Glynis for always giving your 100% effort into everything you do. You are thoughtful, kind, hard working and are an absolute super star in our kura!

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

Amira (A8) Isaac (A8) Mason (A1) Taione (A3) Phoenix (A3) Faaeteete (A7) Joshua (A3) Joshua (A7) Irene (A8) Cren (A3)

### **Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner:** Jack (A3)

### **Congratulations to our Touch Rugby players of the day:**

**Wahs** - Emperor  
**Kārearea** - Faaeteete & Jahriyah

Congratulations to Toby (A9) who was the lucky winner of the lego set from the Fire Brigade competition last Friday.

**Assembly – Week 6.** Thank you to Ako 7 and our hosts Emma, Faaeteete and Aaru and visuals Albert and Maddie.

**Congratulations to our Ako Awards Winners:**

Ako 1: Kyle & Jeconiah

Ako 3: Cren & Nyla

Ako 4: Zavier & Caleb

Ako 7: Navilan & Kent

Ako 8: Xavier & Hohepa

Ako 9: PJ & Emily

Ngā Hau e Whā: Nia-Grace (Ako 7)

**Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:**

Ako 4: Chaze for showing whakawhanaungatanga. You welcome new students, including and supporting them. What a great buddy you are!

Ako 8: Ahnaira-Ann for showing whakawhanaungatanga. Being a leader, strong, disciplined and purposeful and supporting other learners. Tino pai!

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

Hohepa (A8) Nyla (A3) Ruby-Lee (A8) Jack (A3) Elisefou (A9) Kaden (A9) Zeta (A1) Layan (A8) Molly (A3) Eduard (A3)

**Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner:** Jared (A7)

**Congratulations to our Touch Rugby Players of the Day:**

**Wahs:** - Cherie

**Kārearea:** - Eliana & Ryan

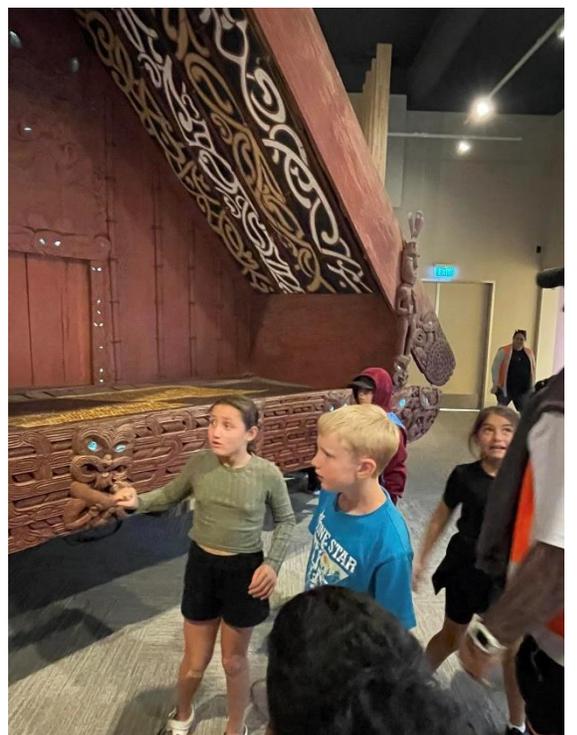


## Mana Moments

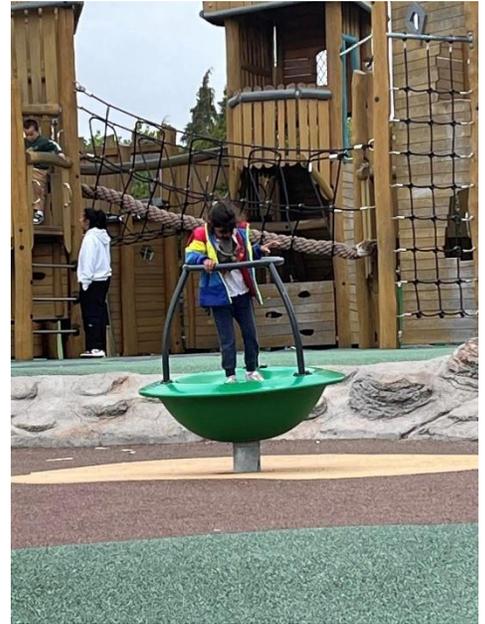
**Education Outside the Classroom**

Recently our ākonga have been out of school on class or block visits. I would like to thank the amazing parent volunteers who have joined our classes to support our teacher and teacher aides to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all ākonga.

Pohutukawa Block have been on the **World of Waste** tours of the Silverstream Tip, Earthlink and The Dowse Art Gallery as well as **Whirinaki Whare Taonga for the Home One City, Many Cultures** and time at **Maidstone Max Park**.



Kowhai Block had a fantastic day out yesterday as *Whirinaki Whare Taonga for the Home One City, Many Cultures* and time at *Maidstone Max Park*.



### Sports Results

<b>Floorball results - Week 5</b>	
(Y3&4) TCS Victory Squad 1 vs 2 vs Taiwhai Flyers 1	(Y5&6) TCS Falcons 1 vs 8 vs Belmont Mawhero 2
<b>Floorball results - Week 6</b>	
(Y3&4) TCS Victory Squad 1 vs 5 vs OLRs Wha 1	(Y5&6) TCS Falcons 4 vs 1 vs OLRs Rua 3
<b>Touch results - Week 5</b>	
TCS Wahs vs 8 v Taitā Central Kārearea 2	TCS Karearea 2 vs Taitā Central Wahs 8



### Lucky Book Club

Your child would have come home with a brochure for Lucky Book Club – Issue 2 last day to place an order is **Thursday 21 March by 9am.**

## **Board News**

### **Update on Staffing**

Mrs Sarah McLeod has been on maternity leave and was due to return to teaching in Ako 7 in May (Term 2) this year, however she has informed the Board that she will not be returning to full time teaching and has sent in her resignation.

#### ***A message from Mrs McLeod***

***I want to express my gratitude for the opportunities and support I have received during my time at Taita Central School. I have enjoyed my experience here and have cherished the moments spent with the students and the amazing team. Thank you for your understanding. I wish you and the entire team at Taita Central School continued success.***

The Board of Trustees have advertised a permanent teaching position. We will shortly interview and appoint a new teacher.

The Board of Trustees is aware that this may cause some uncertainty for your tamariki and yourselves and they will keep you informed of their decision.

## **Community News**

*Introducing the St John Youth Programme – an incredible opportunity for our young leaders to shine and make a difference in our community!*

### ***What is the St John Youth Programme?***

*The St John Youth Programme is not just about learning first aid and lifesaving skills; it's about building confidence, leadership, and resilience in our youth. From hands-on first aid training to community service projects, this programme empowers our young minds to become future leaders and compassionate community members.*

### ***When and Where?***

*We meet at the Epuni Community Hall each Wednesday from 6:30pm - 8pm.*

*Epuni Community Hall  
40 Mitchell Street, Epuni,  
Lower Hutt*

### ***Who Can Join?***

*This is open to all passionate young individuals aged from 5 to 18. Whether you're interested in healthcare, leadership, or simply want to give back to your community – the St John Youth Programme is the perfect place for you!*

### ***Why Join?***



*Gain life-saving first aid skills.*



*Develop leadership qualities.*



*Make lasting friendships.*



*Contribute to community well-being.*



*Boost your confidence and resilience.*

### ***How to Join?***

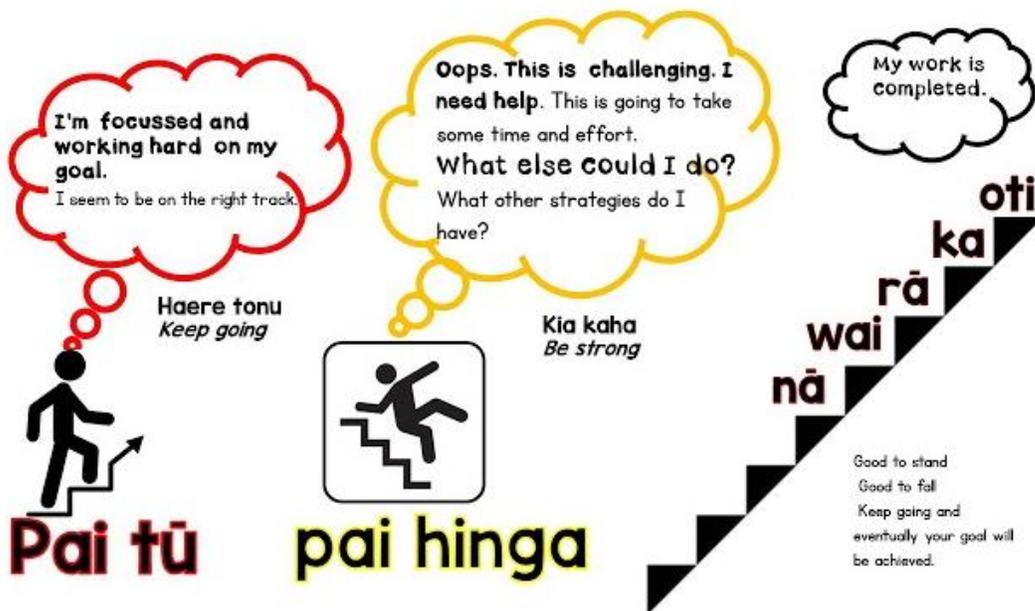
*Ready to embark on this exciting journey? Come along and visit your local division for a 2 week trial! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to grow, learn, and give back!*

### ***Spread the Word!***

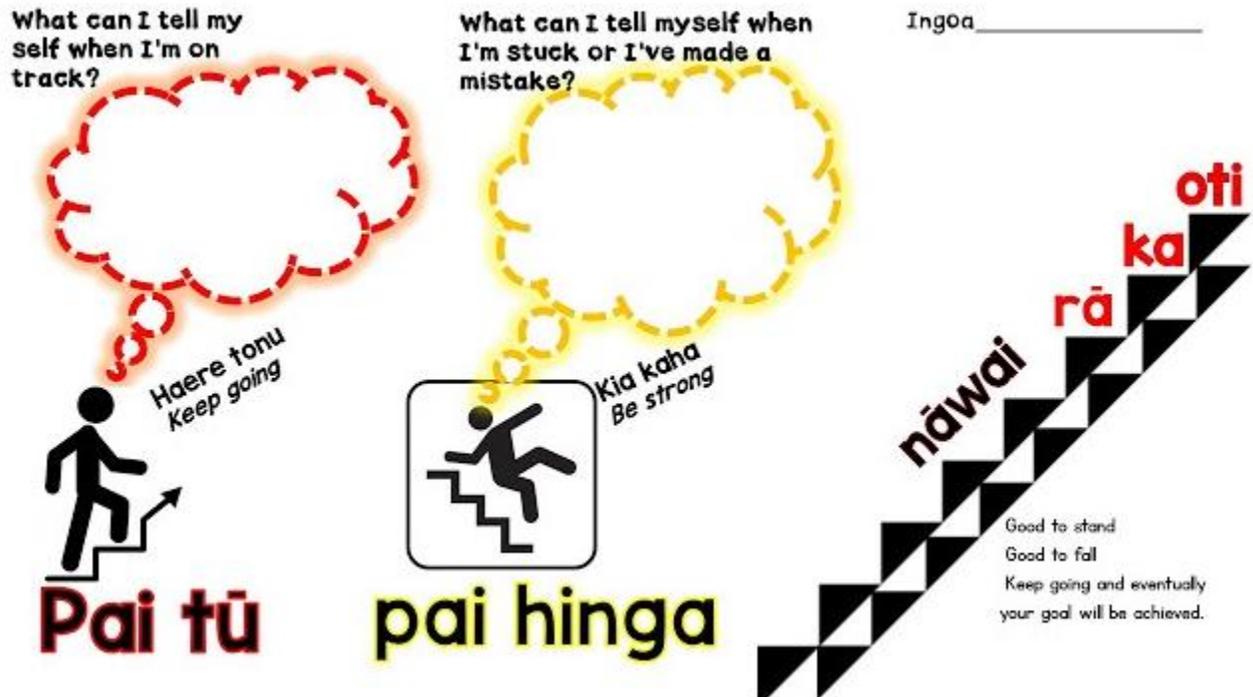
*Help us build a community of empowered and compassionate youth by sharing this with your friends, family, and anyone who might be interested. Let's make a positive impact together!*

*For more information, please email: "[zachary.moir@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:zachary.moir@stjohn.org.nz)"*

## Whakatauki



You may like to work through the thought bubbles with your child to support them to have a growth mindset when they face a challenge or have a problem.



Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings  
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