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Coming Events:

Wed 10 May – Mana Team Meeting
Mon 15 May – BOT Meeting
Thur 25 May – School Photos
Wed 31 May – Samoan Language Week Whānau Day
Thur 1 June – Samoan Speech Competition
Wed 14 June – Whānau Hui & Fono
Mon 19 June – BOT Meeting
Mon 26 June – Fri 30 June HuttFest

To Action:

Important Dates to Remember:

Wednesday 14 June – Whānau Hui & Fono

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

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kura o Nga Hau e Wha. Welcome back to Taita Central School.

This term we have a few changes in our teaching staff;

Ako 4 – New Entrant & Year 1 Miss Tanya Powell

Ako 1– Year 1 Miss Paige Kelly

Ako 2 – Year 2 & 3 Mrs Sharon Rebello

Ako 3 – Year 2 & 3 Miss Dianne Wright

Ako 7 – Year 4, 5 & 6 Mrs Sarah McLeod for weeks 1 & 2, then Mrs Surekha Chawla from Week 3 until the end of the school year.

Ako 8 – Year 4, 5 & 6 Miss Katrina Forman

Ako 9 – Year 4, 5 & 6 Mrs Sarah Shearer Monday & Tuesday, Mrs Angela Kershaw Wednesday, Thursday & Friday each week.

School attendance and lateness

The Ministry of Education define regular student attendance **as students being at school 90% of the school year**. I was reading a new article this week on STUFF about the hope that school attendance has “turned a corner” as term 4 data shows improvement. Across the school we are seeing big improvements in most of our students attendance this year, however we still have a few students who are away frequently or who regularly arrive late to school.

The school day starts at 8:55am and we ask our students to be at school by 8:45am so they have time to put their school bags away and catch up with their friends before the first bell. The start of the school day is a really important time as teachers are sharing with students about the learning they will be doing for the day.

If your child is unwell or will not be at school, please phone the school, text, email or send an absence notification through the Etap Caregiver app to let Erin know **by 9am**.

Teacher Only Day – what were our teachers doing?

Thank you to all our parents, caregivers, Whānau and Aiga for supporting our school and keeping your children home on Monday 24th April for our Teacher Only Day.

Our teachers spent this day working on our Tea Ara Whakamana Professional Learning and Development (PLD) and looking at the key attributes of the Atua – Rongo-mā-Tāne, Māui, Rūamoko, Tūmatauenga, Tāwhirimatea and Tangaroa and how they fit with our school POWER Values –

We also started work on revising our Taita Central School local curriculum and identifying the key learning experiences we want our ākonga/students to have during their 6 years at our school. These are the POWERful learning experiences we believe every child should experience.

The Ministry of Education explains that “your local curriculum is the way that you bring The New Zealand Curriculum to life at your school.”

It should:

- *be responsive to the needs, identity, language, culture, interests, strengths and aspirations of your learners and their families*
- *have a clear focus on what supports the progress of all learners*
- *integrate Te Tiriti o Waitangi into classroom learning*
- *help learners engage with the knowledge, values, and competencies so they can go on and be confident and connected lifelong learners.*

SCHOOL NEWS

New Enrolments – A warm welcome to our Taita Central School community: Vaiana, Whatu and Julius to Ako 4, Lelani, Elwyn, Legacy, Brynn, Eva to Ako 1, Legacy to Ako 3.

This term we will be hosting a **Whānau Hui & Fono** on **Wednesday 14th June** starting at 5:00pm with a welcome and entertainment from our tamariki followed by shared kai. We will then provide childcare to our tamariki so our parents, caregivers, whānau, aiga can hear about our four core topics and share feedback. The evening will close with our tamariki entertaining us and finishing around 6:30pm.

Four Core Topics

- Our local curriculum. Our new Mission statement and 2023-2025 Strategic Plan,
- Structured Literacy
- Reporting to Parents – the changes we are making.
- Health Consultation - 2022/2023



Ako tahi Tātou, Tipu tahi Tātou
Together we Learn, Together we Grow



HuttFest 2023

2023 is the 11th Anniversary of HuttFest and a wonderful way for our ākonga/students to celebrate their culture in our community. HuttFest has moved back to term 2 and will be held in the last week of the term from Monday 26th June.

Whaea Michelle and I (Whaea Shell) will be working with a group of approximately 50 Year 2 to Year 6 ākonga/students to prepare our school's performance. We are seeking support from our community with Kapa haka – waiata, poi, and haka as well as Samoan songs and Cook Island songs or drum dances. We will be holding our practices on a Tuesday afternoon from 2:00pm – 3:00pm and a Wednesday from 1:10pm – 1:40pm in the Whareroa/Hall. If you are able to help with HuttFest please let Whaea Shell know or send an email to Erin admin@taitacentral.school.nz



P	Perseverance, <i>Whaia I te iti Kahurangi ki te tūohu koe Me he maunga teitei, Onosa'i</i> - give it a go and keep trying, even when it gets hard.
O	Outstanding Excellence, <i>Kairangi Kairangi, Tulaga Silisili</i> - always being the best that you can be.
W	Whanaungatanga, <i>Relationships, So'otaga</i> - we come together as one.
E	Empathy, <i>Ngakau aroha, Lagona Alofa</i> - trying to understand how others feel.
R	Respect, <i>Manaakitanga, Faaloalo</i> - treating others how you would like to be treated.

POWER Values - Our value focus for Weeks 1 & 2 across the school is Perseverance – **give it a go and keep trying even when it gets hard.** Power the New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.

Week 10 Assembly

Thank you to our hosts Emily and Sitina and visuals Emperor and Albert.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

- Ako 1 - Zeta & Vaiana
- Ako 2 - Nesta & Leigon
- Ako 3 - Phoenix, Shalom & Tairongo
- Ako 7 - Queen & Jared
- Ako 8 - Western, Finn & Harmony
- Ako 9 - Rose & Kaden



Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

- Ako 2 – Devin for having an awesome week making great choices.
- Ako 8 – Ryan for constantly demonstrating all the POWER values.
- Staff Special Nomination: Aiden, Harmony & Ruby-Lee

Congratulations to our POWER in the playground winners:

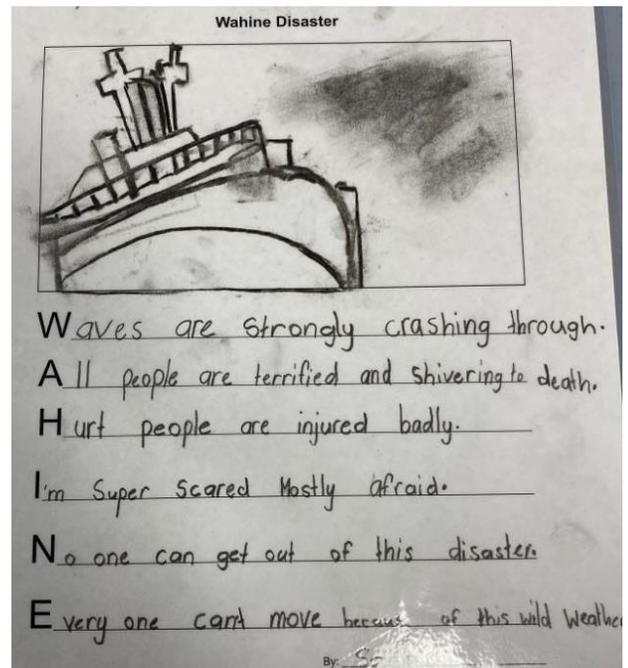
All TCS tamariki received an ice block at the end of Term 1.

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winners:

- Kowhai - Samuel (Ako 3)
- Pohutukawa - Eden (Ako 8)

Congratulations to our Kiwi Can Trophy Winners:

- Kowhai - Ako 3
- Pohutukawa - Ako 8



Mana Moments

Pohutukawa Wahine Acrostic Poems and Pictures

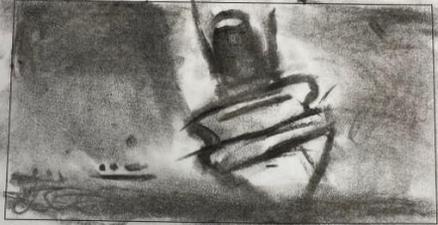
Wahine Disaster



W Waves were crashing on the side of the boat.
A All of the kids were afraid.
H Help each other of.
I I saw lots of people injured.
N Numb hands.
E Emergency! the foghorn boomed.

By: Josefa

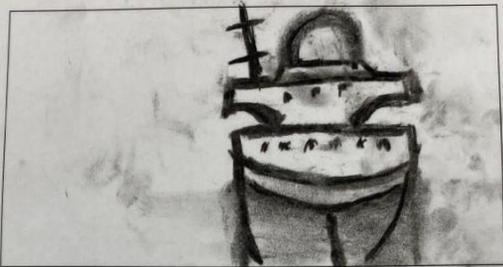
Wahine Disaster



W We need to get on a lifeboat now.
A All of us need help as soon as possible.
H He is horrified.
I I hope I survive.
N Now my hands are numb.
E Everyone is horrified and cold.

By: Tuivasa

Wahine Disaster



W Waves crashing to the boat
A All passengers are terrified
H Howling winds screeching
I In the rain we were all cold
N Numb fingers wet and shivering
E Exhausting noise from the storm

By: Gideon Gonzales

Wahine Disaster



W Waves crashing on the boat, cold as ice.
A Afraid I'm going to drown in the icy water.
H Holding on for dear life - Shaking.
I I wish the boat never sank.
N Never thought I'd be so scared.
E Everyone is shouting for help.

By: Aikira

Senior school enjoying sunshine and Danish Rounders



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Whakatauki

Mitamita i lau Gagana. Maua'a lou Fa'asinomaga
Be proud of your language. Be grounded in your identity

Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taita Central School Staff

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