



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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16 Mei 2024

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Whitu

Term 2: Week 3
Wāhanga 2: Wiki 3

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Coming Events:

Thur 16 May – Support Staff Day
Thur 16 May – PELP Family Fono

Fri 17 May – Pink Shirt Day

Tue 21 May – Tough Guy n Gal Event
Mon 3 June - Kings Birthday Holiday – **School closed**
Tue 4 June – Jumping June starts
Wed 5 June – Badminton Coaching

Nau mai, Haere Mai – Welcome

Last night we held our Parent, Student, Teacher interviews. Thank you to all our parents, whānau and aiga who were able to attend after we had to change the night. If you were not able to come and see your child's teacher, please ring the school office to speak to Erin and ask the teacher to contact you to book a time for you to meet or speak to the classroom teacher yourself.

We had a good turnout, and the comments and feedback were very positive. It was wonderful to hear of the ākonga/students who were able to lead their own parent, student, teacher conference and share what they have been learning and talk about what their next learning step will be. Our teachers value the opportunity to meet and talk to parents, whānau and aiga and celebrate the learning successes of the children in their classrooms. These interviews are also a time to share ideas about how you – parents, whānau and aiga can help your children at home. We also took the opportunity to share a couple of important notices with our parents last night. If you did not attend the interviews these 2 notices will be sent home with your child/children

The first was an information sheet about the new Government initiative **One hour a day of reading, writing and maths.**

This answers the questions

- **What does this change mean for my child?**
- **What will the lessons look like?**
- **How can you help at home.**

To Action:

Important Dates to remember...

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

The second was an information sheet about a new communication app that we will be using at Taitā Central School. **The Skool Loop App is a simple, safe parent-teacher communication app that keeps school communities up to date with notices, appointments, interviews and more!**

The app is completely free to use for schools and parents and is trusted by thousands of schools across New Zealand and Australia.

Skool Lopp can translate into more than 20 different languages including; Arabic, Chinese, Filipino, Hindi, Māori, Persian, Punjabi, Samoan, Thai, Turkish and more.



The Skool Loop app will replace the Etap App

Attendance, Engagement & Achievement

As a school we continue to focus on ensuring our ākonga are at school and actively engaged in learning. Parents, whānau and aiga can work together with the school to support all our ākonga to come to school everyday, unless they are unwell.

There is a clear link between going to school everyday and doing well in the classroom. When our ākonga come to school everyday they understand the classroom routines and do not miss out on important lessons that support them with their learning. Attendance is linked to both student wellbeing and to improving educational outcomes for our ākonga.

Feedback on Community Consultation

In Term2 2023 we held our first Whānau hui seeking feedback from our parent community about what key learning experiences you want your children to have during their time at Taitā Central School.

Some of the responses we received were Sports, more sports, being more active, and being inclusive.

The table below shows all the sports events that our ākonga/students can now participate in during school time or in afternoon sports events.

<p>LOWER HUTT FLOORBALL</p>			<p>HUTT CITY</p>
<p>Floorball</p>	<p>Touch Rugby</p>	<p>Basketball</p>	<p>Junior Dodgeball</p>
	<p>NAENAE HOCKEY CLUB</p>		
<p>Netball</p>	<p>Hockey</p>	<p>Weetbix Try Challenge</p>	<p>Tough Guy n Galm Challenge</p>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and parent volunteers who give up their time to organise, coach, manage and support our ākonga to try out these sports and activities. Participating in sport is beneficial to our ākonga as it teaches them physical skills, improves coordination, builds confidence, helps them learn to share and take turns, helps them make friends and be physically active.

Pasifika Early Literacy Project (PELP) – Family Fono

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Malo ni, Fakatalofa atu, *We would love for you to join us at the Awakairangi /Hutt Valley Fono on tonight Thursday 16th May from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Ricoh Sports Centre.*



Tēna koutou, ni sa bula vinaka, kia orana, fakaalofa lahi atu, noa'ia, mälö e lelei, mälö ni, kam na mauri, talofa lava, and warm Pacific greetings...

PASIFIKA EARLY LITERACY PROJECT FAMILY FONO

Enjoy a shared kai and talanoa about the value of maintaining your language and using Pasifika dual language books to support your child's learning.

AWAKAIRANGI / HUTT VALLEY

Thursday 16th May | 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Ricoh Sports Centre

237 Taita Drive, Avalon, Lower Hutt 5011



SCHOOL NEWS

New Enrolments – A warm welcome to our Taita Central School community: Ace Ako 4.



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 Week 11 across the school was **Respect / Kiritau - Whakamana - Whakaute, Faaaloalo**. The New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.

Assembly – Week 1

Thank you to Ako Iwa and our hosts Bella, Izzy and Glynis and visuals Janelisa and Kaden.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Legacy & Ellie

Ako 3: Samuel & Jericho

Ako 4: Faith & Jiovani and Suntroyden & Chaze (from Mrs Grant)

Ako 7: Jahriyah, Kanishk & Satalaka

Ako 8: Ata & Indy
Ako 9: Stehlin & Nesta
Ngā Hau e Whā: Emma (A7)

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 1: Finn for working hard in your learning, for trying new things and keeping on trying.

Ako 3: Eduard for persevering at your literacy. You are trying hard and putting lots of effort into your reading and writing.

Ako 7: Navilan for settling well in Ako 7 and for showing his power values inside and outside the class. You are always on task and ready to take the new challenges. Keep up your good work. 👍

Ako 9: Ceideys for starting school back with a great attitude to learn and take part in classroom discussions. You are sharing confidently and persevering when things get hard. Kia pai tō mahi.

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Award Winners:

Jericho (A3) Kaden (A9) Navilan (A7) Jacob (A3) Layan (A8) Esha (A7) Acaexia (A8) Zeta (A1) Ata (A8) Tairongo (A7) Tu'u (A8)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: PJ (A9)



Sporting Achievements

Ruby-Lee plays rugby for Stokes valley and she was Player of the Day for the first game of the season and the chosen as Player of the Day in her second game as well. Tino pai to mahi!



Emily – has been playing for Naenae Intermediate in the Basketball competition, she also plays Basketball for another school along with Finn and Cherie. She has been selected to try out for the U13 Māori Team.



Kowhai Block visited Walter Nash on Tuesday this week.

Our 3 junior classes, Ako 1, Ako 3 & Ako 4 went to visit Walter Nash on Tuesday 14th May. They got to visit the library and play Futsal.



Weetbix Try Challenge

On Friday 10th May our Year 4, 5 & 6 ākonga from Pohutukawa Block participated in the Weetbix Try Challenge held at Fraser Park. Our ākonga/students were very enthusiastic about this event and were great supporters of Ruby-Lee and Fa'amago who were chosen to run the course to show everyone what to do.

All our ākonga received a Weetbix T-shirt and bag. At the completion of the challenge, they received a Try Challenge medal and a weetbix breakfast. All our ākonga showed perseverance in completing this challenge and many set themselves a goal and worked hard to achieve it. The ākonga were able to complete the circuit by competing alongside their friends or they could do it at their own pace. Ka Rawe!

Thank you to Matua Dylan for organising this event for Pohutukawa Block.



Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.

Whaea Michelle has been supporting our teachers and ākonga to increase the use of Te Reo Māori within our classrooms and school. We now have a Te Reo Māori phrase of the week which we are all learning and trying to make sure we use.

Week 2 our first phrase is: **"Kei te pēhea koutou?"** (How are you all?)

Week 3 is: **"Kōrero mai"** (Tell me/talk to me)

A poster for an orchestra concert. The background is a warm, orange-toned photograph of an orchestra performing. The text is overlaid in white. At the top left is the logo for Orchestra Wellington. The main title is 'SYMPHONY IN THE HUTT'. Below that is the date and time '24 MAY, 7PM' and the venue 'WALTER NASH CENTRE'. In the bottom left corner, the word 'FREE' is written in large letters. In the bottom right corner, there are three logos: 'ONE FOUNDATION', 'HUTT CITY', and 'creative NZ'.

**ORCHESTRA
WELLINGTON**

Family Concert

**SYMPHONY
IN THE HUTT**

24 MAY, 7PM
WALTER NASH CENTRE

FREE

ONE FOUNDATION
HUTT CITY
creative NZ

To keep up to date with our learning and news, please join our new Taitā Central School facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558675191792>

Whakatauki

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai.

If kindness is shown, then kindness you shall receive.

Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings
Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff
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