



Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Talofa ni, Mafola, Namaste, Mingalaba, Kumusta ko, Ni hao, Jom reep soou, Nabad, Mufi bwanji, Hello, Greetings

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Coming Events:

Wed 8 Nov – Kowhai trip to Expressions
 Mon 13 Nov – Fri 17 Nov EOTC Week
 Wed 15 – 17 Nov – Y5 & 6 Camp
 Mon 20 Nov – Teacher Only Day – **School Closed**
 Tue 21 Nov – NFL Flag Competition
 Tue 5 Dec - Road Patrol Pool Party
 Tue 5 Dec - Children's University Graduation
 Thu 7 Dec - Year 6 Leavers Fun Day
 Mon 11 Dec - End of Year Reports sent home
 Tue 12 Dec Kowhai Christmas Party
 Thu 14 Dec End of Year Prizegiving
Fri 15 Dec Last day of the year
Wed 31 Jan- First day of school for 2024
 Mon 5 Feb – Kāhui Ako Staff Only Day - **School Closed**
 Tue 6 Feb Waitangi Day – **School Closed**

To Action:

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

Tēnā ra Koutou - Greetings.

While sitting down to write this week's newsletter I have been reflecting on recent events within our Taita Community. We understand that these are challenging times for many and want to acknowledge the time, effort and energy everyone is putting in for the sake of our tamariki. In the last couple of weeks, I have seen how members of our community are coming together to support each other and to look out for the tamariki to ensure that they are safe, cared for and loved. Our vision for Taita Central School is that *Taita Central School is culturally diverse and inclusive. We are passionate about providing our ākonga/students with POWERful learning experiences, which will inspire them and guide them in a safe and nurturing environment.*

By building POWERful partnerships between whānau/aiga/families, ākonga/students and kura/school we can POWER them up to achieve their goals and fulfill their dreams.

Our strength is in our Whakawhanaungatanga – coming together as one to provide support and guidance and to let our tamariki and Whānau know that we care, that we are here for them, that we appreciate you working in partnership with us and that by coming together we can find ways to help our ākonga to achieve their goals and dreams.



whakawhanaungatanga

SCHOOL NEWS

New Enrolments – A warm welcome to our Taita Central School community: Mystique Ako 2, Lindsey – Ako 7.



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 3 & 4 across the school is **Outstanding – always being the best you can be.** **Power** the New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.

We have not held a school Assembly during Week 2, 3 or 4 due to other school events such as the trip to the Ballet and our swimming programme. We will be having an assembly next Friday to acknowledge all our amazing ākonga who are showing the POWER values in everything they do.



Atarangi's Dream Day-14 October 2023

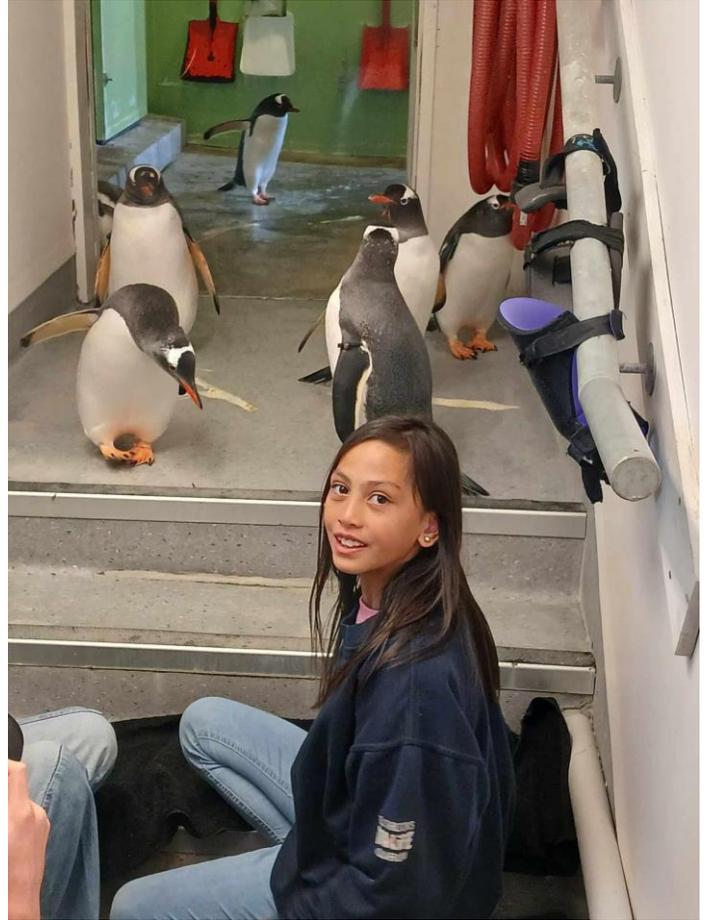
Last year, Resource Teachers of Deaf were invited to nominate students for a Dream Day organised by the Dream Days organisation called Life Time, 9 year old, Atarangi Makoare from Taita Central School in Wellington was lucky enough to be selected. There was a long wait, lots of planning and dreaming of exciting things to do, emails between all the adults and getting funding. Finally on Saturday 14 th October, Atarangi and her sister Rose as well as her Mum and Dad were off on the day of their Dreams! There was even a photographer taking photos.

Early in the morning, they drove to Wellington Airport to board a plane to Auckland. Atarangi and Rose had never been on a plane before and Atarangi said she didn't like the plane trip because it was a bumpy ride. However, she was excited when they landed in Auckland because their first stop in their chauffeured red car was McDonalds for breakfast, because it is Ata's favourite!

Next stop, Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium. Atarangi and her whanau were so lucky because they were allowed to feed the penguins and turtles and get up close! The penguins smelled so BAD but they were very friendly and waddled right up close to Ata and Rose! Ata's Mum was amazed at some of the facts, like a turtle's spine and nerves are all infused in their shell! They met a turtle in quarantine because somehow he only had 3 feet, so his name was Waewaetoru (3 legs!)

A delicious lunch of KFC and pizza, then back into the big red car to head to Auckland Zoo! Ata says she saw so many animals like: rhinos, an elephant, lions, tigers but she was excited to get to hold an owl, on her arm. She had to wear a special yellow glove though so it's claws wouldn't scratch her. A busy afternoon of wandering around the zoo, having photos, learning about all the different animals and then it was time to drive back to the airport. Unfortunately the plane was delayed because a man was being naughty and they had to find his bags and get him off the plane!

The ride home was even bumpier than the plane ride to Auckland, because it was a stormy night. Ata hopped into bed after a long but super amazing day and she had a big sleep in! DREAM DAY was so much fun and Ata and her family loved every minute.



Royal New Zealand Ballet

On Friday we went to the Hansel and Gretel ballet. We got three buses for the classes. When we got there, I was so excited. There were so many classes. When we got inside, we got to do a dance. After the dance inside it was so fancy. Then the person came out and introduced herself. When she was finished talking the show began. The witch started to give the kids a ton of food to make them fat and her slaves brought the food into Hansel and Gretel to eat it. The slaves make them eat more and more and more until they had enough and then ...to be continued...

Indy
Ako 2



Touch Rugby Results

Week 1	
Rained off	
Week 3	
Taita Central Kārearea 1 vs Dyer Street Dragons 10	Taita Central Wahs 3 vs Rata Street 2 (Girls) 10

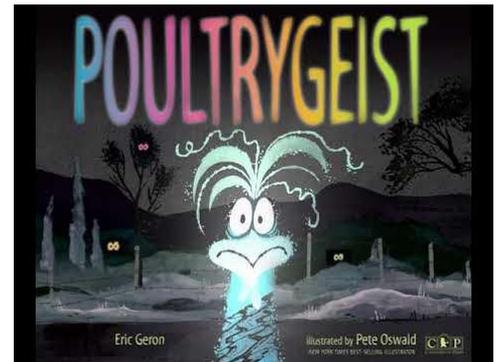
Floor Ball results

Week 2	
TCS Victory Squad 5 vs Belmont Pango 1	TCS Falcons 7 vs Chilton Renegades 0
Week 3	
TCS Victory Squad 1 vs OLRs Tori 1	TCS Falcons 5 vs Marvelous Tuis 3



Ako 7's visit to Walter Nash

This week Ako 7 visited Walter Nash to participate in some sports and games and spend some time in the library. They started with a game of bullrush and then played a type of soccer rounders, before going into the library to have a story about the Poultrygeist in recognition of Halloween this week.



Taita's Got Talent

A decision has been made to cancel this year's Taita's Got Talent due to our extremely busy schedule this term and a number of ākonga/students wanting to pull out of this event. This is an event we love to host, so we hope to be able to bring it back in 2024.

Duffy Summer Reading \$5 Parent Offer Your child would have come home with an order form this. The last day to place an order for this is **Friday 10 November**.

BOARD NEWS

Our Taita Central School Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge our Teacher Aide Tracey Crosland who will be leaving our school at the end of this year. Tracey will be moving to Tauranga to begin a new adventure. Our school and Board would like to thank Tracey for everything she has done to support our ākonga during her 4 years at Taita Central School. Tracey is a valuable member of our school staff and she will be greatly missed. Everyone who works at Taita Central School has benefited from the support Tracey shows, her unbreakable spirit and her willingness to go out of her way to provide the very best educational opportunities for the ākonga and classes she works with. We will formally acknowledge Tracey's contribution at our end of year prize giving assembly on Thursday 14th December at the Ricoh Centre.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Earthfest – Walter Nash Stadium – Saturday 11 November 9.00am – 3.00pm

EarthFest – A Festival of Earth Science, will be a chance for members of the public to get up close and personal with the earth sciences and meet people working in its many different fields. The aim of EarthFest is to be an unprecedented public showcase of the science and technology used to study our dynamic planet.

Exhibits and demonstrations include Toothpaste Volcano, Experience Antarctica, Radiocarbon Lab, Girls on Ice, Find A Fossil, Make a Quake, House of Science, GIS and plenty more.

From rocks, minerals and fossils through to natural hazards and emergency management, EarthFest 2023 will showcase the Earth as we know it through interactive displays, virtual and augmented reality experiences, games, tabletop experiments, and more!

With a particular focus on activities for tamariki (children), rangatahi (young people), and their whānau (families), our goal is to help people engage with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and build connections between Earth science and their everyday lives, to ignite interest and (hopefully) inspire future careers!

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



Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings

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