



Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Talofa ni, Mafola, Namaste, Mingalaba, Kumusta ka, Ni hao, Jom reep sooa, Nihao, Muhi bawngi, Hello, Greetings

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Coming Events:

- Wed 14 June – Duffy Role Mosel Assembly
- Wed 14 June – Whānau Hui & Fono
- Mon 19 June – BOT Meeting
- Wed 28 June - HuttFest TCS performance night
- Fri 30 June – Last day of Term 2
- Mon 17 July – Term 3 starts – Mihi Whakatau to welcome Matua Dylan our new Deputy Principal and Ako 9 teacher.

To Action:

Please reply to our Whānau Hui/Fono notice telling us if you will be joining us on the night – return the slip to the school office or send Erin an email.
Important Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday 14 June – Whānau Hui & Fono**
- Wed 28 June - HuttFest TCS performance night.**

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

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

Whānau Hui/Fono – Wednesday 14th June starting at 5:00pm

We are inviting our Families/Whānau/Aiga to join us in the **Whareroa at 5:00pm on Wednesday 14th June 2023** for our first Whānau Hui/Fono. This is a very important Hui/Fono and we hope you can join us. Our ākonga/students perform for you then we will have some pizza before breaking off into 4 different focus groups for 15 minutes per group, to hear about 4 important initiatives. After working through the 4 rotations, we will gather back together in the Whareroa for our ākonga to close the evening before heading home.



Our Four Focus Groups are:

- Reporting to Parents** - changes to our school Mid-Year and End of Year Reports & portfolios
- Health Consultation** - we are required to consult with our school community every 2 years about what we teach.
- Structured Literacy** - what is Structured Literacy? How will it help my child to learn to read and write?
- Our Local Curriculum** - Our new Mission Statement, Our Vision and POWER Values and what our school community thinks is POWERful to learn?

Our ākonga will be cared for by Taita Central School staff in Pohutukawa Block while our Parents, Caregivers, Whānau/Aiga are engaged in the 4 focus groups. Our ākonga will be working on their Huruhuru/feather which will be added to the Taita Central School Korowai that we are making. This korowai will become a Taonga (Treasure) and will reflect our POWER Values, and our school colours as well as having a feather from every ākonga at Taita Central School on it.

Please let us know if you are able to attend and how many, so we know how many to cater for by returning the slip to the school office or by emailing Erin admin@taitacentral.school.nz by Friday 9th June.



Spotlight on Erin Cusack our Taita Central School Office Manager

Erin is our school Office Manager and primary first aider. She is often the first person you meet when you come into Taita Central School, and she keeps our school running smoothly.

Our staff and ākonga are very lucky to have such a wonderful person working in our school office, there are so many things that Erin does for all of us each day to make sure that our school runs smoothly from making sure we have enough tea and coffee supplies for our morning tea, through to looking after our ākonga who are feeling sad, sore or unwell. Thank you, Erin, for making Taita Central School a better place to be.
Ngā Mihi nui, Erin.

SCHOOL NEWS

New Enrolments – A warm welcome to our Taita Central School community: Lykan to Ako 1, Nhovi Joy to Ako 7.



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| 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 5 & 6 across the school is **Whakawhanaungatanga – we come together as one.** Power the New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.

Week 5 Assembly

Thank you to Ako 8 hosts Western and Finn and visuals Ailava and Mere.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

- Ako 1 - Mason & Kyle
- Ako 2 - Indiana & PJ
- Ako 3 - Warren & Jahziah
- Ako 4 - Iriana, Vaiana & Ellie
- Ako 7 - Atarangi & Emperor
- Ako 8 - Evatyn & Tuterangi
- Ako 9 - Isaac & Panha

Congratulations to our Principal Awards Winners:

- Ako 1 – Lynley for being a wonderful friend and taking care of others when they are upset.
- Ako 3 – Legacy for working in her group and being supportive.
- Ako 7 – Maddie for being outstanding in the class.
- Ako 9 – Rose for making good choices and showing your POWER values keep it up.

Congratulations to our POWER in the playground winners:

Kristina (A2) Bella (A9) Panha (A9) Konstance (A9) Warren (A3) Ruby-Lee (A7) Legacy (A3) Ailava (A8) Queen (A7) Ellie (A4)

Congratulations to our Special Prize Winner: Londoni (A8)

Congratulations to our Tough Guy n Gal participants: Finn, Western, Zephaniah, Gideon, Peem, Panha, Janelisa, Sharni & Ryan

Mana Moments

Kowhai Block visit to Remutaka Fire Station and Maidstone Max

Last Friday Kowhai Block travelled by train to Upper Hutt to visit the Remutaka Fire Station as part of their Fire Wise Fire Safety Programme and then stopped off at Maidstone Max to have lunch and a play before returning by train to Taita. This was such an amazing trip enjoyed by all ākonga, staff and parents. Thank you so much to our amazing parent helpers who jumped at the opportunity to try out being a fire fighter and enjoyed playing at Maidstone Max along with our teachers and ākonga.



Ako 4 have been learning all about how to be Firewise and how to keep themselves safe. This is a photo of the learning display in Ako 4. Look at all the work they have been doing.



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PACIFIC LANGUAGE WEEKS 2023

Ministry for Pacific Peoples

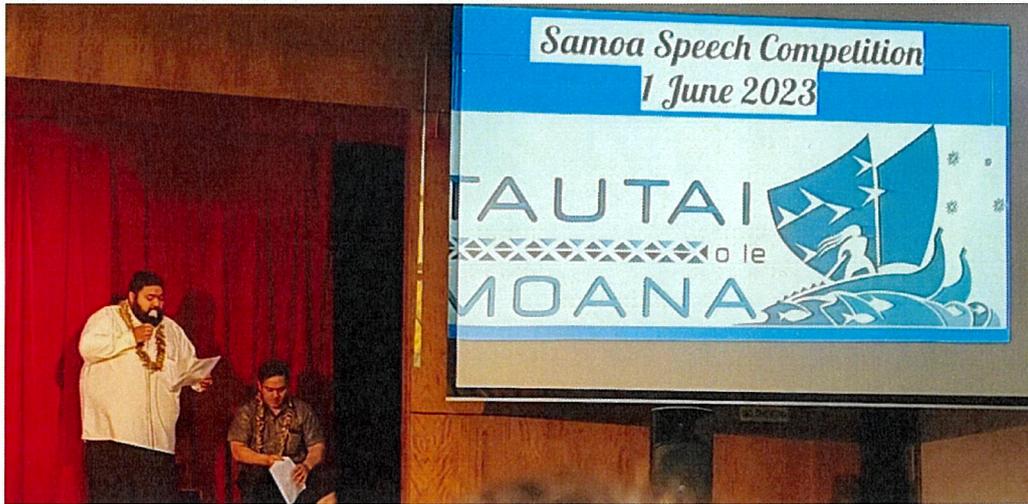
Last Tuesday 30th May, we held our first Whānau Day for the year, this was to celebrate Samoan Language Week. Our teachers and teacher aides provided a range of activities and experiences for our ākonga/students. Every ākonga/student had an opportunity to participate in making a clay disc representing the Samoan flag, colouring hibiscus/frangipani flowers to make headbands, talofa graffiti signs and weaving fanes as well as learning some Samoan songs such as Savalivali, Siva Laia and the Sasa. Thank you Lua for coming in to support our staff and ākonga with these songs. Every child also made a tapa square and a flower to add to our whole school flower lei.



Samoan Speech Competition – Celebrating Samoan Language Week

On Thursday 1st June, Whaea Shell took a small group of students to Bishop Viard College to experience the 2023 Samoan Speech Competition which is held each year. The day started with the flag ceremony, raising the Samoan flag and singing the Samoan National Anthem before we moved back into the hall for the dedication and opening speech which was conducted by Pastor Henry Ugapo. Our MC's for the day were Talamalie Moamoa Faleafaga and Nathan Lopa. Unfortunately our school speaker wasn't able to attend, however we were very happy and proud to tautoko/support Maxwell, who was a student at Taita Central School in 2022.

What an incredible experience to celebrate the Samoan language and culture together. I was so impressed with the passion, pride and perseverance that was shown by the students who spoke. Thank you, to the principal, staff and students at Bishop Viard College, and the whānau for the welcome and care that was shown to us all during the day. We have 3 eager students who are keen to step up and have a go in 2024.



Board News

We have more staff changes happening at the end of this term as Karen Elliot (SWiS) and Sharyn Angus finish working at Taita Central School. The Board would like to acknowledge all the hard work, effort, time and energy both of these staff members have dedicated to our tamariki, our staff and our community.

Sharyn Angus has been our Structured Literacy Lead Teacher this year and has been instrumental in supporting the introduction/implementation of Structured Literacy within our Junior School and being the mentor teacher for Miss Kelly.

Sharyn has worked at Taita Central School since 2003, working in Y5 & 6 for four years. She then moved to the Junior school as she wanted to learn about early reading and writing. Sharyn taught Year 1/2 mostly from then on. She swapped roles with another teacher to oversee the Developmental Skills programmes in Kowhai and Matai Blocks and do the ESOL support. Sharyn has also been our SENCO and supported Miss Powell in the New Entrants when she had large class sizes.

Sharyn's main interest has always been literacy as these skills are the key to learning, so the Structured Literacy Support roles over the last few years have been challenging but hugely rewarding.

Sharyn plans to still use her teaching skills after TCS, but in more varied roles at other schools. The kids here will always be important to her.

Back in 2019 Sharyn left TCS with plans to travel the world, then the COVID pandemic hit and that resulted in a change of plans and an opportunity to come back to Taita Central School to take on a Classroom Release Teacher role and provide general relieving which was almost full-time for a while.

Karen Elliott who has been our Taita Central School Social Worker in Schools (SWiS) for the last 13 years will be finishing up in this role on Friday 23rd June. Karen has been successful in becoming the new Domestic Violence

programme Coordinator for Barnados Lower Hutt Karen has worked with many of our families/Whānau/Aiga and our tamariki during her time at Taita Central School. We have surely benefited from her knowledge, experience and her willingness to get stuck in and fight for funding to support programmes such as the Box Fit programme which many of our Year 5 & 6 ākonga/students have participated in during the last 2 years. We wish Karen every success in her new role and hope she will come back and visit us from time to time.

We will let you know as soon as we hear who will be taking over the Social Worker in Schools (SWiS) role from Karen.

Nits

Please remember to check your child's hair weekly for nits, unfortunately they always seem to be going around... A good plan is having one day each week to check their hair so you remember to do it and always having treatment on hand for when you need. Please see Erin in the office to get **free** nit treatment and combs.

Community News

Hutt City Council are providing some staff (Patrick and Daniel) to be at Common Ground Walter Nash Park, on Wednesdays from 3.15-5.15pm

They will be available to help tamariki fix their bikes, show them how to do their own repairs, and play fun games on the bikes and scooters.

Sue will be there as always, working her magic in the community.

Let's hope for some nice weather, and lots of families enjoying the fun.



To keep up to date with our learning and news, join our facebook page at www.facebook@taitacentral.com

Whakatauki

Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu
Adorn the bird with feathers, so it will fly

Ngā mihi maioha / warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taita Central School Staff

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