



Taitā Central School Newsletter

Ki te kotahi kākaho, ka whati: ki te Kāpuia, e kore e whati.
When we stand alone, we are vulnerable; but together we are unbreakable.

Vision

"Te tu pakari tahi, te whakamana i nga ākonga katoa."
Standing strong together – enhancing the mana of all learners



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!

12 November 2025

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Number 18

Tekau ma waru

Website: <https://www.taitacentral.school.nz/home>

Term 4: Week 6

Wāhanga 4: Wiki 6

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Coming Events:

Wed 19 Nov – Taka Trust Bike Day Yr 5&6

Frid 21 Nov – Taka Trust Golf Day-Y4-6 Huttfest performing

Tue 25 Nov – Study Centre visit to Shona McFarlane

Fri 28 Nov – Staff Only Day – School closed

Mon 1 Dec – EOTC week

Mon 1 Dec – BOT Meeting

Tue 2 Dec – Wainuiomata Pool Day – whole school

Fri 5 Dec – Athletics Fun Day – whole school

Mon 8 Dec – International Whānau Day

Tue 9 Dec – Kowhai Christmas Party

Wed 10 Dec – Road Patrollers Pool Party – Yr 5&6

Thu 11 Dec – End of Year Prizegiving Assembly

Fri 12 Dec – Last day of 2025 – school finishing at 1:00pm

To Action:

Important Dates to remember...

Tomorrow - Fri 14 Nov 9am

Last day to order **\$5 Summer Reading** books from
Scholastic – Duffy Books

**Thu 11 Dec – End of Year Prizegiving Assembly
– 1:00pm at Walter Nash Centre**

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

Kia ora e te whānau

On Monday 3rd November we held a Poroporake / full school assembly to say farewell to Whaea Michelle. This caused some concern in the lead up as some ākonga/students and whānau did not realise we had two Whaea Michelle's at our school!



Whaea Michelle has been our te Reo Teacher at Taitā Central School since 2021, sharing her knowledge and expertise in te Reo me Tikanga Māori with our ākonga and staff. As I said in my kōrero during her farewell - When I first met with Whaea Michelle as a new principal she said to me *"My goal is to do myself out of a job!"* and 4 years later, we have come to the time where Whaea Michelle feels confident to leave us to continue on our journey without her... although we will still reach out to seek her guidance and support and to connect as whānau of Taitā Central School.

Through the knowledge and skills Whaea Michelle has instilled in us all we will continue to be bound together with a shared purpose; we will work together to ensure that our ākonga/students are immersed in Mātauranga Māori. This indigenous knowledge encompasses a holistic understanding of the universe from a Māori perspective. It includes a wide range of knowledge, skills, and values, passed down through generations via oral traditions, such as whakapapa (genealogy), waiata (songs), and pūrākau (stories) along with purposeful, real world authentic learning experiences which will enable our ākonga/students to engage in a wide range of learning experiences which we hope will inspire and equip them to be the best they can be.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, our staff, our ākonga/students, whānau, aiga and community, I would like say “Ngā mihi nui tō mahi i tēnei kura,” We thank Whaea Michelle for all the work you have done at Taitā Central School, by sharing your knowledge and your wisdom you have enabled us all to fly, and wish her well in her new endeavor.



Attendance, Engagement, Achievement

In the last newsletter I stated that *during Term 3 we had 30 tamariki who were at school between 95% and 99% of the term. These tamariki will be presented with their attendance certificate at our next school assembly. We did not have any tamariki who were at school 100% (every day) during Term 3. – I need to make a correction*, after looking more closely at our school eTap data I can confirm that we had **22 tamariki who were at school between 95% and 99% of the term and we had 9 tamariki who were at school 100% (everyday) during Term 3.** The tamariki who were at school everyday during Term 3 will enjoy making and eating an ice cream sundae in the staffroom after morning tea on Friday.

Term 3 students who were at school everyday making and enjoying their ice cream sundaes.



SCHOOL NEWS

New Enrolments – Nau mai, haere mai ki to kura o Ngā Hau e Whā, ngā mihi maioha - A warm welcome to our Taita Central School community: Welcome to Taita Central School. *Ako 4 - CK and whānau.*

St Matthews Church Taitā plan an event every 2 months where they serve in the community somewhere. This November they will be doing a Working Bee here at our school on Sunday 30th November from 9:30am – 11:30am.

We are excited to have support from our community to help us with tasks such as, raking the bark in our playgrounds to loosen it up, trim trees and shrubs around our school fences, clean the outside of our whareroa/hall, weed around our school garden beds and plant some new plants and shrubs, etc.

If you would like to come along and lend a hand, we would love to have you come along and join us.

We will share some kai at the conclusion of the working bee.

Taita Central School

WORKING BEE

GARDENING/REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE



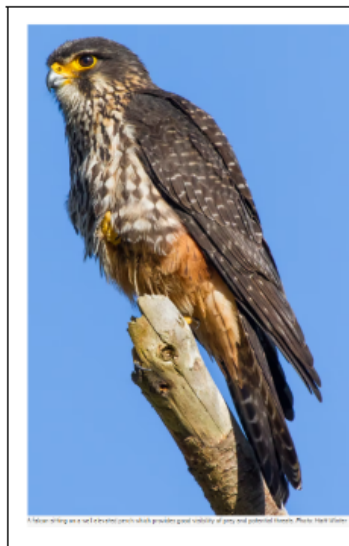
SUNDAY 30TH NOV 9.30AM-11.30AM

Come join us as we work on various maintenance and gardening jobs around Taita Central School.

Here are a few things you could bring with you to help:
secateurs, loppers, rakes, garden saw, spades, small garden tools for weeding, hammer

If you can, please bring something to share for morning tea.

Contact Sarah on 021840525 or Whaea Shell for more info.



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 <u>silisili</u> 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 5 & 6 across the school was **Whakawhanaungatanga / Te toa takitini / So'otaga** – we come together as one.

The New Zealand Falcon (Karearea) is our mascot for our values.

Term 4 Week 4 – no assembly this week

We will present our awards and celebrate our ākonga from Week 3 & 4 this Friday along with our Week 5 & 6 Awards.

Mana Moments

Swimming at Te Ngaengae Pool (Naenae Pool)

During Weeks 5 & 6 our ākonga have been participating in the Swim City school swimming lessons at Te Ngaengae Pool. It has been wonderful to watch our ākonga show **Perseverance** – *to keep trying even when it gets hard*. To be **Outstanding**. To show **Whakawhanaungatanga** to each other – *we are all in this together*. **Respect** – *towards their swimming coaches, teachers and teacher aides who are supporting them in and out of the water* and during these lessons. It has been fantastic to have support from whānau and aiga who have come to watch and support their tamaiti/child, as well as help with changing and dressing them.



Miss Powell and Donna have made a fabulous display by the entranceway to Ako 4, celebrating the achievements of the Ako 4 ākonga during their swimming lessons.



Term 4 Floorball

This term we have 3 school Floorball teams – Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6.

All teams participate in the Floorball competition at Walter Nash Centre on a Wednesday afternoon between 3pm and 5:30pm.

A BIG THANK YOU to Miss Kelly for coordinating the information for our school, organising notices to go out to ākonga and whānau and enrolling our teams. She is also down at the Walter Nash centre every Wednesday supporting, managing and often coaching our teams. Thank you for the support of our parents, caregivers and whānau who are down there supporting their tamariki and Miss Kelly.



Te Reo Māori Phrase of the Week.

To increase the use of Te Reo Māori at Taitā Central School we are continuing our Te Reo Māori phrase of the week. All our Kaiako/teachers and Kaiawhina/Support staff are trying to make sure we use this phrase throughout the week. You may hear your tamariki using these phrases at home.

The phrase we have been using in **Weeks 5 & 6** is still... **Kei hea tō pēke?** / *Where is your bag?* and **Kei hea ō kakahu kakahu?** / *Where are your swimming togs?*

Community News



Conservation Volunteers New Zealand and Sustainable Coastlines are excited to be working with Hutt City Council to Clean up the Hutt on Saturday 13th December <https://cleanupthehutt.org/>.

This event is about having fun connecting our community in cleaning up their special places across Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt.

Whakatauki

"Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu"

"Adorn the bird with feathers, so it may fly".

I shared this whakatauki at the start of my kōrero at Whaea Michelle's poroporaki for a special reason...

That reason is... it highlights the importance of providing the necessary support and resources—the "feathers" for individuals or communities to thrive and succeed, much like a bird needs its feathers to fly.

It is a message about empowerment, preparation, and the collective strength of a community or team.

Ngā mihi maioha - warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff

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Taitā Central School – Te Kura O Nga Hau E Wha

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