



# 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***

Standing strong together – enhancing the mana of all learners

*"Te tu pakari tahi, te whakamana i nga ākonga katoa."*



**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!

**18 September 2025**

**18 Hepetema 2025**

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**Term 3: Week 10**

**Wāhanga 3: Wiki 10**

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## **Coming Events:**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sept – Last day of Term 3 – 3pm finish**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – First day of Term 4**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Tuvalu Language Week

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fijian Language Week

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Niue Language Week

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – Labour Day Holiday School Closed**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – Tokelau Language Week

**Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – NZEI Strike Day**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Swimming starts

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Royal New Zealand Ballet (RNZB)

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children's University Graduation

## **To Action:**

*Important Dates to remember...*

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – First day of Term 4**

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

## **Kia ora e te whānau**

This newsletter is our last for Term 3 and I want to acknowledge the hard work from our ākonga/students, our Kaimahi/teacher aides, and our Kaiako/teachers as we have navigated another busy term, one which has been a challenge in terms of the weather and the winter illnesses. Our Kaiako have been working really hard to implement the new Structured Literacy and Structured Maths through the new English and Mathematics Curriculum's and also ensure that our ākonga/students experience engaging, hands on learning through our local curriculum topics.

I would also like to acknowledge Erin, who works tirelessly in the office supporting our ākonga, our Kaimahi and Kaiako as well as our families, whānau and aiga. Erin ensures that our school continues to run efficiently with all the resources we need to do our jobs well. She is also often the person who cares for our ākonga when they have had a fall or are feeling sick. **Tau kē tō mahi, Erin! – Awesome work, Erin!**

Term 4 is a summer term, so please remember to send your tamaiti/child to school with a sunhat next term. As a sun smart school, we aim to keep everyone safe from the sun, by wearing a sun hat when we are outside at playtimes, lunchtimes and sports times. **No hat – no play in the sun.**

## **Term 4 Swimming programme – Weeks 5 & 6**

In Term 4 we will be engaging with the Hutt City Swim City team for our two-week school Swimming programme. This year we will be taking our ākonga/students to Te Ngaengae Pool (Naenae Pool).

In the first week of Term 4 we will be sending home the Parent Assessment Form for you to fill in about your child's ability and confidence in the water and return the form to school.

## Royal New Zealand Ballet (RNZB)

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November we will be taking our whole school in to see the **Royal New Zealand Ballet's School Matinee Performance of The Nutcracker!** This is an annual event and such an incredible experience for all our ākonga/students.

## 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, Nadia Ako 4.



|          |                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>P</b> | Perseverance / <i>Whakapau Kaha / Onosa'i</i><br>- give it a go and keep trying, even when it gets hard.           |
| <b>O</b> | Outstanding / <i>Kei runga noa atu! / Matua silisili ona lelei</i><br>- always being the best that you can be.     |
| <b>W</b> | Whakawhanaungatanga / <i>Te toa takitini / So'otaga</i><br>- we come together as one.                              |
| <b>E</b> | Empathy / <i>Aroha - Ngākau aroha / Lagona Alofa</i><br>- trying to understand how others feel.                    |
| <b>R</b> | Respect / <i>Kiritau - Whakamana -Whakaute / Fa'aaloalo</i><br>- treating others how you would like to be treated. |

**POWER Values** - Our value focus for Week 9 & 10 across the school was **Respect / Kiritau – Whakamana-Whakaute / Fa'aaloalo**— treating others how you would like to be treated.

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

**Friday Assembly.** Thank you to Kowhai Block and our hosts Jeconiah, Suntroyden, Malia-Rosa and Iriana and visuals Eva and Toby.

### Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

**Ako 1:** Caleb & Kalo

**Ako 3:** Eva & Paea

**Ako 4:** Tana & Xaiyah

**Ako 7:** Samuel

**Ako Waru:** Tyson & Xavier

**Ako Iwa:** Izzy & Nia-Grace

**Akomanga Māori:** Atarangi M & Shalom

### Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

**Ako 1:** Atarangi for showing Whakawhanaungatanga by offering to help another student with their work and not leaving until it was finished.

**Ako 3:** Sujith for being diligent and working steadily to achieve your learning tasks. It is a pleasure to see you apply your knowledge, particularly in our science.

**Ako 4:** Leon for constantly being an active part of Ako 4 and participating in your learning.

**Ako 7:** Jacob for working hard in class always, and for meeting all challenges with maturity and calm. You are a very intelligent and thoughtful young man Jacob, keep up the great work! Proud of you-Miss Jameson.

**Ako Waru:** Irene for being a supportive and caring friend. You have a caring heart and your friends are lucky to have you.

**Ako Iwa:** Toby for being a quiet, caring, thoughtful and compassionate leader. Who checks in on his teachers and helps his class members in so many ways. For also making and sharing the coolest Scratch game!

### Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Sitina (A8) Freja (A4) Casey-Jean (A4) Alex (A4) Nyla (A7) Izzy (A9) Simaima (A1) Aaru (A8) Shalom (A3) Amara (A1) Tia (A4) Naayagi (A7)

## Mana Moments

### Kowhai Sports Afternoon

The ākonga/students in Kowhai Block have been focusing on developing their ball skills for PE this term and learning lots of new ball skills, like striking the ball. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September Kowhai held a sports afternoon and invited their families, whānau and aiga to watch them ākonga participating in T-Ball and Non-Stop Cricket. This afternoon was a great success, and our ākonga/students all received a certificate, a medal and a treat.



### Akomanga Māori Tuakana/Teina session

Last Thursday, in Akomanga Māori we had tuakana/teina for both Pohutukawa and Kowhai Blocks. We came together this morning and started with karakia, waiata, kanikani and then our tuakana each choose 3 teina to take and do either mahi toi, poi, rākau and kemu. We ended the session with a shared kai just before playtime.





### **Cook Island Māori, Tonga and Tuvakllu Whānau Day celebrations Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September we celebrated the Cook Island, Tongan and Tuvalu Language Weeks. Our ākonga participated in a range of art and craft activities celebrating these cultures and they got to work with their Buddy class. These Whānau Days are a great way for our ākonga to display tuakana/teina where our senior students/ākonga guide and support our junior ākonga/students and enjoy the opportunity to work together.





**TE WIKI O  
TE REO MĀORI**  
14–20 o Hepetema 2025



TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI  
**AKE AKE AKE**  
MŌ AKE TONU TE REO

### Pohutukawa Akomanga Māori Haerenga:

On Monday Merehana, Mani and Miss Kelly took 12 of our tamariki to the Te Whanganui-a-Tara Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Parade. It was a great experience and opportunity for our tamariki to be apart of the 50 year celebration.



Ngā mihi nui to Sasha, Larmarn and Denique for a your help on our haerenga.



### **KPMG Sports Day @ Walter Nash Centre**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September we took our whole school to the Walter Nash Centre to participate in a fun sports day organised by KPMG who support our 3 Taitā schools; Pomare School, St Michael's School and Taitā Central School.

Throughout the year members of the KPMG workforce come out to our school to do work during the volunteer days, they organise sports events such as the one we had yesterday, and they support our schools at school events such as our Term 4 Athletics Day and our Wainuiomata Pool School Celebration at the end of the year.

It was wonderful to see the high level of participation from our ākonga/students and the leadership and POWER Values that many were displaying. This was a day of whakawhanaungatanga and Manaakitanga and many of our ākonga/students had the opportunity to catch up with friends, or family who attended the either Pomare or St Michael's School.





### 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 9 & 10** was... **Kei hea a...?** / Where is ...? (insert name)

### Community News

This is a hands-on science event for the whole family during the school holidays in Wellington.

**Science ROADSHOW**

9:30am -- 4:30pm daily  
Admission \$10 per person  
A great hands-on entertaining and educational school holiday science experience for the family!

**22 SEPT - 3 OCT** Asteron Centre,  
corner Featherston & Bunny Streets

WRFU is hosting a Junior Girls Rugby Festival on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at North Park, Petone. This festival is open to team and individual registrations for girls year 5 to 8. Registration forms are attached. \*There is no registration fee

Individual Registration Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/w3bHgepEpd>

Team Registration Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/PeXNsEykeX>

## Wellington Cable Car

We're excited to share some upcoming promos for the school holidays with you and your community!

### Spring Sundays



We've got an early spring special starting from **Sunday, 31 August - Sunday, 19 October**.

For adults and children, unlock the following prices between the hours of **2pm - 4pm every Sunday**:

- \$2 One-way
- \$4 Return

This offer is exclusive and can only be purchased via our Lambton ticket box during the promotional period, every Sunday, 31 August – 19 October, at 2pm to 4pm. For the terms and conditions, click [here](#).

### Red Rocket Pizza School Holiday Special



Enjoy **20% off** a return trip on the Cable Car and GA to Space Place with our Red Rocket combo. For these school holidays only, show your Red Rocket ticket at Cable Top Eatery and enjoy 2-for-1 kids' pizzas.

Click [here](#) for the terms and conditions of this offer.

Red Rocket tickets can be purchased from the Lambton Quay terminal and online [here](#).



# PARENTS

## Your Child Can Enter the "Imagine an Electric Future" Drawing Competition!

### Do you have a young artist at home aged 5–12?

Encourage them to enter Electrify the Hutt Expo drawing competition.

Kids are invited to draw their vision of an electric future — whether it's a home, school, or city powered by clean energy. Think electric cars, scooters, toys, solar panels, or even new inventions powered by electricity!

#### Prizes to be won!

- \$300 EVO Cycles voucher for one lucky child
- 15 recognition prizes (pool passes) for standout artworks



#### How to Enter (for individual submissions)

- Create a drawing (1 entry per child)
- Clearly label with:
  - Child's name (first & last)
  - Age
  - School name
  - Parent/caregiver contact details
- Drop off or post the entry at the Council Reception, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt before 1 October 2025

Winners will be announced at the **Electrify the Hutt Expo on 4 October 2025** at the Hutt Event Centre (event runs until 4pm).

If you're from outside Lower Hutt — your child is still welcome to enter! While the **\$3,000** school prize is for Lower Hutt schools only, all individual students (**ages 5–12**) are eligible for the main and recognition prizes.

Unleash your child's imagination and be part of our celebration of a cleaner, electric future!

- [info@electrifythehutt.nz](mailto:info@electrifythehutt.nz)
- [www.electrifythehutt.nz](http://www.electrifythehutt.nz)

**ELECTRIFY**  
**THE HUTT**





### Whakatauki



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