



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!

4 September 2025

4 Māhuru 2025

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Number 14

Tekau ma wha

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

Term 3: Week 8

Wāhanga 3: Wiki 8

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Coming Events:

Mon 8th Sept – Netball prizegiving @ Walter Nash 4:30pm
Wed 10th Sept – Kowhai games afternoon 1:40pm
Fri 12th Sept - Cook Island Māori, Tongan & Tuvalu Whānau Day
Sun 14th Sept – Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
Mon 15th Sept – Akomanga Māori Haerenga
Wed 17th Sept – KPMG Sports Day at Walter Nash
Fri 19th Sept – Last day of Term 3

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

Kia ora e te whānau

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Term 3 Whānau Hui last Tuesday evening. The evening was a great success; our teachers were able to share information with Whānau and Aiga about the new English and Mathematics Curriculums.

- Miss Powell and Miss Kelly were able to share information about the **Structured Literacy approaches** we are using, Years 0 to 3 are using *Little Learners Love Literacy* and Years 4 to 6 are using the *iDeaL* approach.
- Miss Wright and Miss Jameson shared information about the **new Mathematics Curriculum** and the 2 approaches and resources we are using Years 0 to 3 are using the Maths-No Problem resources and the Years 4 to 6 are using Pr1me Maths.
- Matua Dylan shared the work he has begun on creating a **Graduate Profile for Taitā Central School** and exploring the possibility of revising our school values. The Graduate Profile will outline the learning, experiences, attitudes and values we want our ākonga to have by the time they leave our school at the end of Year 6. This work must be done in consultation with our families, whānau and aiga, so your feedback is important to us. If you have anything you would like to share with us please email dylan@taitacentral.school.nz or myself principal@taitacentral.school.nz
- I shared a number of initiatives that the staff, Board and I have been working on.
2026 – 2028 Strategic Goals and Initiatives
Taitā Central School Expectations Behaviour Management Plan
Taitā Central School Attendance Management Plan and STAR

Pā Harakeke - an exciting new project which will involve our Year 4 to 6 ākonga, a group of 30 Victoria University Landscape Architecture students, our families, whānau & aiga and Iwi working together to build a pā harakeke (an area of New Zealand flax planted in our school grounds). The Pā harakeke project will have some of the best harakeke across Aotearoa New Zealand (Rene Orchiston Collection) and will be complemented by clusters of native plants. This will also encourage native birds, and insects and build diversity within our school environment. We plan to include a Whare and other structures which will facilitate informal creative play, socialization, a peaceful area providing a place to rest, and an area which will be used as an outdoor classroom space and for school/community events in our Pa Harakeke.

Ngā mihi nui to all our families, whānau and aiga who were able to make it. It was nice to have parents, caregivers, whānau and aiga engage with us and hear what we are doing. We appreciated the feedback we received and loved all the questions you asked.

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, Tana 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 <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 7 & 8 across the school was **Empathy / Aroha-Ngakau aroha / Lagona Alofa** – trying to understand how others feel.

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

Friday Assembly. Thank you to Pohutukawa Block and our hosts Katniss, Victoria, Talia, Faaeteete and Faith and visuals Toby and Jacob.

Congratulations to our Ako Award Winners:

Ako 1: Amara & Trinah

Ako 3: Suntroyden & Malia-Rosa

Ako 4: Tulikimoana & Xaiyah

Ako 7: Phoenix & Nyla

Ako Waru: Skyy & Ata

Ako Iwa: Talia & Victoria

Akomanga Māori: Emma & Marley

Congratulations to our Principal Award Winners:

Ako 1: Tusitala for showing the POWER value Perseverance in all areas especially when learning letter sounds with Karen and also for trying your best at Maths time. Keep up the great work!

Ako 3: Kyle for always striving for excellence, particularly in Maths. You always work hard and achieve your learning goals through effort.

Ako 4: Arieta for being an absolute star with your writing. Tino pai tō mahi!

Ako 7: Eduard for working hard on your home-reading, and showing a genuine interest in your English language progress. Well done Eduard!

Ako Waru: Londoni you have a massive heart and wear it on your sleeve. Your kind and show compassion for others.

Ako Iwa: Katniss You have been showing great whakawhanaungatanga through your positive attitude to learning and working with others to be and do your best! Ka mau te wehi kotrio!

Congratulations to our POWER in the Playground Winners:

Sitina (A8) Ralene (A1) Amara (A1) Shalom (A3) Chaze (A3) Iriana (A3) Freja (A4) Tia (A4) Layan (A8) Irene (A8)

Congratulations to our StepsWeb Award Winners:

Molly (A7) & Eliana (A8)

Congratulations to our Road Patrol Winners:

Jacob, Eliana & Emperor

Congratulations to our 95-99% Attendance for Term 2 Awards:

Kowhai - Brynn, Mason, Jeconiah, Eva, Sujith, Zeta, Freja, Koval & Trinah

Pohutukawa - Jacob, Jericho, Molly, Samuel, Manasoni, Phoenix, Nia-Grace, Aaru, Tepaula, Noah, Faaeteete, Toby, Skyy, Indy, Layan, Evatyn, Tyson, Emma & Xavier

Congratulations to our 100% Attendance for Term 2 Awards:

Kowhai - Tia & Kyle

Pohutukawa – Naayagi, Esha, Londoni & Izzy



Akomanga Māori:

On Monday, 15th September, Reo Māori are holding their annual parade to kick off Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. A group from Taitā Central School are planning to take the tamariki from our Year 4-6 akomanga Māori to this event, as it is an excellent opportunity for them to learn about the history of our beautiful reo and celebrate with others at this special time of year.



[Te Wiki o te Reo Māori](#) 14-20 o Hepetema - Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is on from Sunday 14th September to Saturday 20th September 2025, and is the 50th anniversary of the first Te wiki o te reo Māori.

Touch Coaching

On Tuesday 2nd September. Ako 1 had their first Touch Rugby lesson. We learnt:

- We had to touch the person that had the ball.
- Throw the ball like an elephant trunk.
- To get ready to catch the ball we put up our hands and made a target and we had lots of fun.



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 7 and 8** was... **Kei hea a...?** / Where is ...? (insert name)



- To enter the competition, go to the [E Tū Whānau website](#). Competition updates will be posted on the [E Tū Whānau Facebook page](#) and winners will be announced on 26 September at noon. If you need help with entering or if you have any questions, email: info@etuwhanaucomp.com or private message the [E Tū Whānau Facebook page](#).

Working together for a violence free future - E Tū Whānau, te mana kaha o te whānau!

What's important to know

- Entrants must design an A4 or A3 poster reflecting the theme "Ko wai au? Who am I?".
- Posters must be original and unpublished.
- PLEASE NOTE that to uphold the integrity of the competition, and in keeping with E Tū Whānau tikanga, the use of AI is not permitted.
- This competition is for everyone and there are three entry categories – 12 years of age & under, 13 to 18 years of age, and 19 years of age & over.
- Posters must be saved in jpg or png format, max file size 40MB for entry via the online entry form on the [E Tū Whānau website](#).
- Entry opens Monday 11/8/2025 at noon and closes on Sunday 14/9/2025 at noon.
- People's Choice voting opens on Monday 15/9/2025 at noon via the [Competition Gallery](#) and closes on Friday 19/9/2025 at noon.
- Competition updates will be posted on the [E Tū Whānau Facebook page](#) and all winners will be announced on Friday 26/9/2025 at noon.
- There is important info entrants need to know in the [Competition Info and Rules](#), so entrants should read them first before designing and entering their poster.

Awesome prizes to be won!

Flexi e-Gift cards will be awarded to all winners for the stated value below. These can be redeemed by winners with one or multiple GiftPay authorised retailers of their choice within a three-year period.

- 12 years of age & under: 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$300, 3rd place \$200.
- 13 to 18 years of age: 1st place \$2000, 2nd place \$1500, 3rd place \$1000.
- 19 years of age & over: 1st place \$2000, 2nd place \$1500, 3rd place \$1000.
- People's Choice Award (most votes): \$500.
- Everyone who votes in People's Choice goes into a draw to win a \$100 Flexi e-Gift card.

How to enter

- Design an A4 or A3 poster that reflects the theme of “*Ko wai au? Who am I?*”.
- Entries can be designed in portrait/vertical layout or landscape/horizontal layout.
- Entrants may use various media to create their entry (eg: paint, pencil, pen, pastel, crayon, collage, photography, digital, mixed media). However, moving imagery and entries saved in video or audio file format are not eligible for entry.
- To uphold the integrity of the competition, and in keeping with E Tū Whānau tikanga, the use of AI is not permitted.
- Save your poster in jpg or png format, preferably at 300dpi, maximum file size 40MB.
- Submit your entry into the competition by completing the online entry form on the [E Tū Whānau website](#).

Whakatauki***Ka mahi tahi mātou******Kia ohoka te pitomata ha puananī.***

We will work together

In order to awaken potential to freely travel in any chosen direction.

Ngā mihi maioha - warm greetings

Whaea Shell / Michelle Picard and Taitā Central School Staff

Tel: 5677214***Taitā Central School – Te Kura O Nga Hau E Wha******Ako tahi Tātou, Tipu tahi Tātou – Together we Learn, Together we Grow***

