



NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 - WEEK 3

Our School Pepeha

Pepeha is a way of introducing yourself in Maaori. It tells people who you are by sharing your connections with the people and places that are local to our area.

Ko Tainui te waka
My canoe is Tainui

Ko Mangawara te awa
My river is Mangawara

Ko Hapuakohe te maunga
My Mountain is Hapuakohe

Ko Waiti te marae
My Marae is Waiti

Ko Ngati Paoa te iwi
My tribe is Ngati Paoa

Ko Tahuna te kura
My school is Tahuna School



Our School Vision and Values

Vision - To develop dynamic learners who make a positive contribution to our community.

Values - Our Rural ICARES Values; Integrity, Challenge, Ambition, Respect and Encourage.

Our value focus for Term 2 is Encourage. All teachers have had discussions in their class about this value and what does it mean and look like at Tahuna School. We are looking forward to seeing many examples of our tamariki displaying the value of encourage.

Principal Comment

Kia ora and welcome back to all our tamariki, parents and families. This week I am seeing lots of our children displaying our unique rural ICARES school values and its great to see. We have had a few new tamariki starting with us - They are Alisha, Ruben, Jaxon, Dixie and Emily. I welcome you and your families to our amazing school.

I would like to warmly welcome back our learning assistant Kimberley Slooten from maternity leave. Julie Shewry continues as a learning assistant. I have increased the overall learning assistant hours this term to deliver our specialised learning programmes and provide extra support.

At our most recent assembly Olivia confidently stood up and shared our School Pepeha - **Ka Pai Olivia!**

Class Awards

Congratulations with your wonderful work and effort!

Endeavour - Alisha, Ruben, Dixie and Emily

Endurance - Doug and Julia-Rose

Maungaturoto - Devine and Eden

Adventure - Navada and Lewis

Discovery - Eva and Alex

Tahuna Mahi Tahī - Reading Awards

Awesome reading and keep going!

25 Nights: Dillion, Maiah, Florence E, Lucas, Emilia, Arnav, Zoe, Evie

50 Nights: Piper, Theo, Eden, Florence, Sonika, Aryan, Zane

75 Nights: Mana, Paige, Jurous, Hollie, Marty, Divine, Jane, Indie, Olive, Jethro, Eva, Paesyn, Rebecca, Leah M, Olivia, Kaycee

Parent conferences

The Parent conferences were held in week 11 of Term 1. A big turn out of parents were present to discuss their child's learning with their teacher. The home school partnership is integral in supporting all our tamariki in achieving positive progress in their learning outcomes.

Wheels Day

Wheels Wednesday is always a great day for our tamariki and it's fantastic to see so many children bringing wheels to have fun on. Just a quick reminder on Wheels Wednesday the children who want to use a scooter, skateboard, ripstick, drift trike or hoverboard must bring shoes and a helmet as these need to be worn, Thank you.

Pink Shirt Day

It was fantastic to see so many tamariki, staff and parents taking part in Pink Shirt Day. By taking part you will be doing your part to eliminate bullying, celebrate diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion. A massive clap on the back for showing your support!

A BIG THANKYOU! To our student councillors who organised a wonderful fundraising event. Also thank you to everybody who contributed by providing baking, supporting with dressing up your child and providing a child with money to buy from our bake stall and guess how many lollies in the jar competition.

Court Cover Update

Great news! After going through the compulsory procurement and tendering process for accessing MOE funds to build. The court cover project will be built by **Waikato Sheds**. We are working through the next building requirements processes as quickly as possible to ensure the court cover is built and completed this year.

Sandpit Toys

If you have sandpit toys to donate to our school, we would love to have these.

Dates to remember

We have some exciting events planned for Term 2

Dates to Remember

Term 2

- **17th May (Fri)**
Pink Shirt Day
- **20th May (Mon)**
BOT Meeting
- **29th May (Wed)**
National Young Leaders Day (NYLD)
- **29th - 31st May (Wed-Fri)**
Life Education
- **3rd June (Mon)**
Kings Birthday - Public Holiday
- **4th June (Tue)**
Teacher only Day - No School
- **5th June (Wed)**
School X-Country
- **7th June (Fri)**
Postponement date for School X-Country
- **10th June**
Keeping ourselves Safe
- **12th June (Wed)**
Inter - school X-Country
- **24th June (Mon)**
Hearing and Vision Test
- **28th June (Fri)**
Matariki Public Holiday
- **5th July (Fri)**
Final Assembly at 1.45pm

Ngaa Mihi

Phillip and Staff
027 333 6186



Friends of the School

Kia Ora and welcome to Tahuna School.
The 'friends of the school' (FOS) are a group of parents who come together regularly throughout the school year to plan FUNdraising initiatives and organise events to give our children the best education opportunities and experiences. Our focus is to have FUN and build relationships with you, your family, and our wider community.

The level of your involvement is up to you!

You could,

- Join the FOS
- Attend some planning meetings
- Buy & sell tickets
- Talk to your friends and family about our events
- Be on the stopwatch during our sports events
 - Attend our school assemblies
 - Contribute to a bake sale
- ... Or even flip a sausage or two!

If you would like to join our committee, share an idea or lend a helping hand, drop an email to Fos@tahunaschool.school.nz or check out school stream for our next meeting date and pop along.

We welcome everyone.

Everyone has something to offer, big or small.

We are Tahuna Proud.

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