

## Newsletter - Term 4 - 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*

### Principals Comment

Welcome back to Term 4! We are already well in the thick of the action at Tahuna School in our learning and events. On Wednesday we had our annual livestock day held at the Tahuna Domain. We had entered 9 calves, 23 lambs, 2 kids and 4 preschoolers. Congratulations to all our tamariki who took part and gave it a great go! A special thank you to Leasa Craw for her fantastic organisation, commitment and time she has put into another livestock day for our school. We are lucky for her expertise and enthusiasm in delivering another great livestock day!

I would like to thank everybody who helped and supported their child/children with their animals. Another big commitment and we appreciate your contribution to another successful day. Thank you to the judges, stewards, recorders, helpers and staff. Also thank you to the major sponsors - Lehmann Building Ltd and Shewry Fencing. Without all these people and sponsors on board we cannot have a successful event!

This year we had an Art Exhibition for the first time. A big thank you to Jaime Herkes our new entrant class teacher who planned, organised and ran a successful event! The art work on display was outstanding! Well done to all our tamariki. Thank you to our teachers, staff, parents and families for your contribution in making our first Art Exhibition a success! Also thanks to our FOS for your support. I am truly happy with another great Tahuna School event day!

The Court Cover build with **Waikato Sheds** started during the school break. It's been awesome seeing the court and soccer field busy with work construction!

### Netsafe - online safety

We want to help all our tamariki with being safe online. Sometimes young people will see inappropriate, offensive or illegal content online even if they haven't sought it out. It can pop-up during a game, someone could send you a link, a search can show explicit images or a misspelt word could return unexpected content. It's hard to know what to do in this situation so Netsafe has developed some advice to help you. Click on the link below for their advice and support.

<https://netsafe.org.nz/children-and-young-people/what-to-do-if-you-see-something-upsetting>





## **Attendance and Engagement**

The ministry of education's Attendance and Engagement strategy focuses on children being present, participating and progressing in their learning. According to MOE regular attendance is being present at school 90% or more (4.5 days absent per term) We all have our roles to play and it's so important for your child to attend school regularly. Please give our school the best possible opportunity to progress your child's learning needs and social needs by regularly attending school. If your child is sick or has an appointment out of school during school time please contact the office and give the reason for their absence. In preparation for term 1 2025, the ministry of education will be collecting attendance data daily therefore it is important that we know why your child is absent therefore we can code correctly according to the attendance system on the day. Thanks to the many families who get in contact with us when their child/children are away from school on the day or give us notice.

## **Rural ICARE Values**

Our ICARE Values focus for Term 4 is Challenge Eke Panuku Try new things and not/never give up  
Show - I have respect for others mana  
Manage - conflict & different points of view  
Be courageous - in learning & keep trying when it's hard  
Communicate - collaborate and be a problem solver  
Approach - things with a positive mindset  
Try - new things and give things a go

## **Class Awards - Week 1 Assembly**

Congratulations with your outstanding work and effort!  
Endeavour - Ruben and Macy  
Endurance - Anika and Hannah  
Maungaturoto - Toby and Paige  
Adventure - Indie and Sophie  
Discovery - Olivia and Paige

## **ICARES Awards**

Amazing and thank you for displaying our awesome ICARE Values.  
Lottie - (Respect) for being kind and respecting others during lunchtime.  
AJ - (Integrity) for returning property to others.  
Zoe H - (Integrity) for helping Florence .  
Evie - (Respect) for being helpful by fixing a lunch box.  
Kaycee - (Integrity) for telling people not to go under the fence.  
Lennox - (Respect) for being a kind friend.  
Evie - (Respect) for helping, being kind and caring.  
Zoe S - (Respect) for looking after her brother at lunch.  
Jashan - (Challenge) for dodging people that were in farmer farmer.  
Lottie - (Encourage) for cheering Umair on in four square.  
Zoe S - (Encourage) for helping Arthur along the zipline when we got stuck.  
Megan - (Encourage) for playing with the little kids.  
Zoe S - (Respect) for being a great friend and sister.  
Dylan - (Encourage) for teaching Skye how lob.  
Sophie - (Respect) for looking after our school playground.  
Pippa - (Integrity) for being honest when she went on the grass.  
Archer - (Respect) for following instructions straight away.  
Holly - (Respect) for helping a younger student complete a task.  
Fletcher - (Respect) for playing with peers in a kind way



## School Policies and Procedures - SchoolDocs

Our school policies are on a website called School Docs. School Docs provides us with policies and concerns processes which have been researched and follow the Ministry of Education guidelines.

The website is: <https://tahuna.schooldocs.co.nz>

The username is: *tahuna* and the password is: *cares*

Last Day of Term 4 Monday 16th December, finish at 12.30pm.

Due to a Kahui Ako TOD cancelled in March (original end date was Tuesday the 17th December) means we will have completed the required days open for instruction of 384 half days in 2024.

**Congratulations** to our Calf Club \$50.00 Raffle Winner -  
*Judy Johnston*



## Dates to Remember

### Term 4

- **31st Oct (Thursday)**  
Group Day
- **1st Nov (Friday)**  
Gumboot Day
- **1st Nov (Friday)**  
Waikato Show
- **6th Nov (Wednesday)**  
Rural Athletics at Tauhei School
- **27th Nov (Wednesday)**  
Interschool Athletics Day
- **5th Dec (Thursday)**  
Waimarino Trip  
(Seniors -Year 5-6)
- **Prizegiving - TBC**
- **16th Dec (Monday)**  
Last Day - 12.30pm finish

Ngaa Mihi  
Phillip and Staff



# LIVESTOCK DAY RESULTS 2024

Calves	
Stanfield Cup Leading	Lydia McGrath
Hampton Cup Rearing (Junior)	Archer Scherer
Waide Cup Rearing (Senior)	Lydia McGrath
Tahuna YFC Cup Dairy Type	Archer Scherer
Claymore Cup Rearing/Type	Archer Scherer
Rosella Cup Grand Champion (Dairy) Reserve Grand Champion	Archer Scherer Lewis Lehmann
Edward Cup Grand Champion (Beef)	Lydia McGrath
McGrath Beef Type Champion Reserve Grand Champion	Lydia McGrath Jane McGrath
Lambs	
Aoranga Cup Leading (Junior)	Abbie Fransen
Balme Cup Champion (Leading)	Leah Moore
Stuart Balme Memorial Trophy (Rearing)	Toby Vincent
Pandora Trophy Most Obvious Pet	Rebecca Edward
Adams Trophy Grand Champion Reserve Grand Champion	Leah Moore Rebecca Edward
Kids	
Tahuna School Cup Senior Leading	no participants 2024
Tahuna School Cup Most Obvious Pet	Lottie Bebbington
Chelsea Trophy Rearing	Lottie Bebbington
Watson Cup Junior Leading	Zoe Hodgkinson
McSweeny Trophy Grand Champion Reserve Grand Champion	Lottie Bebbington Zoe Hodgkinson





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