

Newsletter - Term 4 - Week 5

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

It has been a full on term already and it is great to see our tamariki making the most of the opportunities offered this term. At the Rural Athletics, I was so proud to see every child giving it their best and the support shown by our parents and whanau was outstanding!

Amazing day at Rural Athletics! All our tamariki did us proud! Thanks to everybody who was able to help out with the day. Fantastic show of school community spirit by all who were there to support and cheer on our kids! A special thank you to Mr K for his organisation and commitment to ensuring a great experience for all - We are very thankful! Thank you to Tauhei School for hosting.

I would like to thank the FOS for funding our new wireless Samson Expedition speaker with two cordless microphones. We look forward to using our new equipment! Also thank you to Joe McNamara for your assistance in helping us find a speaker that is suited to our needs.

Gumboot Friday was held on 1st November, it was amazing to see so many tamariki wearing their gumboots in support!

We have recently had the Education Review Office (ERO) Visit our school. ERO visits all schools and their role is to support the school in its evaluation for improvement cycle to improve outcomes for all learners. We have had very positive visits and we look forward to the final school evaluation report to come out soon. Well done to our tamariki, staff, BOT and parents.

We look forward to the continued full on term with lots of class trips, activities and events!

Update on the Court Cover from Waikato Sheds

An exciting project is afoot at the Tahuna School! Our awesome team is busily building a covering for the court area, so the students can freely use the court rain or shine! Here you can see the steel structure being delivered and all the concrete being poured in building preparation.

Check out the full video over on their Youtube Channel:

<https://youtu.be/lfStw6qIG-s>

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 3 Assembly

Congratulations with your outstanding work and effort!

Endeavour - Ben and Dillon
Endurance - Charlie N and Brodie
Maungaturoto - Zoe H and Melvin
Adventure - Emilia and Olive
Discovery - Jethro and Charlie H

Tahuna Mahi Tahu - Reading Awards

Congratulations, the awards were handed out at our last assembly.

25 Nights - Umair, Jaxon, William
50 Nights - William
75 Nights - Rowell, Kwyn
100 Nights - Alisha, Pippa, Kwyn, Florence E, Zoe S, Thomas
125 Nights - Kwyn, Zoe S
175 Nights - Elijah
200 Nights - Mana
225 Nights - Jurous, Hannah, Jyrone, Brodie, Paige, Eva, Lydia
250 Nights - Olive, Jane, Indie, Dylan, Lydia, Eva, Jethro, Rebecca

School Policies - 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.

Amazing Descriptive Writing

The rake eats the sand with its long, razor sharp teeth, as I wait to hear the dreadful sound of my name. I scan the field to try and find my dad and sister, but all I can see is a sea of red hats.

When the sound of my two-syllable name meets my ear I begin to write my will (and run as fast as I could of course)! The mat tickles my feet as nerves and the thought of falling rush through me (great timing). As I bring my arms up and land in the gritty pit of sand, my legs turn to jelly but I manage to steady them, just in time to stop me from falling. I walk over to join the back of the line as my dad tells me to fly like a bird. A stream of sweat runs down my face as I wait for my next jump. I calm down after talking with an old friend.

By Paesyn Johnston

Have you ever been in a winning position? Well I have.

It's a steaming hot day at athletics. We're all shaking with nerves while waiting for our turn. I can smell the determination in everybody.

My heart beats faster everytime I get closer and closer. Here it comes, it's my turn to go. As I get the thumbs up I start racing forward and...leap! I stretch my legs out as far as they can go. Thump! Sand goes everywhere like a meteor hitting the ground.

Immediately the nerves disappear and my head floods with questions. How far did I jump? Am I in the lead? What was the longest jump of all? The questions fade away as it comes to announcing the winner. And now there's only one question in my mind. Did I win?...3rd...2nd...1st.. Me! Yaaaay! Now it's time to go to the next event.

By Jack Bebbington

Dates to Remember

Term 4

- **22nd Nov (Friday)**
Zoo Trip - Adventure & Maungaturoto
- **27th Nov (Wednesday)**
Interschool Athletics Day
- **4th Dec (Wednesday)**
Morrinsville Intermediate Orientation Day
- **4th Dec (Wednesday)**
Butterfly Creek Trip for Endeavour and Endurance
- **5th Dec (Thursday)**
Waimarino Trip
(Seniors -Year 5-6)
- **9th Dec (Monday)**
BOT Meeting 7pm
- **11th Dec (Wednesday)**
Prizegiving at 6.30pm
- **13th Dec (Friday)**
FOS Meeting at 3pm
Tahuna Tavern
- **16th Dec (Monday)**
Last Day - 12.30pm finish

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