



Newsletter - Term 4 - Week 10

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

Celebrating Our Tamariki

To our tamariki, you are the heart of this school. This year, you have amazed us with your creativity, resilience, and determination. Whether it was in the classroom, on the playground, on the sports field, at singing practices, at events, on class trips or simply showing our Rural ICARE Values to one another, you have made us Tahuna proud!

Each of you has achieved something special this year, whether it's learning to read a challenging book, working on your times tables, planting your first seed in the school boxes, leading the assembly, taking on the cross-country course, or building the courage to go down our awesome slide on the playground. It's your effort and growth that remind us why we are here, to encourage you and help you become confident and connected learners that live our motto of Tahuna proud - 'Learning for Life'

I asked a couple of Tahuna Students why are you Tahuna Proud?

One said - Following all the values, doing my work efficiently and seeing children playing together makes me happy.

And the other said - People are kind, hardworking, I feel like I belong and I love Tahuna School.

I wish everybody a safe and happy Christmas, and a great New Year! I look forward to seeing you all in 2025. The first day of Term 1 is Monday the 3rd February.

End of Year Prize Giving

An awesome prize giving last Wednesday and congratulations to all our tamariki who received an award! Great performances by our tamariki and thanks to all the parents and families who were there in attendance. A great way to end a successful 2024!

End of Year Prize Giving Awards

Year 6 Trophies

Creative Arts Award: Precious Matildo

Highly Commended: Olivia Kay

Sports Award: Jethro Shirley

Highly Commended: Olivia Kay

Great Kiwi Kid Award: Rebecca Edward

Highly Commended: Thomas Shewry

Academic Award: Olivia Kay

Highly Commended: Jethro Shirley, Eva Kraenzlin, Rebecca Edward & Lydia McGrath

Discovery Room Awards

- Attitude to Learning: Lydia McGrath
- Attitude to Learning: Kaycee Trubshaw
- Attitude to Learning: Thomas Shewry
- Most Improved: Lena Gorringer-Wilson
- Citizenship: Rebecca Edward
- Sports Achievement senior (yr 5-6):
- Boy: Jack Bebbington
- Girl: Rebecca Edward

Adventure Room Awards

- Attitude to Learning: Olive Kraenzlin
- Attitude to Learning: Jane McGrath
- Attitude to Learning: Lennox Shirley
- Most Improved: Aurora Wellington-Mirko Dixon
- Citizenship: Evie Gorringer

Maungaturoto Room Awards

- Attitude to Learning: Sass Van Hellemond
- Attitude to Learning: Jurous Tebrio
- Attitude to Learning: Paige Johnston
- Most Improved: Florence Ashby
- Citizenship: Cooper Takai
- Sports Achievement middle (yr 3-4):
- Boy: Marty Edward
- Girl: Holly Moore

Endurance Room Awards

- Attitude to Learning: Julia-Rose Jensen
- Attitude to Learning: Jaxon Everitt
- Attitude to Learning: Braxton Herbert
- Most Improved: Kywn Candilosas
- Citizenship: Ralph McNamara
- Sports Achievement junior (yr 1-2):
- Boy: Toby
- Girl: Sass

Endeavour Room Awards

- Attitude to Learning: Maiah Main
- Attitude to Learning: Quinn Busby
- Attitude to Learning: Macy Takai
- Most Improved: Rowell Matildo
- Citizenship: Dillion Main

End of Term Awards

Congratulations with your dedication and focus on your school work!

Endeavour - ICARE: Savija, Most Improved: Pippa, Diligence: Dixie

Endurance - ICARE: Elijah, Most Improved: Anika, Diligence: Jyrone

Maungaturoto - ICARE: Florence, Most Improved: Bruno , Diligence: Lottie

Adventure - ICARE: Soul, Most Improved: Indie , Diligence: Jackson

Discovery - ICARE: Filimone , Most Improved: Kaycee , Diligence: Dylan

Altrusa Literacy Awards - Eva and Zak

Kawanis Terrific Kid

The award is for five tamariki who have displayed the Terrific kids values of being respectful, responsible, friendly, inclusive, inquisitive, thoughtful, enthusiastic and capable. Congratulations to Arthur, Abbie, Paige, Sophie and Leah M.

Rotary Paperplus

The awards were given to tamariki who have shown positive progress in their reading. The award says congratulations you are on the way to becoming a life-long reader. Each child receives a \$20 voucher to spend at Paper Plus.

Congratulations to Ben, Aryan, Precious and Aurora.

Classrooms 2025

Endeavour - Jaime Herkes (Yr 0-1)

Endurance - Dionne Holt-Pedersen (Yr 1-2)

Maungaturoto - Eric Karshagen (Yr 3-4)

Adventure - Sophie Lewis (Yr 4-5)

Discovery - Leasa Craw (Yr 5-6)

Senior Class Water Experience

Our Year 5's and 6's had a day out at Waimarino Adventure Park.

We spent the first part of the day on the water learning some essential kayak skills. Our tamariki were very confident in and on the water and took on every challenge that was thrown at them! The afternoon was spent exploring the rest of the park, the inflatables; mother's nightmare, the blob, the UFO. Then there was the waterslide/kayak slide, the tarzan rope, paddleboarding, wrestling pole, warm pool and slip'n'slide. The fun was never ending! We returned just after 4pm with a bunch of happy but exhausted children. More memories made!

As always thanks to our parent helpers who joined us - some of these parents were the first (to fall) in the water, and many enjoyed the thrill of the afternoon activities as well! We couldn't have done it without you!

Butterfly Creek Trip

Endeavour and Endurance Butterfly Creek Trip - Our Year 0 & 1 students had an incredible day at Butterfly Creek! They explored the tropical butterfly house, met grumpy goats, bouncy bunnies, and cunning crocodiles, and braved terrifying tarantulas. A terrific train ride brought dinosaurs, unicorns, and mermaids to life, ending with fun on the playground!

Thanks to the many parents who were able to provide transport and supervision.

End of Year Reports

Your child's report went home on Friday the 13th December. Reports will show your child's progress in relation to the NZ Curriculum levels in reading, writing and maths, and next learning steps for these areas. Reporting will be done on other curriculum areas, Rural ICARE student/teacher reflection, student goals, general comment, NZC key competencies and attendance as well as their class for next year.

Court Cover

Update from Waikato Sheds

With Christmas just around the corner we wanted to share one final update on the Tahuna School Court Cover. All ticked off with code of compliance and ready for the grande opening next year in February!

Watch the full video on our YouTube channel- <https://youtu.be/heLCQyqymSQ>

Friends of School

Thanks to everybody who supported our Christmas Prize Giving Raffle! Over \$4,000 Profit made and what a great way to end the fundraising activities for this year! Thanks FOS for your hardwork and dedication to our school.

Ngaa mihi
Phillip and Staff

Dates to Remember

Term 1

- **3rd Feb (Monday)**
First Day back at school
- **6th Feb (Thursday)**
Waitangi Day – No School

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