



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Tahuna School



Learning For Life



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



Kia ora Tahuna Whaanau,

What a fantastic term of learning, connection and community we have enjoyed! As I reflect on the past few weeks, I am incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and participation shown by our tamariki, staff, whaanau and wider school community.

One of the real highlights of this term was our Grandparents and Grandfriends Day, Book Fair and Dress-Up Day. What an outstanding day it was! It was wonderful to see so many grandparents, grandfriends, parents, whaanau and friends joining us at school and sharing in such a special occasion with our tamariki.

This is an event that happens only once every two years, making it even more meaningful. Our tamariki were absolutely delighted to have their special people here to celebrate with them. We extend a huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend, support the day and contribute to making it such a memorable occasion. Your presence made such a difference and reinforces the strong sense of belonging that we value so highly at our school.

The Book Fair was also a celebration of reading, learning and a great opportunity to encourage our tamariki to develop a lifelong love of books. Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair and helped make it such a success!

There have been many other opportunities for our tamariki to learn, participate and have fun throughout the term. The Soccer and Hockey Fun Day provided positive opportunities for teamwork, skill development and friendly competition.

Our Friends of the School Disco was another huge success! A big thank you to the Friends of the School for the time and organisation that went into creating such a fun evening for our tamariki. Events like this bring our community together and create special memories for our tamariki.

We also proudly supported Daffodil Day, giving our tamariki an opportunity to learn about the importance of helping others and contributing to our wider community. These experiences help our young people understand that being part of a school community is about more than just what happens in the classroom - it is also about kindness, generosity, empathy and making a positive difference.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated staff, who continue to provide our tamariki with engaging learning experiences and engaging opportunities beyond the classroom. I would also like to acknowledge our parents, whaanau and wider community for your ongoing support. Our school is at its best when we work together, and this term has been an example of what can be achieved through strong partnerships.

As we look ahead, there is plenty more to look forward to, with many exciting events and learning opportunities still to come. I encourage everyone to continue getting involved, supporting our tamariki and celebrating the many successes that make our school such a special place.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break, and I look forward to welcoming our tamariki and families back for another exciting term of learning! Bring on Term 4!

Ngaa mihi nui,

Phillip Otto
Principal

Soccer Hockey Fun Day

We took 26 children to the Soccer Hockey Fun Day on Thursday. What a day! With many getting to try hockey for the first time! The weather was perfect and lots of games against a variety of teams made for a fun day out of the classroom.



Bookfair

Our goal was to make \$1000 - we managed to make a total of \$2287! This means we receive back 30% of all sales to go towards brand new books for our school library!



Daffodil Day



Discovery Class

Daffodil Art @ ANZ Bank

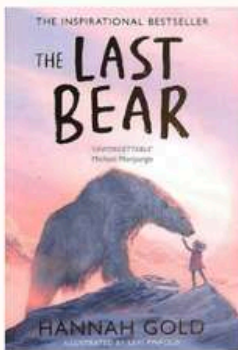
Years 5-6



Class Novel

A highlight of the term was our shared novel 'The Last Bear'. A heartfelt story, with lots of learning about polar bears and the Arctic Circle!

Term Highlights!



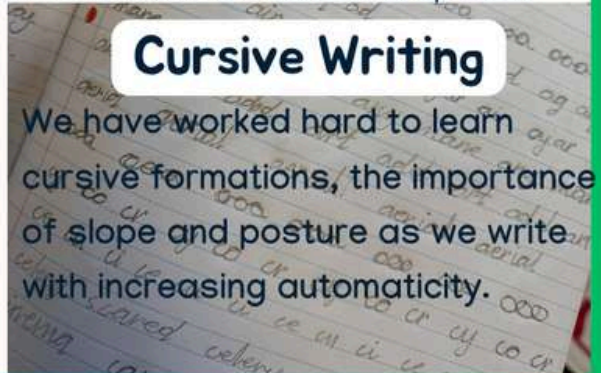
English

We kicked off Term 3 by learning about the Commonwealth Games, keeping a close eye on our NZ Team. And a visit from Para-athlete, Danielle Aitchison, to top it off!

In reading and writing, we have had a big focus on argument/persuasive structures, reading texts that use this structure and writing them ourselves. We are almost ready to present to the class in the form of a speech!

Cursive Writing

We have worked hard to learn cursive formations, the importance of slope and posture as we write with increasing automaticity.



Micro:Bit Coding

We have been learning to write code/programming. So far we have made the micro:bit into a die, that when shaken shows 1-6, pedometers, send messages via radio, and made a prototype of a animal tracker, as if we were tracking a polar bear in the arctic.



Numeracy

In maths we have been very busy learning about probability, properties of shape, angles, percentages and handling data (statistics). We have been loving StickyMaths to warm up and review number knowledge as well as Number of the Day - Scan the QR Codes to check them out and practise at home!

Number of the Day

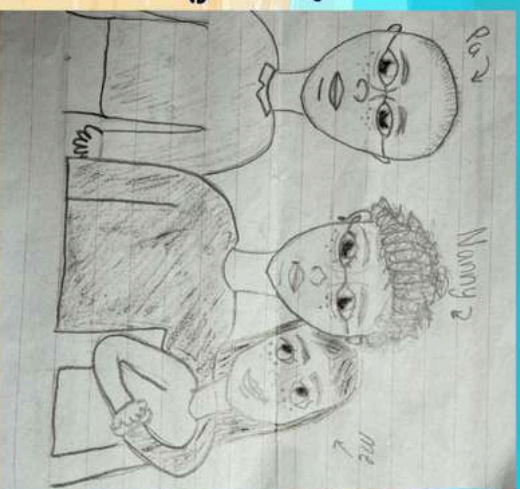
Sticky Maths



My Nanny

My Nanny lives all the way in Otumoetai (which is all the way in Tauranga). She is living in a two storey house, the first storey is where all the grandkids hang out. The second storey, well that's where Nanny chills most of her day! We usually go to the park which is down the road to play. But we walk there instead. Sometimes we drive all the way to Bayfair and go to time zone. I get quite a bit of prizes.

Nanny has brown hair with a bit of blonde, and white. Her hair is really curly!!!!!! I don't know about her age cause she never told me. She has glasses like every other human being, well, some of them do. Her personality is my favourite part of her! She gives me a laugh every single day I'm with her. Also she has a fuzzy heart full of love. She loves playing bowls with her friends. Nanny also travels ALOT! She has all most travelled around the whole world! Nanny I love you and nothing can replace you in my world!



Love from Emilia

Calendar Art



Adventure Room

Year 4-5



Daffodil Day art displayed at ANZ bank Morrinsville

Writing

At the start of the term we began a unit on figurative writing. We honed our skills with adapting our knowledge of metaphors, similes, personification and other figurative techniques and applied it to celebrate Zoe Hobbs winning a GOLD at the Commonwealth games. We continued to reinforce these abilities for the remainder of the term with narrative writing. The children produced some fantastic stories with unique ideas and twists that you would see coming! Grandparents day was another writing focus where children planned and wrote about what life would have been like for their grandparents at their age.

PE

This term there has been a focus on Ball Skills and team sports. We played Soccer, Netball, Touch Rugby and Basketball. It has been a rewarding experience seeing everyone build their confidence, teamwork and positive relationships through play.



Topic

One of the topic focus's for the term was Properties of Materials. The school grounds was our sample area and we discovered many different materials. The highlight was the tractor tyre! Where did this come from?

Maths

We begin our days with an hour of Maths. Term 3 has covered Data, Measurement and Fractions. We also competed in the Times Table Rockstars competition.



Maungaturoto

Year 3

To celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, Mrs Simmonds showed us how to make putiputi using flax. We also learnt about tikanga when using harakeke.



Endurance Newsletter

What a busy and exciting Term 3 we've had!

It was a term full of milestones as we said a fond farewell to our five Year 3 students and warmly welcomed seven new Year 1s into our classroom family.

We stayed active and celebrated in style with an amazing school disco, Red Nose Day fun, and a truly inspiring visit from Paralympian Danielle Aitchison. Our creativity was also on full display—we crafted "purrfect" cat art for our upcoming calendars, designed heartfelt keepsakes for Grandparents and Grandfriends Day, and made bright yellow art to support Daffodil Day. Extra congratulations to our talented students who took home prizes in the Daffodil Day best dressed and colouring-in competitions!

In the classroom, new sensory and movement additions like rainbow rice and the mini tramp have been huge hits. The children have also loved learning their "Happy People" song (which is still delightfully catchy and constantly sung around the room!). Thanks to all their hard work, the students have earned a whole-class reward to celebrate next week. A big thank you as well to everyone who supported our highly successful Book Fair!

Looking ahead to Term 4, we can't wait for brighter days, sunnier skies, and warmer weather. Please remember that sunhats will be compulsory next term. We have so much to look forward to, including swimming, Livestock Day, and plenty more learning adventures!

Enjoy your holidays 😊





Endeavour Term 3

What a term it's been! After a bit of a reshuffle with some friends moving next door and new faces joining us, the kids settled right in, made awesome new friendships, and showed everyone what being a cool Tahuna School kid is all about.

Thanks so much to all our families for cheering us on this term.

Some of the Term highlights:

- Book Character/ Grandparents Day was a huge hit! The kids had so much fun coming to school in their costume gear and sharing their stories and school with their special people.
- We were so lucky to have paralympian Danielle Aitchison drop by. The kids blew us away with some super clever, thoughtful questions about her training and racing!
- Our little artists made some beautiful daffodil art that was put on display at the local ANZ bank to help support Daffodil Day.
- Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori: During Week 8, we celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Māori in our house groups! The children had a blast trying out Māori arts, crafts, and learning new reo together.



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"MAKES KIDS FEEL AT HOME AND PART OF A FAMILY WHILE AT SCHOOL."

"CREATES A GREAT LEARNING ATMOSPHERE, PROMOTES HARMONY AMONGST EVERYONE. MY CHILDREN LOVE SCHOOL"

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Tahuna School

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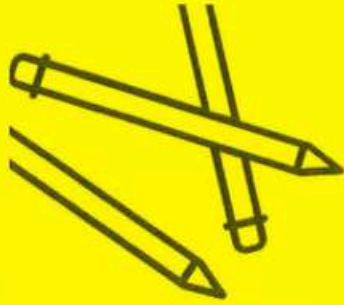
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Integrity

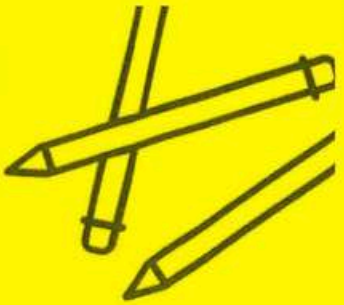
Ambition

Respect

Encourage



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!
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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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**Waikato/King Country
Boys & Girls
Agricultural Club**

**Friday 30th
October 2026
10am Start
Claudelands Show
Grounds**

SHOW TIME

**Time to think
about getting
your pet, lots of
beautiful babies
getting born!**



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**We would like your valued
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**Would you consider donating
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David 0211479273**

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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

TAHUNA SCHOOL FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL (FOS) LIVESTOCK FUNDRAISER

Can you support our school by donating an animal?
We can accept many livestock classes.
You choose whether it's a bobby calf, weaner calf,
finished cattle, cull cow, lamb or ewe.

All animals must be cared for, tagged, and health status
declared as per all animal and food safety regulations.

Do you have farming friends or family outside Tahuna?
We can arrange donated animals for processing across
the country.

For any questions, to get bobby calf tags, or to let us
know your intentions to donate, please contact
Tony Fransen on 0273098867 or email
fos@tahunaschool.school.nz



To book in an animal for
processing for the Tahuna School
account please contact
Finn McColl on 027 287 9041 or
finn.mccoll@silverfernfarms.co.nz

Tahuna School is fundraising for various
projects to improve the school
environment for our children, including
playground refurbishments, a new
swimming pool cover, and resources
for our school.
Thank you for supporting our school!

BOBBY CALVES

Donate 1 or 100 calves or any number you choose!!! Calves must be
cared for and prepared appropriately for collection through the Silver
Fern Farms collection. Calves must be tagged with specific Tahuna
School tags. Please get in touch with Tony Fransen as soon as possible
to express interest and receive your tags. If you don't supply to Silver
Fern Farms perhaps you could rear or donate calves for others to rear.

WEANER CALVES

Rear and donate a weaner calf. Calves should be well grown, disbudded/
polled, NAIT tagged and registered. Any calf can be reared, however,
beef, beef-cross or Friesian calves will be easier to sell at weaning. Early
Jersey bull calves are another good option. Please notify Tony of your
intentions to rear and an appropriate collection time can be arranged.

FINISHED & CULL ANIMALS

These animals will be collected and processed through Silver Fern
Farms. Animals can be sent at any time of the year. Animals will
require a NAIT tag and standard animal status declaration form. If
you don't normally supply animals to Silver Fern Farms, no
problem, we can still collect and process it. Finn McColl is our
local Silver Fern Farms Livestock Representative.

DON'T HAVE ANIMALS?

Perhaps you could help out rearing a donated calf or lamb
through to weaning or donate a bag of milk powder to help
someone else rear an animal.

Get in touch with how you might be able to help.

THANK YOU



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LIVESTOCK DAY 2026
Monday October 19th

Birth Dates for Animals

Calves: Early 20th June - 20th July
Late 21st July - 1st September

Lambs & Kids: Early 1st July - 31st July
Late 1st August - 1st September

Additional Information: There is to be NO sharing of animals by
students, including preschoolers. All calves **must** have a NAIT
tag. Lambs/Goats - rams/bucks are allowed, no choker/chain
collars to be used.

Other Important Livestock Show Meetings & Dates:

Next Group Day Meeting - Date TBC - Morrinsville Intermediate

Morrinsville Children's Group Day Event (Interschool Livestock Day for our area)-
Friday 23rd October: Entry fee \$5

Waikato Show - Friday 30th October

More information to come in Term 3

**Morrinsville Schools
Livestock
Group Day**
Friday October 23rd
9.45am

Invites those students and their animals
who were awarded a placing ribbon (1st-6th)
in calf, lamb or goat sections at their
individual schools Livestock Day to join the fun
at Morrinsville Group Day.

1st-6th Students eligible to Enter **must** have
attended their Livestock Day at:

- David Street School
- Morrinsville School
- St Josephs School
- Morrinsville Intermediate
- Tauhei School
- Tatuanui School
- Kiwitahi School
- Tahuna School

Entries must be completed prior to
cut off date through your school -
ask them how to enter.

Hope you can join us!

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