

Principal's Comment

Kia ora and welcome back to all our tamariki, parents and families. Over the two weeks I am seeing lots of our tamariki displaying our special ICARES school values that are unique to our Tahuna School. I would like to warmly welcome **Julie Shewry** back to our school who is our new learning assistant replacing **Kimberley Slooten** who is on maternity leave. Kimberley had her baby boy on the 14th July and his name is Matthew. Mum and baby are doing well.

I would like to thank **Sheree Austin** for her wonderful contribution to Tahuna School over the years and we wish her all the best with her new position. Also thank you for the garden tools for our gardens and grounds.

I would like to welcome to Tahuna School Jyrone, Anika, Livianna, Ralph, Wade, Julia-Rose and Jayleigh.

For Term 3 - Encourage is our values focus. I really enjoy this value as it focuses on - build and keep relationships by encouraging others, encourage others to do their best, take actions that support the learning of others, take on/accept encouragement from others, ensure everyone is included and celebrate the success of others.

All teachers have had discussions in their class about this value and what does it mean and look like at Tahuna School. Our curriculum focus for Term 3 is 'The Arts' - the arts is the collective term for four disciplines; music, dance, visual arts, and drama. For our tamariki the arts play a very important role in communication and the expression of ideas.

Our school pepeha - Pepeha is a way of introducing yourself in maori. 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*



Strategic Focuses for 2023

Grow achievement for our children

Annual Aim 1

The actions we will take

- *Grow achievement for our children in literacy and mathematics, integrated throughout the whole curriculum.*

To strengthen partnership with our community

Annual Aim 2

The actions we will take

- *To ensure effective communication with our community.*
- *Support the home and school partnership by working closely with our parents and whanau (Tahuna Mahi Tahu)*

To develop our Tahuna School localised curriculum

Annual Aim 3

The actions we will take

- *To develop a curriculum that is valued by our children, staff, parents and wider community which reflects our people, values, goals and our ICARE Pathway (Graduate Profile)*
- *To continue to offer rich curriculum learning experiences.*

To implement ways to take care of our well-being

Annual Aim 4

The actions we will take

- *To ensure we support our children and staff with their well-being.*

Our School Vision and Values

*To develop dynamic learners who make a positive contribution to our community. Our vision is underpinned by our **ICARES** Values; **Integrity, Challenge, Ambition, Respect and Encourage.***

Absent / Late child / Going home

For the safety of your child

- If your child is absent from school or is going to be late, if possible please contact our school office by 8.45am.
- It's really important that we have your child to school by 8.45am. This allows them to get a full day of learning and gives your child the best possible opportunity to develop their learning.
- If you are taking out your child for an appointment during school hours please come to the school office to sign your child out.
- If you need to make a change for your child going home on bus or van let the office know by 2pm at the latest please.

Thank you.

What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

They are only missing....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

Tummy bugs, Flu and Colds

We are currently experiencing a high number of tamariki who are absent from school due to illness (week 2, Mon - 17, Tues - 25 and Weds - 18).

We would like to thank our parents for contacting our school office and giving the reason as to why their child is away from school. If your child is showing flu like symptoms please do a covid test (we have tests at school to take)

If your child does test positive for covid please inform us.

Pre-school/newly started tamariki at Tahuna School meet

This will take place on Tuesday the 8th of August. The time will be advised. The meet is about supporting our homeschool partnership 'Tahuna Mahi Tahi' where support is provided for transition from preschool to starting at our school.

Miniball

Fantastic to see our tamariki playing miniball this term. The Tahuna Bandits is our Yr 3/4 team and the tamariki playing for this team is Zane, Leah, Lennox, Evie, Ridge, Fletcher, Lewis and coached by Ben Shirley. The Tahuna Pirates is our Yr 5/6 team and the tamariki playing for this team is Jethro, Dakota, Paesyn, Lena, Skye, Tia, Kayla and coached by Ben Shirley/Leasa Crow. Games are Wednesdays at the Morrinsville Event Centre. Thank you to our parents for coaching and supporting our teams.

Hockey

It's great that we have so many children playing hockey this season. Our Yr 5/6 team is the Tahuna Raiders and is represented by Thomas, Rebecca, Lydia, Ryan, Bridee, Logan, Eva, Sophie, Anna and Mason and is coached by Haiden Williams/Stacey Williams. Our Yr 3/4 team is the Tahuna Rams and the members of this team is Navada, Zoe, Marty, Jane, Alex, Marley, Olive, Sophie, and coached by Nick Kraenzlin. The season has started and we wish our teams all the best for this season. Thanks to our parents for coaching and supporting our teams.

Jumpjam

Miss I'Anson has started jump jam at lunchtimes to train up our new jump jam leaders!

Wheels Day

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

Please support our Sponsors

Dates to Remember

- **8th August** – New Entrant and Pre-School Teacher Meet and Greet
- **9th August** – Morrinsville Intermediate School – Year 6 Visit.
- **25th August** – Daffodil Day – Dressup and Gold Coin Donation for Cancer Foundation
- **13th September** – Roald Dahl Day – Dressup as your favourite book character.
- **22nd September** – Last Day of Term

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Tahuna School
Learning for Life

LIVESTOCK DAY
Thursday October 19th 2023

Birth Dates for Animals

Calves(Dairy/Beef): *Early*1stJuly -20thJuly

Late 21st July - 1st September

Lambs&Kids: *Early*1stJuly-31stJuly

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 Dates:

Group Day Meeting 29th August at St Joseph's School 7pm - *all welcome*

Morrinsville Group Day - Thursday 26th October: Entry fee remains at \$5 per entry

Waikato A & P Show - Friday 27th October

ALL Tahuna School Livestock trophies AND Morrinsville Group Day Trophies are due back by Friday 25th August please 😊