



NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 - WEEK 7

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*

Principal's Comment

It has been an action packed time at Tahuna School with learning and assessments to monitor tamariki progress, sporting events, senior camp and trips. Well done tamariki for your efforts with your learning and making the most of the extra-curricular activities offered in Term 4.

Staff Announcements

Phoebe l'Anson has tendered her resignation and she will end her employment with us at the end of the school year. Phoebe will pursue her passion for dance and drama as she has won a position as a specialist Dance and English teacher at the new high school in Hamilton. Phoebe has done an excellent job with our tamariki and she will have completed her two year registration by the end of this year. Phoebe has been a great asset to our school and we thank her for sharing her expertise and positive energy with us all. Phoebe will be missed and we wish her all the best with her new teaching adventure.

Alana Simmonds aka Miss O will not return as a full time teacher but instead in a release teaching position. Alana and her little boy are doing well. We look forward to seeing her next year. Gill Constantine will also return back as a release teacher. We thank Gill very much for teaching Adventure room for two terms.

We can announce our two new permanent teachers to our Tahuna School Community are **Sophie Lewis** and **Dionne Holt-Pedersen**. Both impressed our appointments team and we look forward to them joining us soon.

Sophie Lewis new teacher of Adventure starting 2024. Her message to us - Kia Ora, I am Sophie Lewis. I grew up in Hamilton where I spent most of my days swimming and being outdoors. I have a passion for hiking, fishing, trying new activities such as pottery and I have a love for animals. My partner and I have just become homeowners so most of our weekends are taken up pottering around the house. I enjoy travelling around New Zealand and experiencing what we have to offer. I take joy in growing my own knowledge and teaching maths and PE whilst always being up to learning new things. I am excited to join the Tahuna School community in 2024.



Dates to Remember

Term 4

- **1st December (Friday)**
Morrinsville Intermediate Orientation Day – for our year 6's due to attend Morrinsville in 2024
- **4th December (Monday)**
BOT Meeting, 7pm
- **13th December (Wednesday)**
School Prizegiving, 6.30pm
- **15th December (Friday)**
Last day of school, 12.30pm.

Dionne Holt-Pedersen new teacher of Endurance starting 2024. Her message to us -Kia ora, my name is Dionne Holt-Pedersen. I love teaching tamariki and am passionate about literacy, having been trained in whole language, as well as structured literacy approaches. I enjoy the challenge of finding ways to integrate different areas of the curriculum into engaging activities, such as creating a treasure map which would involve positional language, technical skills, oral and visual language, measurement and science just to name a few.

I have just moved to Patetonga from Auckland. My family and I are very excited to have discovered the Patetonga motocross track and the speedway at Huntly, as we enjoyed taking our boys on their motocross camping weekends when they were younger. I love camping and getting outside in the fresh air, working in the garden, walking the dogs, and exploring. We have many furry and feathered friends that live with us. Now that we have some land, my daughter is excited to raise her calves and have her horse, while doing work experience on the local dairy farm. My husband has also just joined the Morrinsville College community. I am so excited to be a part of the Tahuna school community and can't wait to meet you all in the new year.

Your child's class placement will be on your child's report that will be given out on the last day of term.

Emma White is loving family life and her little girl is doing well. She has tendered her resignation. **Farida Davis** is our new permanent office administrator. We look forward to her continued efforts in our warm and inviting school office.

Class Awards - Week 5 Assembly

Congratulations on your wonderful work and effort!

Endeavour - Piper and Liviana
Endurance - Sass and Florence E
Maungaturoto - Lennox and Emilia
Adventure - Thomas and Marley
Discovery - Quinn and Dylan

ICARE Awards

Congratulations to *Arlo, Toby, Lottie, Sass, Leah, Darcy* and *Florence E* for being our **ICARE** box winners.

Ralph, Rylan, Leah, Wade, Hollie and *Doug* (Respect) for picking up rubbish in the playground

Liviana and Sabian (Integrity) role modelling how our cloakbay should look and cleaning up after everyone.

Senior Camp

Our senior camp at Waitawheta Camp was awesome and our tamariki had an amazing time. Our tamariki visited and explored many amazing sights of the local area and it all tied in very well with their learning about gold mining and rocky shore studies. Thanks to our parents who had helped out and supported our camp. Lifelong memories were made.

Hobbiton Trip

On Wednesday this week Endeavour, Endurance and Maungatoroto went to explore Hobbiton. This trip was to support our creative writing/storytelling and develop some understanding about movie magic. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time amongst the hobbits. The children learned, played and were even given something special to take home from their journey.

Inter-School Athletics

Congratulations to all our athletes who took part in Inter-School Athletics. Luckily the weather held off and everyone could compete in their events. Tahuna tamariki can be proud of their efforts achieving many top 3 placings. Thank you also to our Tahuna families for taking time out of their day to support their children. The results of every event will be shared as soon as we have received them.



School Policies – SchoolDocs

Our school policies are on a website called School Docs. School Docs provides us with policies, 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: [care](#)

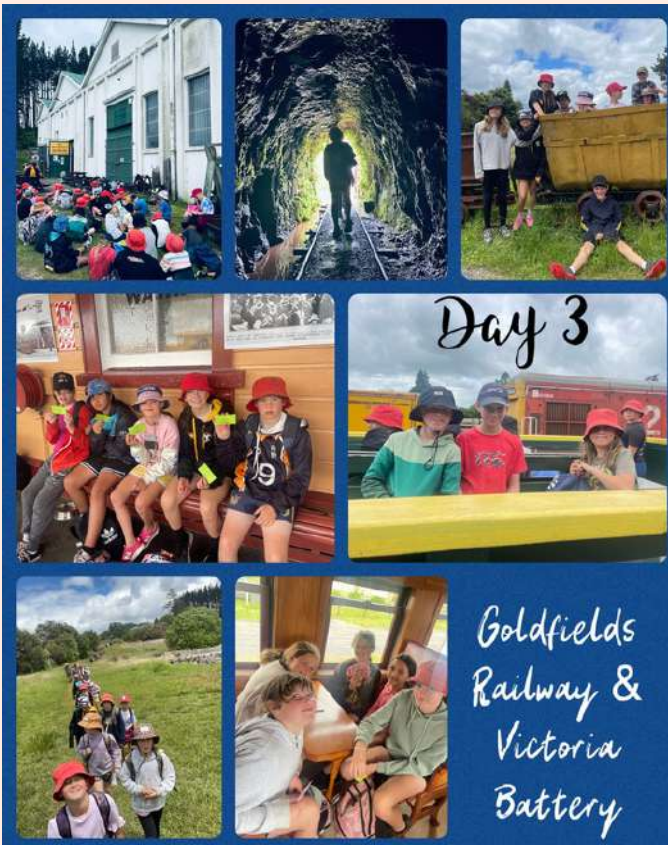
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Have you ever touched a shimmering gold nugget?

It was the first time in my whole life that I had seen gold! When It dropped in my smooth hand its glossy texture made my hand sweat. It felt like I was the luckiest child on earth!

The red and green tram (small train) was almost 50 years old. I was surprised that the rusty old thing still moved! The guy who drove the tram said that it used to carry all the gold in a carriage hitched to the back of it. It would be taken to be washed in a building about 15 kilometers away from the place that it was collected!

There was a kilm (A hole that is about 15 meters wide and 20 meters deep). We got to look down into the kilm- my stomach did a whole summersault when I looked down. It had brick walls and a dirt covered floor.

Just as I thought we were done and going back to the train, more fun approached me - we were going underground! I put my safety helmet on and grabbed my torch. I am going in. It felt like a billion spiders were clinging to my clothes and trying to pull my brains out. If I didn't mention- I am afraid of the dark.

Finally I could see light, I instantly felt better! The sun shone, the flowers and trees were dancing in the breeze, I'm glad I experienced Waitanwheta Camp!

By Eva Kraenzlin

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Classes start
November 14th 2023
 SZ Morrinsville - 10am
 SZ Te Aroha - 5.45pm
 SZ Matamata - 6pm
 Tuesday and Thursday

Minimum of six participants to run this class

Deal runs 14th to 23rd November

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Morrinsville Swimming Club is hosting weekly Club Nights at Swim Zone Morrinsville on Wednesdays to increase confidence and work towards each swimmers individual goals.

Dates: Term 4: Wednesday 8th November – Wednesday 13th December

Term 1: Wednesday 7th February – Wednesday 6th March

Club Championships to be held on 13th and 20th March


Times: 6pm – 8pm at the latest.

Cost: \$70/swimmer for both terms

OR \$50 for one term

OR \$180 for families with 3 or more swimmers



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