

<u>Our School Pepeha</u>

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 Message

Wow! It is almost the end of week 4 and time seems to have flown by. It's great to see our tamariki in the pool during this hot weather and learning to swim.

Attendance and Engagement

The Ministry of Education's Attendance and Engagement strategy focuses on children being present, participating and progressing in their learning. According to MOE regular attendance is being present at school 90% or more. We all have our roles to play and it's so important for your child to attend school regularly. Please give our school the best possible opportunity to progress your child's learning needs and social needs by regularly attending school. If your child is sick or has an appointment out of school during school time please contact the office and give the reason for their absence.

Class Awards

Congratulations to all our children who have received an award at our assembly.

Endeavour - Dillion and Maiah

Endurance - Liviana and Zak

Maungaturoto - Marty and Lottie

Adventure - Jacob and Jane

Discovery - Skye and Leah M

Student Councillors

Congratulations to our new student councillors and we look forward to your positive contribution to our school. Its a great privilege to be a student councillor at Tahuna School. Our awesome team as follows Eva, Lena, Dylan, Skye, Leah M, Jethro, Tommy, Rebecca, Lydia and Olivia.



Tahuna School Swimming Sports will be held next week Wednesday the 28th February. Below is the scheduled time for those who would like to take time off from work.

Time Frame

10.00am - Morning Tea

10.30 - 12.00 - Junior Swimming

12.00 - 12.30 - Lunch

12.30 - 2.30pm - Senior Swimming

PS - Friends of School (FOS) will be selling "Sausage Sizzle" during lunch for the children and parents for \$2 each at the swimming event. This is a fundraising activity for our school, so we appreciate you supporting us.

<u>Tahuna Mahi Tahi (Working Together: Home - School Partnership)</u>

My Home Reading Journals

Our reading logs are to support our tamariki with regular reading for enjoyment at home. This initiative was well received last year. The Kluwell My Home Reading journals assist in developing clear milestones and expectations for students and families and help teachers to track the progress of individual students.

The reading journals encourage positive reading attitudes, parental involvement and enhance communication between the home and school. Your child's teacher has talked to their class about how the reading logs will be used.

Meet the Teacher Evening

An awesome evening where our teachers shared their class expectations, focuses, our new rural ICARE Values. All parents had an opportunity to look around their child's class and ask their child's teacher questions. This event is important in our drive to promote the home/school partnership.

What is Home-School Partnership?

Home-school partnerships involve collaborative working relationships between families and schools. This supports students in a more productive and consistent work plus behaviour, which in turn can improve students' interest, motivation and engagement in learning both at home and at school. In effective partnerships, families and schools recognise their shared interest in and responsibility for children and collaborate to create shared goals, share information, and enhance opportunities for children's learning. They create constructive connections between home and school settings that promote positive educational and social outcomes.

Reminder- Teacher Only Day

Monday 4th March and school is closed. The day is a Morrinsville Kahui Ako PLD.

Dates to Remember Term 1

- 28th February (Wed)
 Swimming Sports
- 29th February (Thur)
 Postponment date for Swimming
- 4th March (Mon)
 Teacher Only Day
- 5th March (Tue)
 Inter-School Swimming
 Sports
- IIth March (Mon)
 EPRO 8 Classroom Week
- 22nd March (Thur)
 Vision and Hearing Test
- 25th March (Mon)
 St Johns Training
- 26th March (Tue)
 St Johns Training
- 29th March Good Friday
- 1st April Easter Monday
- 2nd April Easter Tuesday
- 5th April (Fri)
 School Photos
- 12th April
 Last Day of Term 1

Ngaa Mihi Phillip and Staff





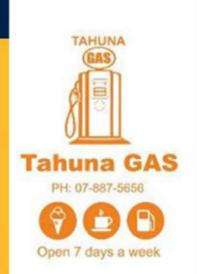


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