



NEWSLETTER - TERM 1 - WEEK 6

Tahuna School



Learning For Life

Kia ora Tahuna School parents and whanau,

Our School Pepeha

Pepeha is a way of introducing yourself in Māori. 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 Hapukohe te maunga
My Mountain is Hapukohe

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

It was amazing seeing our community support on display at the court cover opening on the evening of Thursday 27th February. A big thanks to the Main whaanau who provided their bouncy castles where our tamariki had lots of fun. A thank you to our FOS for selling food and drink. Also thanks to Waikato Sheds for the barbecue. I have included my speech I delivered on the evening in this newsletter to emphasise the importance of our impressive structure and thank the many people who made it possible. I am so proud of this whole community effort and it proves that we can achieve anything!

Court Cover Speech & Farewell to Mr K

"Kia ora Tahuna Whanau, guests and community,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all here this evening as we officially open our new court cover - a space that will provide shelter, protection, and opportunities for learning, play, and sport for years to come.

But before I continue I do have a special mention to add to tonight's celebrations.

We welcome back Mr K for his farewell! Your attendance here means a lot too many people - children, staff and parents. Your amazing contribution to Tahuna School over a few years has been huge and will be felt for many years to come. Now I would like to call the Moore's children - Leah, Hollie and Doug to say a few words on behalf of the tamariki of Tahuna School.

From our school I would like to Present you with a Toki. This toki represents growth and strength when moving into the next stage of your life. Thanks Mr K.

Court Cover Project

This project is a testament to our shared vision of our bot's and school community by providing the best possible environment for our tamariki, staff, and community. Rain or shine, this cover ensures that physical activity, teamwork, and outdoor learning can continue uninterrupted.

A huge thank you to everyone who has played a role in making this possible: major funders - New Zealand Community Trust, Ararua Trust, Industrial Tube, and Ministry of Education. The many businesses and organisations who put funds, prizes or vouchers donated to the Tahuna School Fishing competitions sponsored by Wrights Fishing and outdoor, and hosted at the Tahuna Tavern. Funds raised from a quiz night, easter and christmas raffles, countless sausage sizzles and all this made possible by our current committed Friends of School group - Annie Jo, Courtney and Sally, and past Friends of School groups over many years - just shows what can be achieved by our schools fundraising efforts. And of course, our dedicated staff and tamariki, who will benefit the most from this fantastic facility.

A great thank you to Jason Davis, Quentin Hill and the team at Waikato Sheds plus all the contractors and suppliers for delivering an awesome court cover that will enhance the learning opportunities for our tamariki. On this evening, take a moment to have a look at the Waikato Sheds sign to acknowledge the many suppliers and contractors who have contributed to our wonderful asset. Also Waikato Sheds will be giving out sport prizes a little later - I would like to call on Jason to say a few words on behalf of Waikato Sheds.

I must mention Jonathan Albery and Dylan Kelliher from Colliers who did a great job as project managers. Also Jacob Draper at MOE property who supported us with the MOE requirements.

Next a big thank you to Malcolm Edward and Sharnn Lehmann for your devoted time, support and passion to start and end to see the project through to completion. It is only fitting that I invite you both to cut the ribbon on behalf of us all.

May this space be one of togetherness, energy, and achievement. May it inspire moments of connection, wellbeing and excellence. With that, it is my privilege and honour to declare the Tahuna School court cover officially open!"

WEEK 7

17th March (Mon)
EPRO 8 Classroom Week
(Years 4-6)

Camp Parent Helpers
Meeting 5.30pm

23rd March (Sun) Year 5-6
Camp Departs

WEEK 8

25th March Year 5-6 Camp
Returns

27th Junior Field Trip to
Anzac Bay

Assembly

WEEK 9

1st April Parent -
Teacher Conferences
from 12.30 onwards

WEEK 10

9th April EPro8 External
Event

Friday 1.45pm End of
Term 1 Assembly

School Holidays!

ICARES Values Cards

Our values focus for Term 1 is 'Ambition' to us this important value means - Be the best I can be.

Already this week we would like to share some examples of our children displaying our school values:

Aaron (Challenge) Giving it his best go at swimming.

Jurous (Ambition) Diligently completing his classwork the first time he is told.

Rowell (Challenge) For making paper planes for his class.

Zak (Challenge) Trying very hard to dive in the pool, without giving up.

Pippa (Ambition) For having a strong desire to be good across all her subjects.

Leah S (Ambition) Focusing and ignoring others to get her work done.

Aurora (Ambition) Working hard to get your mahi completed.

Bruno (Respect) Caring and helping Ralph when he is hurt.

Arthur (Ambition) Showing determination in writing on day 1 of the new school year.

Savija (Ambition) Achieved success in the swimming pool! He was scared but stuck to it.

Sabian (Challenge) Trying new things in the class that can be hard.

Marty (Respect) Taking pride in your mahi.

Charlie (Challenge) Challenging yourself at swimming.

Florence (Challenge) Working hard in Maths!

Cooper (Respect) Cooper found an old hammer in the grass and brought it straight to the duty teacher.

AJ (Respect) Super tidying.

Jackson (Ambition) Working hard with your writing by making sure it is readable and makes sense.

Lucas (Encourage) Encouraging other people at swimming.

Paige J (Challenge) Learning some new activities.

Navada (Ambition) Joining into group conversations even when unsure of the answer.

Ron (Respect) Opening the gate for everyone.

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>

z. The username is: tahuna and the
password is: cares

Interschool Swimming.

The event at Morrinsville School was really well organised. Our tamariki did well and many placed. Thanks to Leasa Crow for taking the team and parents for support and help with transport. The following children represented us with Tahuna Pride: Jane, Olive, Zoe, Leah, Hollie, Evie, Emilia, Bruno, Marty, Jackson, Zane and Toby. Results are to come!

Parent Conferences - Tahuna Mahi Tahī (Home and school partnership)

On Tuesday the 1st April school will end at 12.30pm and parent conferences will start at 1pm. There will be no supervision of tamariki at school, so you will need to make arrangements to pick your child up at 12.30. The bus and van will run at the earlier time of 12.30. More details will be provided soon on booking your time to meet with your child's teacher. We will let you know via schoolstream when booking information goes out.

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Phillip and staff



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