



# NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 - WEEK 8

# Tahuna School



## Learning For Life

### 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**

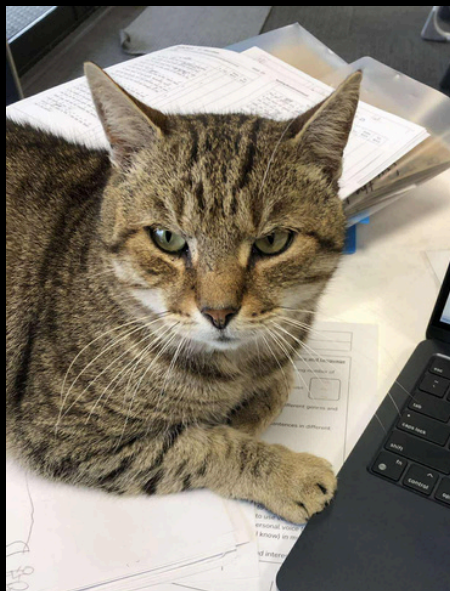
**Ko Mangawara te awa**  
**My river is Mangawara**

**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**



### Principals Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As Matariki rises in our skies, we come together to celebrate the Māori New Year, a special time for reflection, remembrance, and renewal. Matariki is a time to honour those who have passed, celebrate the present with whānau and friends, and look ahead with hope and purpose.

At Tahuna school, we are proud to embrace the spirit of Matariki by learning together, sharing stories, celebrating the values of unity, gratitude, and community. Whether it's through discussion, waiata, or creative expression, we encourage everyone to take part in acknowledging this meaningful time.

May this Matariki season bring warmth, connection, and inspiration to you and your family.

Ngāa mihi nui,  
Phillip & Staff

### Celebrating our Tamariki success!

#### Class Awards - Week 7 Assembly

Awesome work team!

Endeavour - Brooke and Alisha

Endurance - Ralph and Julia-Rose

Maungaturoto - Charlie and Stella

Adventure - Aurora and Cooper

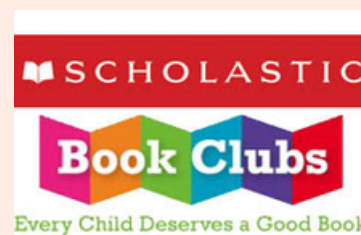
Discovery - Indie and Jane



INTEGRITY NGAKAU PONO	CHALLENGE EKE PANUKU	AMBITION PAI TAWHITI	RESPECT MANAAKITANGA	ENCOURAGE AWHINA
<b>ENSURE</b> <i>I will do what I say I will do</i> <b>TAKE RESPONSIBILITY</b> <i>For my decisions and actions</i> <b>MAKE</b> <i>Good decisions to achieve success</i> <b>TAKE OWNERSHIP</b> <i>Of my mistakes and learn from them</i> <b>DO</b> <i>The right thing even when it's hard.</i> <b>ROLE MODEL</b> <i>Integrity</i> <i>Being honest to myself and others</i>	<b>SHOW</b> <i>I have respect for others' mana</i> <b>MANAGE</b> <i>Conflict &amp; different points of view</i> <b>BE COURAGEOUS</b> <i>In learning &amp; keep trying when it's hard</i> <b>COMMUNICATE</b> <i>Collaborate and be a problem solver</i> <b>APPROACH</b> <i>Things with a positive mindset</i> <b>TRY</b> <i>New things and give things a go</i> <i>Try new things and not/never give up</i>	<b>WORK</b> <i>With lots of different people</i> <b>COLLABORATE</b> <i>And share my ideas</i> <b>STRONG</b> <i>Desire to aim high and achieve success</i> <b>IDENTIFY</b> <i>My next steps and make a plan</i> <b>BELIEVE</b> <i>And back myself to be successful</i> <b>DESIRE</b> <i>To take on new challenges</i> <i>Be the best I can be</i>	<b>ACCEPT</b> <i>Others ideas and differences</i> <b>TAKE CARE</b> <i>Of myself &amp; others</i> <b>TAKE PRIDE</b> <i>In my work</i> <b>I AM</b> <i>A Tahuna proud student</i> <b>ICAN</b> <i>Model &amp; respect our ICARE Values</i> <b>RESPECT</b> <i>Life long learning</i> <i>Respect yourself, others and the environment</i>	<b>BUILD</b> <i>And keep relationships by encouraging others</i> <b>ENCOURAGE</b> <i>Others to do their best</i> <b>TAKE ACTIONS</b> <i>That support the learning of others</i> <b>TAKE ON/ACCEPT</b> <i>Encouragement from others</i> <b>ENSURE</b> <i>Everyone is included</i> <b>CELEBRATE</b> <i>The success of others</i> <i>Support others and celebrate each other's successes</i>

## Rural ICARE Awards - Week 7 Assembly

Amazing to see many of our tamariki displaying our Rural ICARE Values  
Sabian (Encourage) Inviting Ralph, Wade, Theo and Jaxon to play with him  
Theo (Integrity) Cheering Wade up when he was sad  
Jaxon (Integrity) Owning up to mistakes and taking responsibility  
AJ (Respect) Sitting on the mat nicely  
Dillion (Integrity) Owning up when you have made a mistake  
Julia-Rose (Integrity) Being a supportive team member  
Rowell (Encourage) Always cheering people up  
Kwyn (Encourage) Letting Julia-Rose join her game  
Emily (Encourage) Encouraging others to play and join us  
Maiah (Encourage) Helping Emily find a word on the work card  
Dixie (Encourage) Listening to Maiah well  
Jyrone (Encourage) Plays nicely and is encouraging to his friends  
Zak (Encourage) Inviting Ralph to join in games  
Ralph (Integrity) Apologising to Dixie when he accidentally hurt her  
Wade (Encourage) Helping Ralph when he got hurt playing  
Braxton (Encourage) Explains how to play games  
Pippa (Encourage) For helping and encouraging Umair in our class lessons



## Tahuna Mahi Tahi Reading Awards - Week 7 Assembly

Awesome reading and keep up the fantastic work!  
25 Nights: Braxton, Theo and Ralph  
50 Nights: Arthur, Dixie, Wade, Jaxon and Megan  
75 Nights: Savija, Chanumi, Indie and Arnav  
100 Nights: Umair, Elijah, Divine, Aryan, Indie and Isiah  
125 Nights: Pippa, Jyrone, Kwyn, Brodie, Jurous, Ayla, Jane and Aryan



## Inter School Cross-Country

Morrinsville Districts Cross Country 2025 went off with a bang! Beautiful warm weather brought positive energy and excitement to many students across the Morrinsville Area Schools. Our Tahuna tamariki who competed in this did our school proud! They encouraged each other and pushed themselves to their highest potential. Congratulations Tahuna tamariki, be proud of what you achieved in this event!

A big thank you to our Friends of the School for putting on amazing food and drink, your efforts were truly appreciated by all! All food and drink was sponsored by New World Morrinsville, Flow Tech Plumbing & Gas LTD, Angel Bay, Mootown Meats and Briscoe Water Pump Services.

We're grateful to the many helpers and supporters who made the day run so smoothly. A special thank you goes to Sophie Lewis for organising and leading such a well-run and memorable event. Also thanks to the Tahuna Golf Course and Northern Rugby Club for using your grounds and facilities.

### Results top 10

7 year old boys - Doug Moore 7<sup>th</sup>

7 year old girls - Hannah Edward 5<sup>th</sup>

Anika Hansen 9<sup>th</sup>

8 year old boys - Toby Vincent 4<sup>th</sup>

- Archer Scherer 7<sup>th</sup>

9 year old boys - Marty Edward 1<sup>st</sup>

- Bruno McNamara 7<sup>th</sup>

- Aryan Nair 8<sup>th</sup>

11 year old boys - Zane Vincent 4<sup>th</sup>

- William Fleming 5<sup>th</sup>

11 year old girls - Leah Moore 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Megan Kumar 4<sup>th</sup>



## Our Student Councillors

Our student councillors had an amazing time at the National Young Leaders Day held at Claudelands Arena in Hamilton on Wednesday!

They were inspired by an incredible line-up of guest speakers, including: Cam Calkoen - professional speaker and adventurer, Jase Te Patu - leader of Hauora Aotearoa, Elisa Harley - CEO of Enviro Pots and Georgia Lines - talented musician

The day focused on key values such as:

- Inspiration
- Connection
- Student empowerment
- Promoting positivity
- Motivation
- Education



It was an unforgettable day full of energy, ideas, reflection and encouragement, and perfect for growing the next generation of leaders! Thanks Leanne McGrath for helping with transport and supervising.

## Tough Guy and Tough Gal Challenge

To our tough guy and gal participants: You faced the mud, the obstacles, and showed huge grit today, coming out stronger on the other side! There is no challenge you can't conquer when you've got lots of heart and a bit of dirt on your face!



You proved that toughness isn't just about muscles, it's about resilience, teamwork, pride and having the drive to keep going when things get messy!



Take a moment to celebrate your victory and you earned every bit of that mud-stained glory. Remember, it's not just about finishing the course; it's about the journey, the laughs, encouraging your class mates and the power of pushing through.



To our parents: thank you for providing transport, help and your encouragement - We appreciate your support!



To Whaea Leasa: thanks for your organising, encouraging our tamariki to get stuck in and being there to enjoy an awesome day!

## Dates to remember

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June - Matariki  
(Public holiday)**



**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> June - WaiBop Soccer**

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June - Last Day of Term 2**

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Term 3**

## New Enrolments

As our school roll is growing and we are welcoming in our new families. If you are aware of a family who is considering a vibrant and inclusive school we invite them to come in and have a look at our school. Please contact the school office for enquiries.

### 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: cares**

## Milo's Mews: Tails from the School Cat

It's me, Milo, your favourite four-legged staff member, part-time explorer, snack connoisseur, and occasional troublemaker.

This week, I embarked on what I proudly call "The Great Under-the-Deck Expedition." It started with a strange rustle and an irresistible smell. One moment I was sunbathing like a king, the next I was crawling through cobwebs and crunching through leaves like a true wilderness survivor.

When I returned, I looked a little... rustic. Twigs in my fur, cobwebs across my ears, and a lovely leaf crown perched on my head. I expected applause, but got giggles instead. Some very kind students helped brush me down, though I thought I looked fabulous.

Then came the real showstopper. After all that excitement, nature called, and yes, I answered... in the dirt right in front of ALL the 5 year olds! There is no such thing as privacy with me, I have no shame. When you've got to go, you've got to go. Consider it a learning experience!

Of course, all adventurers need a base, and mine is a cosy classroom where I've managed not one, but two overnight sleepovers. It gets cold out there!

And shoutout to my favourite teacher—keeper of snacks, cuddles and a quiet space to hang out in. She knows how to win my heart.

Until next time - paws and whiskers,

**Milo** 🐾



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**LIVESTOCK DAY 2025**  
Friday October 17th

### Birth Dates for Animals (Please note calf dates have changed)

**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 Dates:**

Group Day Meeting - 7th August 7pm - location TBC

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

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