



NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 - WEEK 9

Tahuna School



Learning For Life

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



Principals Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we come to the close of another school term, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a busy and rewarding few months, and to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who make our school such a special place.

To our fun and kind tamariki, thank you for giving it your best in and out of the classroom. You make me proud with your desire to do your best in whatever it is and you should all be proud of the progress you are making in your learning.

To our dedicated teachers and staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment and care. Your hard work in and outside the classroom continues to inspire our tamariki and build strong foundations for the years to come in their educational journey.

To our wonderful parents and whānau, your ongoing support and involvement in school life play a vital role in the success of our tamariki. Whether it's helping with Tahuna mahi tahi reading, homework, attending events, or simply being present, your positive partnership means so much!

To the Board of Trustees, thank you for your governance and support. Your commitment behind the scenes ensures that our school remains a strong, positive place and future-focused learning environment.

To the Friends of the School fundraising team, your energy and passion have made a real difference. From organising events to rallying community support, your efforts help us provide more opportunities and resources for our tamariki.

I wish Alana Simmonds who has been a release teacher, all the best with the new arrival of her second baby soon. I thank her for all the work she has done for Tahuna School.

Each one of you contributes to our vibrant, inclusive and caring school community that we are proud to be part of. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the new term ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,
Phillip

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

Celebrating our Tamariki success!

Class Awards - Week 9 End of Term Assembly

Amazing terms work!

Endeavour: Diligence - Pippa, I.C.A.R.E - Ben, Most

Improved - Arthur

Endurance: Diligence - Theo, I.C.A.R.E - Dillion Main, Most

improved - Dixie

Maungaturoto: Diligence - AJ, I.C.A.R.E - Elijah, Most

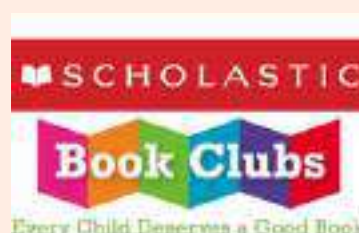
improved - Archer

Adventure: Diligence - Soul, I.C.A.R.E - Ayla, Most

improved - Chanumi

Discovery: Diligence - Emilia, I.C.A.R.E - Paige, Most

improved - Arnav



Reading for Rotary Awards

The awards were given to tamariki who have shown positive progress in their reading. The award says congratulations you are on the way to becoming a life-long reader. Each child receives a \$20 voucher to spend at Paper Plus. Brilliant work!

Congratulations to the following tamariki

Junior- Brooke

Middle- Divine

Senior- Dominic

Principal's Award - Savija



Terrific Kids Awards

The award is for five tamariki who have displayed the Terrific kids values of being respectful, responsible, friendly, inclusive, inquisitive, thoughtful, enthusiastic and capable. Awesome work!

Congratulations to the following tamariki

Discovery - Isiah

Adventure - Paige

Maungaturoto - Jayleigh

Endurance - Zak

Endeavour - Lucy



Rural ICARE Awards - Week 9 End of Term Assembly

Tamariki displaying our Rural ICARE Values

Hannah (Respect) listening to others

Jayleigh (Integrity) for always doing the right thing

Archer (Respect) staying focussed on what you are doing

Soul (Respect) showing kindness at soccer

Soul (Respect) he cheered people on

Hollie (Integrity) seeing when others are unsure and showing them what to do

Chanumi (Respect) trying her best in soccer. You did a good job

Navada (Encourage) he shot a goal and wasn't being mean about it

Aurora (Challenge) tried her best in soccer, good playing.

Chanumi (Respect) cheering on Leah during football and being kind, and looking out for her

Aurora (Challenge) ensuring she got into the game

Jurous (Respect) showing respect outside and inside

Zoe H (Challenge) working hard at learning how to dribble the ball

Jackson (Respect) is passing to the team and is showing respect

Jurous (Respect) being kind in soccer

Aaron (Respect) being a team player and letting others take a turn

Jackson (Encourage) cheering on people if they win or lose in the game

Divine (Respect) showing respect to the other team

Bruno (Ambition) believing in himself during the soccer game

Marty (Respect) he has been really kind to other people

Cooper (Respect) cheering on other people

Dominic (Ambition) sharing his new skills learnt at soccer with everyone

Paige (Integrity) displaying awesome soccer skills, you showed others what you've learnt at practice

Leah (Challenge) getting stuck into soccer even with an injured hand

Ayla (Respect) helping others

Cooper (Respect) very fair, very good at soccer and fun too

Marty (Respect) good sportsmanship

Tahuna Mahi Tahi Reading Awards - Week 9 End of Term Assembly

Fantastic reading and keep up the positive work!

25 Nights: Leah S

50 Nights: Florence A and Emily

75 Nights: Lucy, Hannah, Dillion and Maiah

100 Nights: Soul, Marty, Ben, Alisha, Toby, Stella and Arnav

125 Nights: Hollie, Anika, Abbie, Elijah, Isiah and Leah M



Donations

The Lions Clubs of Morrinsville, again made donations to schools in the area from proceeds derived from the collection of casualty calves kindly donated by farmers supplying the Tatua Coop Dairy Company during the calving season of 2024. Thanks for the \$1,500 donation!

Friends of School

We would like to thank our hardworking FOS who raised \$312.48 at our school cross-country.

Waibop Football

We would like to thank Scott from WaiBop Soccer for taking us for the awesome soccer sessions filled with skills, fitness and fun!



ANZ Netball

A big thank you to Morrinsville ANZ for providing our tamariki with new netballs! We are looking forward to using the netballs and developing our netball skills. We feel so lucky!

Morrinsville Intermediate Production

Our Year 5 and 6 students recently had the opportunity to attend the Morrinsville Intermediate production, '1841'. It was wonderful to see our tamariki supporting past students and cheering them on with enthusiasm. The performance not only showcased the talents of our former pupils but also provided our current students with something to aspire to. The energy and creativity on stage have certainly sparked excitement among our students for our own upcoming production. We can't wait to see what they will bring to the stage!



Netball

Morrinsville Netball gave away 2 tickets to someone from the Tahuna Galaxy team to attend the Magic vs Mystics netball game. Paige was lucky enough to be drawn out, and she had an absolute blast watching this game. Thanks to Morrinsville Netball for this awesome opportunity!



Congratulations on a successful and enjoyable term of netball for 2025!

Tahuna Sparks and Stars have had a fantastic netball season combining to be one incredible team. They have learnt and built upon their skills each week. Each game they have grown their confidence and worked well as a team.

Tahuna Milky Ways have had a fantastic season. They took on the challenge of learning new skills, drills and making a game plan. Fun was had, goals were made and defence was strong. Well done Milky Way!!

Tahuna Galaxy have gone from strength to strength. You all have displayed an immense amount of team work and come to each, and every game with a positive attitude where you've taken on the challenge every team you've faced.

Massive thank you to our coaches - Sarah, Annie-Jo, Claire and Vanessa for supporting our players and coaching them to achieve their goals and learn a range of skills. Another big thank you goes to the tamariki's support crew (their whānau) who came and cheered them on in each and every game.

Dates to remember

Monday 14th - 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

Hello, dear humans.

It's me - Milo. You know, the very handsome tabby who usually lounges in the classroom like I pay rent. I'm writing to tell you about my latest expedition, a brave and noble journey... to the school office.

It all began just after the morning bell. The students were busy unpacking lunchboxes, and I may or may not have gotten a whiff of ham. Or chicken. Or possibly tuna. Whatever it was, it was delicious, and it was not in the classroom.

So, off I went.

I slipped out while everyone was distracted by class work (yawn) and bravely headed out into the rain. No one noticed me. Even if they did, luckily teachers are slow sprinters before their coffee.

I reached the office. Quiet. Peaceful. Smelled vaguely like coffee and printer ink. And somewhere... faintly... biscuits.

My favourite office admin was typing away. I meowed sweetly and gave her my best "innocent eyes" and a loud purr. Classic human trap.

Out came a few little cat biscuits. I rewarded her by jumping onto her lap for a hug and jumping on to her laptop to try and attack her coffee. Unfortunately, I pushed her too far with my cuteness so that was the end of that.

So, what did I learn on my journey?

Nothing.

Will I do it again?

Absolutely.

I want to wish all of my puuurfect tamariki and staff a wonderful holiday.

Paws and purrs,

Milo 🐾



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) - 23rd October: Entry fee \$5





27th June

Mid-Year Reporting Update for Parents

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we reach the midpoint of the school year, we want to update you on our Mid-Year Reporting Plan and the current transition period in our assessment and reporting system.

We are continuing to use our **current learning levels** to report on your child's progress. These learning levels provide a clear picture of where your child is in their learning journey, based on our established curriculum expectations.

In addition to reporting on current progress, we will also share your child's **next learning steps**, drawn from the refreshed curriculum **phases of learning**. These next steps are designed to guide continued growth and ensure that each student is supported. All students will have equitable access to curriculum content at their year level.

As we are in a **transition period**, we appreciate your understanding and support. Our goal is to maintain clarity and consistency for families while also evolving our practices to better support student learning and meet new Ministry of Education requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's mid-year report or their next steps, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Thanks

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