



## NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 WEEK 6

# 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,

Last week our tamariki had a fantastic time exploring the Morrinsville Art Gallery. From the local unsung hero photos, vibrant contemporary pieces to thought-provoking local works, the gallery sparked lots of curiosity, creativity and inspiration. It was a joy to see their eyes light up as they engaged with the artworks and took part in the arts hunt. Thank you to the gallery staff for their warm welcome and guidance. Thanks to the many parents who were able to help with transport and supervision. A truly memorable experience!



For support staff week I would like to praise our wonderful support staff who are Julie, Kimberley, Martin, Racquel and Ruby. Your dedication, care and hard work make a huge difference in the lives of our tamariki, families and staff every single day. Whether you're working behind the scenes or on the front lines, your contributions help create a safe, welcoming, and thriving environment for learning. From the office to the library, from the playground to the classrooms, your presence is felt and deeply appreciated.

Enjoy the hero samples of work by our classrooms over the page. They make me a super proud principal!





# Term 2 Topic - Heroes

## Endeavour

A hero is.....

a firefighter who puts fires out - Arthur



a police officer - Umair

a great person because they help people - Savija



a teacher. They are very busy and work on teacher only days - Pippa

a teacher because they help people to write - Lucy



a vet that helps animals and lions - Brooke

a person who helps others - Alisha



someone who saves people and animals - Macy

## HELLO! WHAT IS A HERO?

Someone that helps people - Elijah  
 They might help you with maths, like a teacher - Stella  
 A doctor that helps us survive - Archer  
 A netball coach that helps you learn more stuff for netball - Hannah  
 A firefighter because they help us if our house gets burned down - Jayleigh  
 A soccer star because they interest boys - Doug  
 A rugby coach to help you get tougher - Toby  
 A dentist to keep our teeth clean - AJ  
 A rugby star - Elijah  
 A person that creates video games for entertainment - Brodie  
 A teacher that helps you learn - Florence  
 A police officer - Archer  
 A basketball star - Charlie  
 A police officer is a person that can keep our environment safe - Lucas  
 A superhero that helps people do stuff - Elijah  
 An olympian - Toby  
 A teacher - Anika  
 An electrician - Lucas  
 A roadworker to dig up the road and keep the road safe - AJ  
 An ambulance person that can save your life - Toby  
 A librarian - Zaleesh  
 An army soldier to keep us safe - Archer  
 A detective to find missing people - Charlie  
 An artist that makes art for us - Elijah  
 Speed limit signs so you don't crash - Stella  
 Stockcar drivers - Elijah  
 Your mum and dad - Toby  
 A pilot - Doug  
 A train driver - Brodie  
 A taxi driver - Elijah  
 A lifeguard - Toby



Adventure class have created a piece of art showing themselves as superheroes. We then thought about the heroic values that we uphold individually and wrote them around our person. Mahi pai team!

## WHAT IS A HERO?

A hero is selfless, kind and saves lives. Some heroes think they're not heroes, they say they're just doing their job. Heroes like that are called unsung heroes. Heroes are well known, role models and sometimes famous. Heroes are known for doing incredible things like Sir Edmond Hillary he climbed mount Everest, that was amazing!

I WISH I WAS A HERO

By Lewis





# Term 2 Topic – Heroes

## What is a Hero?

A hero is an everyday person that has high ambitions or that saves someone. Sir Edmond Hillary for example, has high ambitions, he had a goal to conquer Mount Everest. Yes, he didn't save anyone, but he did something unthinkable, impossible - climbing the tallest mountain. The people that save people's lives are our firemen, policemen, and ambulance officers, the list goes on and on.

Heroes are selfless and that means they don't think about their own life, they think about doing the right thing which is saving someone. By Jane



My hero is my dad because he helped me when I banged my head at school.

By Wade

I think Jyrone's dad is a hero because he helps the school on field trips.

By Braxton

I think that Dillion and Maiah's mum is a hero because she helped to put the calves away in the paddock.

By Emily

I think my mum is a hero because she cooks me my sausages.

By Dixie

I think my dad is a hero because he helped me when the river was huge and held my hand when it was too long.

By Jyrone

My mum is a hero because she helps the school by having meetings and cutting ribbons.

By Theo

If I was a hero I would rescue people from mountains and tall buildings.

By Zak

I think my mum is a hero because she is a cleaner and she cleans everything in the school.

By Kwyn





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

## Celebrating our Tamariki success!

### Class Awards - Week 5 Assembly

Awesome work team!

Endeavour - Pippa and Arthur

Endurance - Jaxon and Julia-Rose

Maungaturoto - Archer and Brodie

Adventure - Aaron and Bruno

Discovery - Jacob and Megan



### Rural ICARE Awards - Week 5 Assembly

Fantastic to see many of our tamariki displaying our Rural ICARE Values

Pippa and Hollie were drawn out of the ICARE box!

### Tahuna Mahi Tahi Reading Awards - Week 5 Assembly

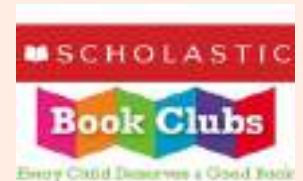
Superb reading and keep up the tremendous work!

25 Nights: Julia-Rose, Ron, Bruno and Dominic

50 Nights: Savija, Lucy, Dillion, Maiah, Rowell, Zoe S and Paige S

75 Nights: Umair, Zak, Toby, Stella, Marty, Soul, Zane, Paige S and Leah M

100 Nights: Kwyn, Anika, Abbie, Hollie, Ayla, Paige J, Leah M and Jane



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your order comes  
backs to our  
school! We have  
spent the \$760  
in rewards from 2024  
on some new books  
for our library!**

## What an awesome day at the Year 5 and 6 Basketball Funday!

Sports fun days are all about trying a new sport, many of our Year 5&6 players who attended had never played before! Our tamariki showed fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. It was wonderful to see our tamariki supporting each other, giving their best on the court and most importantly having a lot of fun!

The energy was high, the games were fun, and the spirit of fair play was on full display. Whether it was a great pass, a solid defensive play or just cheering on teammates from the sideline, every moment reflected our rural ICARE values we encourage at our school. Miniball will begin in Term 3 for Years 3-6, keep an eye out for permission slips coming home before the end of the term.

We would like to thank Geoff Moore for taking a team and the parents who were able to be there to support.



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

Hello there, it's me - Milo, your resident school cat and unofficial mascot. Once upon a time, I was just a scruffy stray wandering the school grounds, but these days I live the good life, well fed (which is one of my absolute favourite things), snuggled, and spoiled by staff and students alike. I may look like I've got a grumpy face sometimes, but don't be fooled, I'm actually purring on the inside. I want to say a big thank you for all the delicious food donations. I'm not fussy (truly, I'll eat just about anything), and every tasty bite keeps me going on my daily rounds. I've been enjoying my visits to each classroom, two weeks at a time, just enough to settle in and get pampered before moving on. The way the children care for me warms my furry little heart.

Lately, I've been adjusting to the older students, they're a lot taller than the little ones, but I'm slowly getting used to them. And guess what? Every now and then, I catch a cheeky mouse, what a treat! When the kids are away, a lovely lady makes sure I'm fed and cared for, which just goes to show how many people look out for me.

Life's good when you're the school cat.

Until next time - paws and whiskers,

Milo 



## Dates to Remember

### Term 2

#### Week 7

- **9<sup>th</sup> June (Mon)**  
**BOT Meeting**
- **10<sup>th</sup> June (Tue)**  
**TGTG - (Tough Guy Tough Girl)**
- **11<sup>th</sup> June (Wed)**  
**NYLD (National Young Leaders Day)**
- **13<sup>th</sup> June (Fri)**  
**Assembly**

#### Week 8

- **18<sup>th</sup> June (Wed)**  
**Interschool Cross Country**
- **19<sup>th</sup> June (Thurs)**  
**Interschool PP**
- **20<sup>th</sup> June (Fri)**  
**Matariki**



**Ngaa Mihi**



## Cross Country Day Success

Our recent Cross Country Day was a muddy, memorable success! The weather was just right for a winter sport - with the occasional drizzle - creating the perfect conditions for some good, old-fashioned fun (and mud between the toes!). It was fantastic to see an improvement in attendance this year, with many students showing a positive mindset and embracing the challenge. While it's often tempting to opt out of events like this, our tamariki rose to the occasion and experienced a real sense of achievement in completing their races. A special mention of thanks to our FOS; providing us with Milo, toasted sandwiches and sausages. Interschool notices will be going out next week to those selected for our school team—watch this space!

### 2025 Results:

#### 7 year old girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Hannah
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Anika
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Florence

#### 7 year old boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Doug
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Brodie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Charlie

#### 8 year old girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Zoe H
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Chanumi
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Divine

#### 8 year old boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Archer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Toby
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Liam

**11 year old girls** - 1<sup>st</sup> Leah M. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Megan.

**11 year old boys** - 1<sup>st</sup> - Zane. 2<sup>nd</sup> - William

#### 9 year old girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Hollie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Zoe S
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Paige S

#### 9 year old boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Marty
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bruno
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lewis

#### 10 year old girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Emilia
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Evie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Paige S

#### 10 year old boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Alex
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jackson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Soul



#### 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

### 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.

Ngaa mihi nui  
Phillip and Staff

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