



NEWSLETTER - TERM 3 WEEK 10



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 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,

Our School Vision and Values

Vision - To develop dynamic learners who make a positive contribution to our community.

Values - Our Rural ICARES Values; Integrity, Challenge, Ambition, Respect and Encourage.

Excitement in the air! Our school production is just around the corner, and we couldn't be more proud of the incredible effort our tamariki are putting in to create a show to remember!

Behind the scenes, it's been a true team effort from the tireless dedication of our staff to the amazing support of our parents and the generosity of our sponsors. THANK YOU for helping bring this production to life.

We can't wait to share this special performance with you. Together, we're making magic happen on and off the stage!

Board of Trustees: To our current BOT - Nick, Malcolm, Sharnn, Courtney, Annie-Jo, and Dionne.

I want to sincerely thank you all for the time, energy, and care you've put into supporting Tahuna School. Your dedication and governance have played a vital role in ensuring our school remains a special place where all our tamariki can learn, grow, be happy and thrive.

Your support has allowed us to make decisions that reflect our shared values and commitment to providing the best possible outcomes for our tamariki, staff, and wider school community. I truly appreciate the trust, guidance, stewardship and partnership you've each brought to the table.

It's a privilege to work alongside such a passionate and committed board. I like to thank Nick and Malcom, you have both done an amazing job in your respected roles as presiding member and finance member. Tahuna School is in a very positive place!



Tamariki, staff and parents: Congratulations to our amazing tamariki for another fantastic term filled with learning and growth! A great thank you to our hardworking and dedicated staff - your passion and commitment continue to inspire! To our supportive parents and whānau, we truly appreciate the role you play in your child's learning journey.

We look forward to a busy, exciting, and rewarding Term 4 ahead! Let's keep the momentum going!

Tahuna Proud Learning for Life

Ngaa mihi

Phillip

End of Term Awards

Outstanding and well done to our Term 3 class award recipients!

Endeavour: Most improved - Macy,
Diligence - Brooke, ICARE - Manaia

Endurance: Most improved - Emily,
Diligence - Maiah, ICARE - Jaxon

Maungaturoto: Most improved - Ron,
Diligence - Florence, ICARE - Anika

Adventure: Most improved - Leah S,
Diligence - Marty, ICARE - Melvin

Discovery: Most improved - Jane,
Diligence - Zoe S, ICARE - Jacob



Kiwanis Terrific Kids

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

Endeavour - Kiara-Lee

Endurance - Ralph

Maungaturoto - Doug

Adventure - Jackson

Discovery - Aryan



Reading Rotary Award

The awards were given to children 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.

Junior - Kwyn

Middle - AJ

Senior - Emilia

Principal Award - Jayleigh



Rural ICARE Awards

Fantastic and great to see you are displaying our school values!

Florence (Integrity) Playing nicely

Hannah (Intergrity) Being a good team player at wet lunch

Toby and Lucus (Ambition) Being quiet at lunch

Zoe (Ambition) Writing lengthier pieces of writing

Lucus (Respect) Super listening

Anika (Respect) Super listening

Stella (Respect) Super listening

Lucy (Respect) Helping the new girls with their work

Toby (Respect) Being organised

Alex (Respect) For being super helpful by removing a cockroach

Charlie (Respect) Being organised

Charlie (Integrity) Picking up rubbish

Elijah (Integrity) Picking up rubbish

Brooke (Integrity) Doing the right thing when no one is looking

Kiara-Lee (Integrity) Doing the right thing at wet lunch

Navada (Ambition) Singing our production songs well during practice

Peyton (Ambition) Singing our production songs well during practice

Megan (Ambition) Consistently working hard across all curriculum areas - such a hard worker

Lewis (Ambition) Singing production songs

Evie (Ambition) Working really hard to accurately solve decimal addition facts

Jane (Ambition) Putting details into her reading comprehension

Zoe S (Respect) Doing something quiet when she was asked

Abbie (Respect) Super listening

Leah S (Respect) Doing something quiet and listening to student councillors

Abbie and AJ (Respect) Respecting there wet lunch monitors

Anika (Integrity) Playing nicely at wet lunch

Tahuna Mahi Tahi - Reading Awards

Awesome work!

50 Nights: Theo, Braxton, Cooper and Navada

75 Nights: Jaxon, Emily, Jackson, Zoe S, Archer

100 Nights: Alisha, Lucy, Savija, Zak, Dominic, Archer

125 Nights: Bruno, Soul, Dominic, Emilia, Chanumi, Dominic and Zoe H

150 Nights: Pippa, Elijah, Divine, Arnav, Alisha, Chanumi

175 Nights: Jyrone, Kwyn, Brodie, Jane, Aryan, Indie, Ayla, Leah M, Abbie, Anika, Paige, Isiah, Elijah, Divine and Toby

200 Nights: Jyrone, Brodie, Ayla, Jane, Indie, Aryan and Paige



Colouring & Photography Competitions Coming Soon!

We're excited to announce two fun competitions taking place alongside **Livestock Day** this year; a **Kids' Colouring Competition** and a **Photography Competition**!

These are fantastic opportunities for students to get creative and showcase their talents. Whether it's colouring in their best farm themed picture or capturing a perfect shot of rural life, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

More details, including age groups, themes, and how to enter, will be included in the flyers coming home this week.

We can't wait to see the amazing artwork and photography from our talented students!



Hockey and Miniball

A huge congratulations to all our tamariki who played in our miniball and hockey teams this term! You've shown awesome teamwork and school spirit throughout the season.

A special shout-out to the teams who have made it to the finals good luck and go hard! We're all behind you!

A massive THANK YOU to our parents who coached and supported our teams. We couldn't have done it without you!

Friends of School

A massive thank you to everyone that supported our Friends of School and purchased Oxford pies for our fundraiser. Also the new optional school shirts are selling well!



🐾 MILO'S MEWSINGS 🐾

A dispatch from the furriest member of staff

Hello humans,

It is I Milo, your beloved school cat, king of the school, sultan of sunbeams, and (apparently) now the subject of a David Attenborough documentary. More on that later...

Let me begin by telling you about the luxury spa experience I recently enjoyed. It all started quite innocently with a few friendly pats... and then suddenly I found myself in what I can only describe as a full-on Pamper Salon. I was massaged, scratched behind the ears, AND belly-rubbed all at the same time by a group of very enthusiastic girls. I've never purred louder. Five stars. Would recommend. Bookings now closed, I'm fully booked till next term.

Now, something peculiar happened last week. I was removed from class (outrageous), only to return and find... the floors had turned into clouds. Well, not actual clouds, but new carpet that's so soft and spongy I thought I'd wandered into a dream. I now enjoy extra-long siestas in sunny patches of the classroom. If I don't respond when you call my name, I'm probably napping. Or ignoring you. Either way, do not disturb unless treats are involved.

Speaking of naps... I may have gotten a bit too relaxed the other day during a lesson and accidentally drooled on a teacher. My sincerest apologies.

There's been a lot of singing and dancing around the school lately. I don't know what's going on, but I'm fairly certain I saw three orangutan's and three camels, and someone trying to balance a pile of giant ice cubes. Either we're hosting the world's strangest zoo... or there's a school production happening. Whatever it is, I'm here for it - as long as it doesn't interrupt my naps.

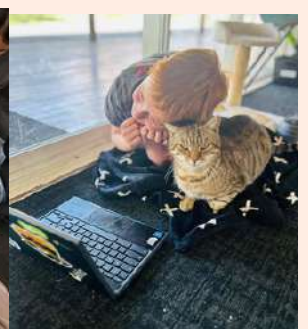
Oh, and that Attenborough fellow? Keeps creeping around, whispering things like: "Here we observe... the majestic Milo... in his natural habitat." Honestly, it's flattering - though I do wish he'd stop narrating my toileting moments.

Anyway, must dash. Before I go, just know my favourite song of the term is "Bengal Tiger". Very fitting, considering I'm definitely part tiger.

Paws and purrs,

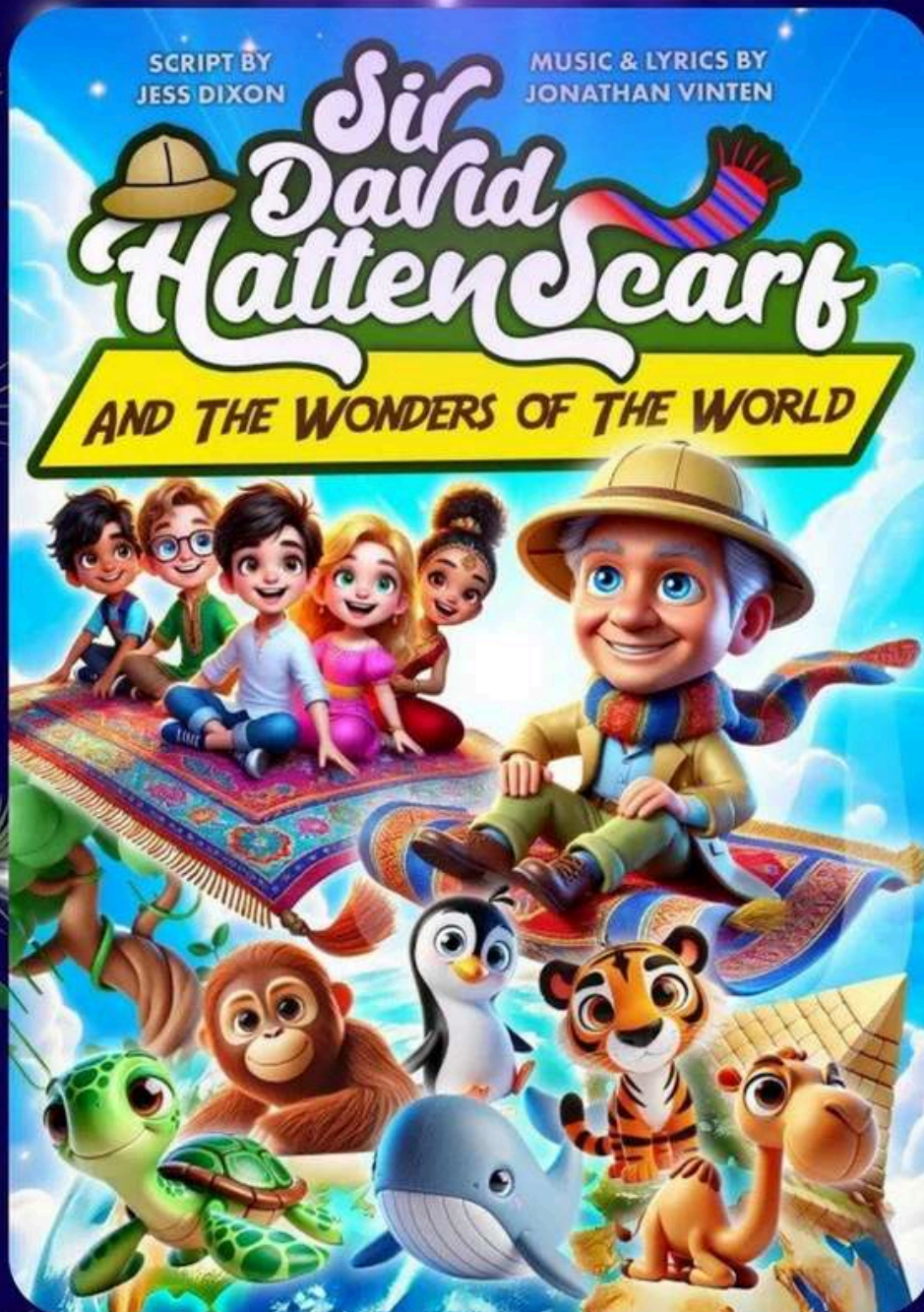
Milo 🐾

Official School Cat & Carpet Tester



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Presents...



Matinee: Wednesday 17 September 2025 - 11:30am
Night Show: Thursday 18 September 2025 - 7:00pm
Venue: Tahuna Hall

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Livestock Day
Friday, October 17th
2025

Tahuna Domain
Judging starts @10am



Tahuna School
Learning For Life



- Small class sizes
- Where kids can be kids!
- Committed, hardworking & caring teachers
- A place where childrens growth and wellbeing come first
- Brand new astroturf cover - for year round use

"I've so valued the opportunity to be a part of the Tahuna School community; to find a school that empowers my child and that fits them. They have found strength in with you socially and academically!"

"I feel like I belong here"

Tahuna Proud!

Rural ICARE Values:
Integrity
Challenge
Ambition
Respect
Encourage

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