



NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 WEEK 3



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 Comment

Welcome back to Term 4! We are already well into learning at Tahuna School and I am looking forward to another great term!

On Friday we had our annual livestock day held at the Tahuna Domain. We had entered 9 calves, 11 lambs, 2 kids and 1 preschooler.

Congratulations to all our tamariki who took part and gave it a great go! A big thank you to Leasa Craw again for her organisation and time she has put into livestock day for our school. Her knowledge and drive to produce a great day for our tamariki is very much appreciated! Thanks to everybody who helped and supported their child/children with their animals. It is a big commitment and we appreciate your contribution to another fantastic day.

Thank you to the judges - Katrina Sylvester, Lisa Clark and Linda Deane, stewards - Annabelle Scherer and Tony Fransen, recorders, helpers and staff. Also thank you to the sponsors - Lehmann Building Ltd, Shewry Fencing, Briscoe Water Pump Services, Scholastics, Subway and Westpac.

Teachers across New Zealand will be taking part in a **strike on Thursday, 23rd October**. This action is part of an ongoing campaign to address critical issues facing the education sector. Some of these reasons have been mentioned in a recent schoolstream post. We appreciate the ongoing support.

Ngaa Mihi
Phillip and Staff



Congratulations to Sophie Lewis who will now be known as Mrs Marshall, as she got married over the weekend!

Attendance and Engagement

The ministry of education's Attendance and Engagement strategy focuses on children being present, participating and progressing in their learning. According to MOE regular attendance is being present at school 90% or more (less than 5 days absence in a school term) We all have our roles to play and it's so important for your child to attend school regularly. Please give our school the best possible opportunity to progress your child's learning needs and social needs by regularly attending school. If your child is sick or has an appointment out of school during school time please contact the office and give the reason for their absence. The ministry of education will be collecting attendance data daily therefore it is important that we know why your child is absent therefore we can code correctly according to the attendance system on the day. Thanks to the many families who get in contact with us when their child/children are away from school on the day or give us notice.

Rural ICARE Values

Our ICARE Values focus for Term 4 is Integrity

What integrity means to us?

Ensure - I will do what I say

Take responsibility - for my decisions and actions

Make - good decisions and achieve success

Take ownership - of my mistakes and learn from them

Do - the right thing even when it's hard

Role model - integrity

ICARES Awards

Amazing and thank you for displaying our awesome ICARE Values.

Box Winners - Lucas, Elijah, Archer, Emily, Dillion, Maiah, Julia-Rose and Alisha.



Class Awards - Week 1 Assembly

Congratulations with your amazing work and effort!

Endeavour - Alisha, Kiera-Lee, and Lucy

Endurance - Braxton and Pippa

Maungaturoto - Elijah and Charlie

Adventure - Jackson and Chanumi

Discovery - Jane and Jashan



Shake Out

On Thursday the 16th October our school took part in the 'National Shake Out' where we performed an earthquake drill. Thanks to our tamariki and staff for your awesome cooperation to ensure everybody is following the emergency procedure.

Livestock Day 2025 Results

Calves

Stanfield Cup Leading - Archer Scherer
Hampton Cup Rearing (Junior) - Arthur Shewry
Waide Cup Rearing (Senior) - Archer Scherer
Tahuna YFC Cup Dairy Type - Archer Scherer
Claymore Cup Rearing/Type - Archer Scherer
McGrath Cup - Beef Type) - Zoe Shewry

Lambs

Aoranga Cup Leading (Junior) - Abbie Fransen
Balme Cup Champion (Leading) - Cooper Takai
Stuart Balme Memorial Trophy (Rearing) -
Brodie Lowry
Pandora Trophy Most Obvious Pet - Abbie Fransen

Kids

Tahuna School Cup Junior Leading - Alisha Deo
Tahuna School Cup Champion Most Obvious Pet - Alisha Deo
Chelsea Doelman Trophy Champion Rearing - Alisha Deo

Overall Points Winners

Rosella Cup Grand Champion Dairy Calf - Archer Scherer
Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Calf - Alex Rasmussen
Edward Cup Grand Champion Beef Calf - Hollie Moore
Reserve Grand Champion Beef Calf - Jane McGrath
Adams Trophy Grand Champion Lamb - Abbie Fransen
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb - Brodie Lowry
McSweeny Trophy Grand Champion Kid - Alisha Deo





Discovery writing by Leah M and Indie

GETTING READY FOR THE PRODUCTION

"Here we have the magnificent bengal tiger..." Don't forget your lines, don't forget your lines, don't forget your lines. That was the only thing I could think about. "A beautiful regal creature sadly threatened by..." Yes! I didn't forget my lines and make myself look stupid. One scene down, three left to conquer.

Fast forward to earlier that day when the nerves were setting in.....

"Break a leg!" Mum calls. Now that's exactly what I don't want to do. "Costume on everyone!" shouted Miss Lewis over the noise of chattering children. There's a massive crowd around the costume bags as everyone rushes to get a good spot to get changed. My stomach tightens as I reach for my costume. Pants, shirt, singlet, and top cling to my body, as if it's trying to suffocate me.

30 minutes left,
then 15,
now 5.

Time to get my microphone on.
It's showtime!

Thankfully, I didn't forget any of my lines, or dance moves, so the show was a massive success!

By Leah M



BLUSH TO CHEEKS, LIPSTICK TO LIPS, EYESHADOW TO EYES. I'M READY! BEAUTIFUL GLEAMING LIGHTS, SHINING ON MY FACE. " WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE TAHUNA SCHOOL PRODUCTION!" CHEERS FILL THE ROOM. I HEAR MY MUM SHOUT "GO INDIE!"

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!...



" WELCOME TO OUR STORY, WELCOME TO OUR JOURNEY...." WE SING AS LOUD AND CLEAR AS WE CAN, WHILE DANCING AS NICE AS WE CAN AS WELL. I OPEN MY MOUTH, THE FEELING OF TERROR AND EXCITEMENT FILL MY BRAIN LIKE A CONCRETE MIXER MIXING UP MY FEELINGS. THE SONG ENDS AND THE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS CLAP AND CHEER WHILE WE ALL TAKE A BOW.

MY FIRST LINE IS " YEAH, AND WE FOUND SOME STRANGE STUFF TOO! LIKE A VIDEO OF GRANDPA DOING AN IMPERSONATION OF.... OH WHAT WAS HE CALLED? AH YES, THE KING.".... THIS SHOW GOES ON FOR AGES, LIKE A LION SLEEPING, ALL DAY LONG.

AFTER A LONG DAY OF ACTING AND SINGING/ DANCING, IT WAS TIME TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL: I HAD SO MUCH FUN. NOW THE DAY IS DONE!

BY INDIE



Dates to remember:

22nd October - Group Day

23rd October - NZEI Strike Day (school closed)

24th October - Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day (school closed)

27th October - Labour Day (public holiday)

31st October - Woolshed arrives at Tahuna School

5th November - Rural Athletics

12th November - Subway Lunch

19th November - Interschool Athletics

3rd December - Morrinsville Orientation Day for the year 6's

11th December - Prizegiving at 6.30pm

16th December - Last Day of Term 4, finish at 12.30pm

Tahuna Proud Learning for Life

School Policies – SchoolDocs

Our school policies are on a website called School Docs. School Docs provides us with policies and concerns processes 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

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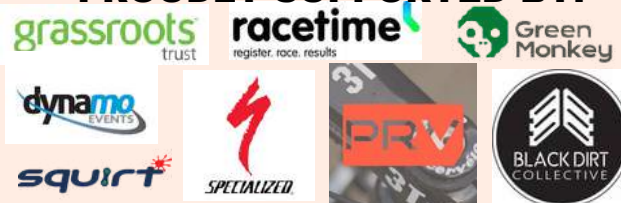


9th November
16th November
23rd November
7th December
14th December

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Fireworks EXTRAVAGANZA

MORRINSVILLE RECREATION GROUNDS
Saturday 1st November

Postponement Day Sunday 2nd November

Gates open at **5.00PM**

ENTRY FEE
Family \$25 (2 adults, 2 children) | Adult \$10
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