



NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 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 Comment:

It has been a full on term already and it is great to see our tamariki making the most of the opportunities offered this term. At the rural athletics, it was so awesome to see every child giving it their best and the support shown by our parents and whaanau was outstanding! A great sign of a school community is when we collectively work together in the best interests of all our tamariki.

A special thank you to Mrs Marshall for her organisation and commitment to ensuring a great experience for all. Thank you to all our staff for your efforts on the day to ensure the event ran smoothly and our tamariki needs were taken care of. To add, our kids relay team was outstanding and blitzed the field! Must also mention our parents relay team did the same!

Truly a proud principal - seeing everybody representing Tahuna Proud!

Teacher Appreciation at Tahuna School:

Thank you for your patience, passion, drive and dedication for turning lessons into inspiration and challenges into opportunities. I appreciate your aspirations to shape minds, build confidence and spark curiosity.

Your hard work and belief in our tamariki make a difference every single day. We're so grateful for all you do and you truly are the superheroes behind every success story.

Wool In Schools:

The Woolshed container is at Tahuna School for a couple of weeks. We have been learning how wool is produced and the steps it goes through. It was interesting to learn that wool can be made into plasters, tennis balls, surf boards and clothing. Also the story about Shrek the sheep was so cool to learn about - the wool shorn from his fleece could make 20 large men's suits.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser:

Thanks to our FOS team for your work with the Cookie Dough fundraiser. Awesome to hear it made over \$500.

Ngaa mihi
Phillip and Staff

Athletics Day Photos



Rural ICARE Values

Umair (Respect) for carrying heavy things for others when they ask him for help
Lewis (Respect/Encourage) for helping Ezekiel with his art and finding a way for him to feel supported and successful even when the activity seemed tricky
AJ (Respect) being kind to others
Anika (Respect) listening carefully
Reign (Respect) sitting nicely on the mat (noticed by Anika)
Elijah (Encourage) helping others
Ayla (Respect) Working sensibly
Pippa (Challenge) accepting and completing the challenge of Mrs Holt-Pedersen meeting place
Dixie (Encouragement) helping Pippa to build her creation in the sandpit
Anika (Challenge) impressive writing!
Liam (Encourage) cheering others on
Liam (Respect) working respectfully
Paislee (Respect/Integrity) came back to class from being with Julie and helped her class mates clean up a mess she didn't make
Brooke (Respect) for looking after the younger children in our class
Arthur (Respect) helping Umair to put the puzzle back together
Anika (Challenge) super reading mahi! I'm proud of you
Doug (Challenge) super maths work!
Abbie (Challenge) super maths work!
Elijah (Respect) tidying up
Reign (Respect) following instructions
Stella (Challenge) great reading
Theo (Respect) being kind and caring to Ralph
Hannah (Integrity) doing the right thing
Zoe (Respect) being kind to others
Jayleigh (Integrity) doing the right thing
Amelia (Respect) listening
Lucy (Respect) keeping our classroom tidy - sometimes all on her own
Stella (Respect) being on task
Zoe (Respect) sitting nicely on the mat
Elijah S (Challenge) taking risks in your learning
Brodie (Challenge) amazing art!
Anika (Challenge) super maths mahi!
AJ (Respect) doing the right thing
Toby (Respect) walking sensibly
Jayleigh (Challenge) super spelling
Macy (Respect/Integrity) for helping her class get to lunch faster by helping them out
Emily (Encourage) making sure Maiah had someone to play with by including her in the game
Zak (Respect) taking care of Jyrone during gum boot throw

Tahuna Mahi Tahi - Reading Awards

Congratulations! The names from the most recent assembly

25 Nights - Cora and Paislee

50 Nights - Zoe D

100 Nights - Manaia

125 Nights - Zak

175 Nights - Lucy and Chanumi

200 Nights - Chanumi

225 Nights - Kwyn, Anika, Elijah and Ayla

250 Nights - Brodie



Class Awards - Week 4 Assembly

Congratulations with your outstanding work and effort!

Endeavour - Ezekiel and Arthur

Endurance - Emily and Dixie

Maungaturoto - Anika and Reign

Adventure - Aaron and Allegra

Discovery - Evie and Aryan



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.

Our Livestock Day Colouring Competition brought out some fantastic creativity and attention to detail from our students! The winning pieces were tidy, eye-catching, and showed real effort, with some even beginning to explore shading techniques. A special mention goes to Chanumi, whose work caught the judges' attention for her beautiful shading and thoughtful extra details. It's clear that a lot of time and care went into your artwork - ka mau te wehi!

Results

9-11 year olds

1st: Indie

2nd: Zane

3rd: Emilia

7-8 year olds

1st: Chanumi

2nd: Anika

3rd: Florence

5-6 year olds

1st: Dixie

2nd: Lucy

3rd: Emily

Preschool

1st: Maggie

2nd: Luka

3rd: Roscoe

Photography Competition Results

Our first-ever Photography Competition was a huge success! It was fantastic to see so many entries and such enthusiasm from our students. From creative angles to clever use of light and colour, it's clear we have some very talented photographers in our midst. The judges were impressed by the range of subjects and the eye for detail shown in the photos. A big well done to everyone who took part, we can't wait to see what you capture next time!



Results:

Floral

1st - Leah Moore

2nd - Pippa Lowry

3rd - Bruno McNamara

Animal

1st - Alex

2nd - Theo

3rd - Olive

Miscellaneous

1st - Hannah

2nd - Leah

3rd - Hollie

Highly Commended

Paige

Lewis

Indie



Group Livestock Day was a fantastic success! We had five tamariki proudly representing Tahuna School, and the weather couldn't have been better for a day full of fun and friendly competition. Every participant came away with a ribbon, which is the real challenge and highlight of Group Day! A huge thank you to the parents for all the organisation, preparation, and effort that went into getting the children and their animals ready and there on the day.

Results as follows:

Jane McGrath

1st Senior Girls Leading (Page Cup)
Res. Champion Leading Overall
2nd Beef Rearing
Res. Champion Beef Rearing
2nd Beef Type
Highest Overall Beef Points (Morris Trophy)
5th Teams of Three Leading



Archer Scherer

2nd Leading
5th Rearing
5th Teams of Three
Leading



Alex Rasmussen

5th Teams of Three Leading
5th Rearing



Abbie Fransen

2nd Most Obvious Pet
3rd Leading

Lucy Fransen

6th Junior Most Obvious
Pet



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

Dates to remember:

**12th November -
Subway Lunch**

**14th November -
Assembly**

**19th November -
Interschool Athletics**

**20th Hearing and
Vision**

**21st November -
Adventure and
Maungaturoto trip to
Edwards Farm**

**28th November - Bad
Hair Day and
Assembly**

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

**5th December - End of
Term Assembly**

**11th December - End of
Year Prizegiving at
6.30pm**

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

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