



NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 WEEK 8



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 Comment

Can't believe we are already at the end of week 7 and as the school year is not far from finishing we still have lots of fantastic things to do. I have been impressed with our tamariki who have continued to be engaged in their learning and displaying our proud Rural ICARE Values. I appreciate the staff's huge dedication to ensure engaging and excellent learning continues through to the end of Term 4. It is a privilege to work with our focused staff, supportive Tahuna parents and amazing tamariki!

Tahuna Proud Learning for Life

Class Awards - Week 6 Assembly

Congratulations with your fantastic work and effort!

Endeavour - Brooke and Umair

Endurance - Braxton and Jyrone

Maungaturoto - Brodie and Doug

Adventure - Soul and Jackson

Discovery - Jacob and Megan



Tahuna Mahi Tahī - Reading Awards

Congratulations, the awards to be handed out at our next assembly.

25 Nights - Kiara-Lee

100 Nights - Arthur, Jaxon and Paige S

175 Nights - Emilia McHardy

225 Nights - Devine

250 Nights - Jyrone

Rural ICARE Values

Brodie (Challenge) super writing

Macy (Integrity) doing the right thing even when it's hard. Cleaning up rubbish around the school and in the huts

Florence (Challenge) super writing

Chanumi (Ambition) creating a monotone piece of art for Milo's name. It is super effective!

Hollie (Ambition) writing about Milo's look and making sure you've added details and language features

Jackson (Ambition) expressive and exciting writing

Zoe (Ambition) very detailed digital art of Milo's name to go with our writing

Bruno (Challenge) Striving for success in your running practice

Marty (Ambition) getting back up and running and putting in extra effort

Aurora (Challenge) challenging yourself in distance running and ending up surprising yourself with how well you did

AJ (Encourage) sharing with Abbie

Toby (Integrity) working hard

Placements for 2026

If you know of any families coming into our school area please let them know about our wonderful school and to make contact with our office at 0273336186 or principal@tahunaschool.school.nz

Our Loquat tree is giving our tamariki an unlimited supply of fruit this season. Just look at Ben demolishing his!



Attendance and Engagement Reminder

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.

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.






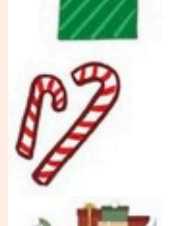




The website is: <https://tahuna.schooldocs.co.nz> The username is: tahuna and the password is: cares

Tahuna School Friends of the School 2025 Xmas Raffle

Our annual Xmas raffle is back for 2025!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors, we are able to bring some seriously awesome prizes to the table this year!

Special thankyou to our wonderful FOS for putting this Christmas Raffle together. If anyone would like more raffle tickets to sell, please see the school office. Tickets and cash due back to the office by the 4th of December. Raffle drawn at final assembly on Friday the 5th of December.



Tahuna School Friends of the School
2025 Christmas Raffle

Amazing prizes up for grabs! Tickets are \$5 each. Raffle will be drawn on December 5th at 2pm.

PRIZE 1: Rotovegas Getaway	PRIZE 2: Summer BBQ 1	PRIZE 3: Te Aroha Bliss	PRIZE 4: Coromandel Action 1	PRIZE 5: Coromandel Action 2
Approx. value \$420	Approx. value \$400	Approx. value \$310	Approx. value \$290	Approx. value \$290
Rotorua Skyline family pass for gondola & 2 luge rides worth \$168	Greenlea rump x1	\$150 The Office Bar & Eatery voucher	Driving Creek voucher (approx \$155)	Driving Creek voucher (approx \$155)
Lunch for 2 adults & 2 kids at Stratosfare restaurant worth \$204	Mitre 10 Meteor Weston Kettle BBQ, Rum & Que Gift Box, Heat Beads Original BBQ Briquettes worth \$176	\$100 prezzy card	Coromandel Waterworks family pass worth \$85	Coromandel Waterworks family pass worth \$85
\$50 fuel voucher	\$100 New World voucher	Te Aroha Mineral Spas \$60 voucher	\$50 fuel voucher	\$50 fuel voucher
PRIZE 6: Summer BBQ 2	PRIZE 7: Animals in Auckland	PRIZE 8: Auckland Family Fun	PRIZE 9: Day in the Tron	PRIZE 10: Supporting Local
Approx. value \$270	Approx. value \$260	Approx. value \$235	Approx. value \$230	Over \$150 approx.
Greenlea rump x1	Auckland Zoo family pass worth \$110	Butterfly creek family pass with \$85	Family water world pass worth \$28.50	PGG supplier hamper PGG gift card
\$100 New World voucher	\$100 prezzy card	\$100 prezzy card	\$150 The Lookout voucher	Redoubt voucher \$70
Morrinsville Decor picnic blanket, LEB chilly bag & 2x beer coolers	\$50 fuel voucher	\$50 fuel voucher	\$50 fuel voucher	Morrinsville Decor \$30 vouchers
SPOTPRIZES: Wheelbarrow - Calf Max 20% pellets x2 (2 draws) - Crystalyx 5kg x2 (2 draws) - Waterworld x5 swim & x5 hydroslide passes - LEB chiller bag and 2 beer coolers (4 draws)				

Our fundraising efforts are going toward playground refurbishments and a new swimming pool cover.
Thank you for the support and thank you to all of our incredibly generous sponsors!

Thank you to the following:

Library Donations

Thankyou to the Moore family and the Hodgkinson family for their generous library donations.

Matamata Primary School

Thank you to Matamata Primary School for the shelves they were selling. They made it very affordable for our school as a Koha.

Thank you to Brent Lowry

For fixing the school slide. Very much appreciated.

Milo Mews:

Kia ora, fabulous humans! It's me, Milo, your resident school cat, playground supervisor, and part-time expert in choosing the sunniest sleeping spots. I thought it was about time I wrote something for the newsletter, especially since things have been very quiet around here lately.

Over the past couple of weeks, I've noticed many of you have been off on exciting adventures with the rural schools. I heard there were running races, relays, cheering, and all sorts of speedy action. From my lookout (the warm patch outside Endurance), I watched the cars drive away and thought... why is everyone going somewhere without me?

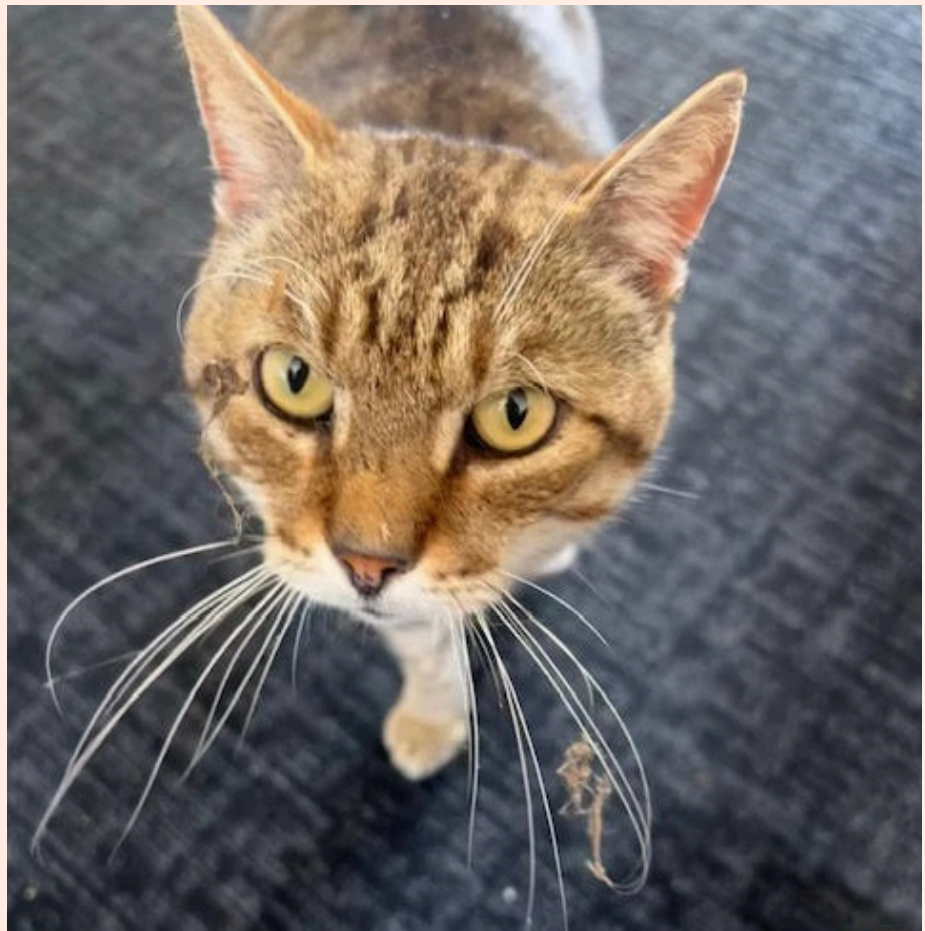
Now, I don't like to boast. Well, perhaps just a tiny bit - but I am quite the athlete myself. My lightning-fast sprint when someone opens a packet of biscuits? Incredible. My ability to leap out of the way when the sprinkler turns on? World class. And yet, not once has anyone suggested that I join the school relay team. Honestly, I'm puzzled.

Speaking of puzzling... I've been spending a lot more time in the staffroom lately. The teachers don't seem to know why I'm always there. They think I'm just being cute, lounging around and pretending to nap. But between us, I'll let you in on a secret: I'm doing important investigative work. I'm trying to find out who keeps eating the last biscuit - and why none of them ever fall on the floor for me.

So next time you're organising running races, maybe think about including your favourite furry classmate. I might not win the relay, but I guarantee I'll make it entertaining.

Until then, I'll be waiting each morning to greet you, round, friendly, and ready for pats.

Warm purrs,
Milo 🐾



Endurance (Years 1-2) Athletics Writing



I saw a burger. I tasted a lemon ice block. I could hear cheering “go Tahuna”. I ran, my hair went crazy from the wind. The sun was bursting on my head. I smelt burgers and sausages.

By Braxton.

At athletics I smelt the sausages sizzling. The sun was hot. I was sweating and tired but someone called by name for my order. I was eating my yummy burger then my sweet cold ice block. After that I saw running, jumping and gumboot throwing.

By Jyrone

A couple of days ago Tahuna school had their athletics. It was fun. Kiwitahi and Tauhei also did their athletics too. At lunch I had an ice block. It felt so nice and cold. On high jump I came third. I smelt lollies. I felt good.

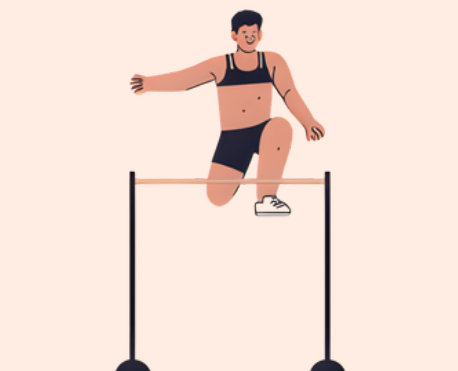
By Pippa

At athletics I had two hotdogs and an ice block. It was yum, yum, yum. My favourite was high jump because I like jumping over stuff.

By Ben

I went to athletics with the big kids, Tauhei and Kiwitahi. It was lunchtime and I had a sausage and I ate my ice block at athletics. On the way there we were in Wade’s car and on the way back to school Wade’s ice block melted.

By Jaxon



Interschool Athletics

On Thursday the 20th November was the annual Inter-School Athletics held at Morrinsville Intermediate. 35 Tahuna tamariki participated and did us proud with their determination and sportsmanship displayed on the day.

Congratulations to all those who placed in their events. Thank you to the parents who offered their time to transport and support all our tamariki. Tahuna Proud!



Discovery Writing (Years 5-6)

On your marks, get set, go!

We're off. There are a few girls in front of me, beside me, and behind me, all of them trying to push and shove their way to the front. Most of the girls fall back as we jog around the track, but there is still one girl in front of me.

She's not far ahead, but still in front of me. I suddenly forget about the heat of the sun's sizzling rays, the vomit taste that is slowly but steadily filling my throat. I have a plan.

I follow the girl for a few laps, making sure to stay close behind her until the end of the second lap when I start to notice her slowing down. I see my chance and take it, passing her with ease. I speed up, knowing this is my last lap. I'm almost at the finish line now. As I glance back excitement rushes through my veins. The girl I passed is exhausted; sweat dripping down her red face. She is a quarter of a lap behind me.

I fly across the line and collapse on the soft grass. Grass has never felt this soft before all I want to do is sleep, but I sit up and congratulate my friends as they finish.

By Leah

I stood in front of the line waiting for my name to be called out for my turn. I heard my name (JACOB!), without thinking about it at all. I ran automatically. I ran as fast as I could. I sprung off the ground like I was about to fly like a bird, but crash landed like I was in a crashing airplane heading right into sand. But it wasn't just sand, it was hot glittery and prickly sand. I land on my knees. Sand all over my legs, I quickly swept it all off with my hands. I had jumped my best jump this year at athletics! Two metres might not be that much. But for me it's good enough.

By Jacob

Dates to remember:

24th November - Jo from Wool Creations

5th December - End of Term Assembly 1.50pm

25th November - Firewise Visit

11th December - End of Year Prizegiving at 6.30pm

1st December - BOT Mtg at 7pm

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

28th November - Bad Hair Day and Assembly

3rd December - Morrinsville Orientation Day (Yr 6's)

Tahuna Proud Learning for Life



2025 Orini Christmas Party!

Friday 5th December

6.00pm Picnic dinner: B.Y.O., or support the food stalls

7.00pm Kids entertainment with Gambit!

8.00pm SANTA! How will he arrive this year?

8.30pm LIVE MUSIC with COPPER TOWELLING

9.15pm FIREWORKS by Van Tiel Pyrotechnics

9.30pm Music continues til 10pm

Parking at Orini School

*Entry by donation. Suggested \$5 per family minimum
Cancellation on local radio and Facebook*

Run by volunteers, supported by Swim Zone Morrinsville

MORRINSVILLE Swim CLUB

Weekly timed races, all strokes
25m, 50m, 100m, 200m, and relays.

Beat your personal best!

All ages welcome – including adults!

Entry by concession / pool entry fees.

Join us for a fun evening of swimming!



**STARTING WED 19TH NOV
6PM - 7:30PM (OR LAST RACE)**

Follow us on our NEW Facebook Page for updates and information:
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[e] morrinsvilleswimmingclub@hotmail.com

Tahuna Volunteer Fire Brigade Community Christmas Evening

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE

EVENING OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Friday 5 December 2025

6.30pm - 9.00pm

Tahuna Fire Station

A Special visit from Santa, Spot Prizes,
Amazing Raffles, Sausage Sizzle,
Mr Whippy & Christmas Lights!
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Fire Trucks & meet our Team!

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Christmas Parade

THEME: "AROUND THE WORLD AT CHRISTMAS"
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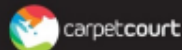
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