



NEWSLETTER - TERM 1 WEEK 4

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

Principal comment

Wow! It is the start of week 4 and time seems to have flown by. It's awesome to see our tamariki in the pool during this hot weather and learning to swim. Also out in the playground enjoying the wonderful play facilities we have.

Important Attendance and Engagement

Regular school attendance and active engagement in learning are essential for student success. The Ministry of Education (MOE) requires all enrolled students to attend school every day it is open, unless there is a justified reason for absence.

As a school, we are responsible for monitoring attendance very closely and following up on unexplained or ongoing absences. Families will be contacted where attendance concerns arise, and we may work together to develop a support plan to improve regular attendance and engagement.

Under MOE guidelines:

- Parents and caregivers must notify the school of any absence and provide a valid reason.
- Medical certificates may be required for extended or frequent absences.
- Unjustified absences are recorded and will be followed up.
- Schools are required to escalate ongoing attendance concerns to appropriate external agencies if necessary.

We understand that from time to time challenges can affect attendance. Our priority is to work in partnership with families to support students to attend regularly, participate fully, and achieve their best.

If your child is experiencing barriers to attendance, please contact the school office or your child's teacher as early as possible so we can provide support.

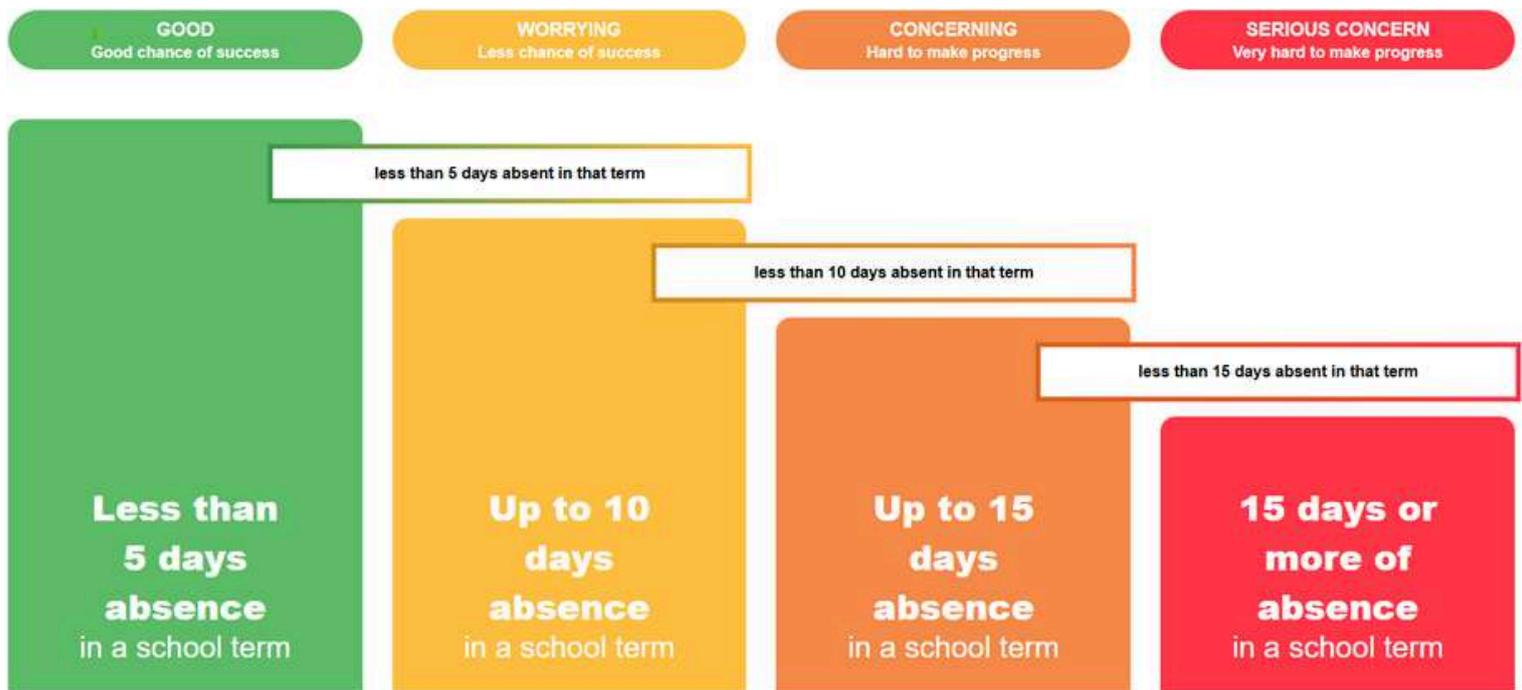
Together, we can ensure every student is present, engaged, and set up for success.



We must follow the Stepped Attendance Response - STAR

Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.



Tahuna School Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports will be held next week Wednesday the 25th February. Below is the scheduled time for those who would like to take time off from work or are coming down to watch.

Time Frame

- 10.00 am Morning Tea
- 10.30 -12.30 Senior Swimming
- 12.30 -1.15pm Lunch
- 1.15 - 2.30pm Junior Swimming

Friends of School

(FOS) will be selling... Sausages (\$2) and ice-blocks (\$1) You can also preorder the beef burger (\$5) - order forms went home last Monday and are due back by the end of today.

2026 Parent/Whannau Survey - Reminder

The Board of Trustees are interested in your views about learning at Tahuna School. We appreciate your time and ask that you give detailed feedback where possible. This gives the School Board guidance on how might improve, and focus on positive outcomes for your child. If you complete this survey your family will go in the draw to win \$50 New World Voucher.

Please click on the link to respond to our survey

<https://forms.gle/PLktiWDBhSyncitM8>

Ngaa mihi
Phillip and Staff

Class awards

Congratulations to all our tamariki who received an award at our assembly.

- Endeavour - Kiara-Lee and Ezekiel
- Endurance - Umair and Theo
- Maungaturoto - Dixie and Hinemaurea
- Adventure - Liam and Lucas
- Discovery - Jane and Chanumi



Term Dates

Mon 23rd Feb- Whaanau Afternoon

Wed 25th Feb- Swimming Sports

Fri 27th Feb - Assembly

Wed 4th Mar - Interschool Swimming

Thurs 5th Mar - Interschool Swimming

Postponement Date

Fri 13th Mar - Assembly

Wed 18th Mar - Subway Lunch

Fri 27th Mar - Assembly

Thurs 2nd April - Last Day Of Term, End Of Term Assembly

Fri 3rd April - Easter Weekend/Holidays

TERM 1

ASSEMBLIES

WILL BE HELD IN DISCOVERY ROOM

Friday's from 1.55pm

- Week 2
- Week 4
- Week 6
- Week 8

Week 9 (End of Term Assembly):
Thursday 2nd April @1.45pm



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CHALLENGE EKE PANUKU

- SHOW** *I have respect for others' mana*
- MANAGE** *Conflict & different points of view*
- BE COURAGEOUS** *In learning & keep trying when it's hard*
- COMMUNICATE** *Collaborate and be a problem solver*
- APPROACH** *Things with a positive mindset*
- TRY** *New things and give things a go*

Try new things and not/never give up

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SZ Morrinsville Splash n Dash

A FUN SWIM AND RUN FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-13 YEARS!

FRIDAY 27 FEB
5.30PM START
(GATES OPEN 4.15PM)
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Saturday 7th March 2026

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MESSAGE FROM

MILO!



Hello my wonderful humans,

What a *purr-fect* start to Term 1 it has been! I was absolutely delighted to spend my first two weeks back with Endurance Class. After a very quiet and rather lonely school holiday period, it has been the best feeling to have all my friends back where they belong.... at school with me!

While the holidays were peaceful (and gave me plenty of time for important cat reflections), I must say I did miss the daily pats, chatter, and classroom adventures. A very special thank you to the kind humans who visited and fed me over the break. Your care did not go unnoticed. I am looking quite healthy and handsome after a short break from my usual “convince-the-children-to-give-me-extra-treats” routine. Apparently “those eyes” work a little too well.

I’ve especially enjoyed having my cosy blankets back inside the classroom and, of course, pats on tap throughout the day. Truly, it’s the life I deserve.

As your dedicated School Cat, I take my role very seriously. I patrol the grounds, supervise learning (mostly from a sunny spot), and make sure everything is running smoothly. I am a *very* good boy and proud protector of our school. Unlike that naughty cat over in Gisborne who has been stealing from his school, honestly, the audacity! You won’t catch me causing mischief like that. I uphold only the highest standards of feline conduct.

Here’s to another wonderful term filled with learning, laughter, and lots of pats.

Purrs and head bumps,
Milo 🐾



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