



NEWSLETTER - TERM 1 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



Principal comment

Kia ora koutou,

We've arrived at Week 6 and what a beautiful change in the season we're enjoying. The cooler mornings paired with these stunning sunny days have created the perfect backdrop for a fantastic week of learning. It's wonderful to walk through our classrooms and see such focused engagement, creativity, team work and enthusiasm from our tamariki. Meaningful learning is happening everywhere you look!

A huge congratulations to all of our tamariki who gave it a go at our recent swimming sports. We are incredibly proud of the determination and positive attitudes shown by everyone who participated. Stepping up, trying your best, and supporting one another are what truly count.

Special congratulations as well to the tamariki who represented our school with pride at interschool swimming. You demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and commitment, and we are very proud of the way you carried yourselves both in and out of the pool.

Thank you to our whānau for your ongoing support - it makes such a difference! Also a massive thank you to our FOS for the wonderful gazebo covers.

Our New student Councillors

A huge congratulations to our newly elected Student Councillors! Our new councillors are Aryan, Jackson, Zoe S, Bruno, Jane, Emilia, Jurous, Zoe H, Indie and Hollie. This is a fantastic achievement and a true reflection of the trust and confidence your peers have placed in you.

Being a Student Councillor is more than just a title - it's an opportunity to lead, to listen, and to make a real difference within our school. You are now the voice of your fellow students, helping to share ideas and shape positive change.

We are incredibly proud of you and excited to see the energy, ideas, and enthusiasm you will bring to the role. We know you will make a meaningful impact and help create an even stronger, more connected school community.

ATTENDANCE - WITHDRAWAL OF CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Please consider school hours when arranging appointments for your children. Teachers have planned class time for the education of your child. In some cases appointments during school hours are unavoidable. In these cases, please let the school know prior to children being collected, or in times of urgency please phone the school. When picking children up during school hours please **report to the school office** before collecting your child to sign them out. **Please notify the school ahead of time if it will be someone else collecting your child.**

Class awards

Fantastic to all our tamariki who received an award at our assembly

Endeavour - Cora and Paislee

Endurance - Ben and Pippa

Maungaturoto - AJ and Amelia

Adventure - Ron and Archer

Discovery - Dominic and Jurous



EPRO 8 Challenge Week (Seniors)

What an amazing week our senior students have had participating in the EPro8 Challenge! We are so proud of the teamwork, and problem-solving skills they demonstrated throughout the event.

The EPro8 Challenge is hands-on science and technology tasks where students work in teams to solve engineering and technology-based challenges. Using problem-solving skills, creativity, and collaboration, teams build and construct solutions to a series of tasks within a set time. It's fast-paced, exciting, and encourages critical thinking, resilience, and innovation.

A big congratulations to all of our participants for giving it go!



Tahuna School Swimming Sports

What an absolutely fantastic day at the Tahuna School pool!

Our swimming sports were filled with energy, determination, courage and so much school spirit. Every single swimmer gave it a huge go, and it was incredible to see how all the hard work and dedication during swimming lessons truly paid off. The improvement and confidence on display made us all so proud!

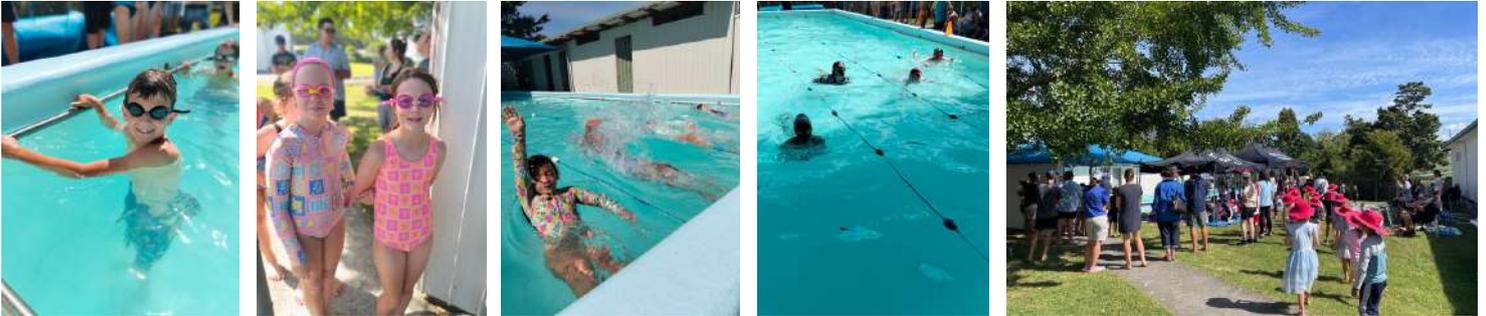
A very special thank you to Sophie Marshall for your wonderful organisation and passion for swimming.

Your effort behind the scenes and on the day ensured the day ran smoothly and was such a success!

Big thanks as well to all our amazing staff and supportive parents who helped make the event so special.

We truly couldn't do it without you. Also a massive round of applause to our hardworking Friends of Tahuna School for putting on an incredible BBQ - it was the perfect addition to a brilliant day!

It was fantastic to see our event so well supported by families and whaanau. That strong sense of community is what makes days like this so special!



Tahuna - Whaanau Afternoon

What a fantastic whaanau afternoon!

Our tamariki enjoyed the pool and playground! It was awesome to see our community connecting, and spending quality time together.

Ngaa mihi to everyone who came along and made it such a special afternoon!



*Our new Student
Councillors for 2026!*



2026 Parent/Whaanau 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>

Tahuna School Working Bee

On Saturday the 18th of April there will be a working bee held at Tahuna School. Term 2 starts on the following Monday the 20th of April. The BOT would appreciate and helpers available to lend a hand. More details will follow closer to the time.

Term Dates to Remember:

13th Mar - Assembly

18th Mar - Subway Lunch

24th Mar - Discovery Room Cyber Safety Information Evening 5.30pm-7pm

27th Mar - Assembly

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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CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING

Supporting your child's safety
and wellbeing online

John Parsons is a national expert in cyber safety. Learn practical ways to protect your tamariki online now, and in the future

**Tuesday 24th March
Discovery Room
5.30pm-7pm**

He will show you how to reduce risks, maximise the benefit of technology and get kids into a happy state of mind as they move towards their teenage years.
We look forward to seeing you there.

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MESSAGE FROM

MILO!



Kia ora Tahuna School whaanau!

It's me, Milo, your favourite four legged friend. I've been keeping an eye on everyone's classrooms, and I must say you are all doing a paw-some job. Keep it up!

I also wanted to say how proud I was of everyone at our Tahuna School Swimming Sports. I stayed well away from the splashing but I had my paws crossed a sausage would roll my way. The smell made my whiskers twitch!

After all that fun, I had to find a quiet spot for an all day nap. The teachers say I snored, but I think I was just dreaming of those sausages.

I can't wait to see what else you do this term!

Purrs and paws-itive thoughts,

Milo



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The logo for FLOW TECH PLUMBING & GAS LTD features a blue gear with a flame inside, and various plumbing tools like a wrench and a pipe. The text "FLOW TECH" is in a large, bold, blue font, with "PLUMBING & GAS LTD" in a smaller, white font below it. The contact information is "SAM HANSEN | 02040236717" and "FLOWTECHWAIKATO@GMAIL.COM".

The logo for DEO FARMS features the text "DEO FARMS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, enclosed in a glowing blue rectangular border. The background is dark with some light effects.