



NEWSLETTER - TERM 1 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

Principal comment

Kia ora koutou,

It has been a very positive and rewarding week at our school. I continue to be inspired by the enthusiasm and kindness our tamariki show each day, both in and beyond the classroom. Their willingness to embrace challenges (Term Value) and support one another reflects the strong values we strive to nurture at our school.

Our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly to create engaging learning experiences, ensuring every child has the opportunity to grow and succeed. I also extend my sincere thanks to our families for their ongoing support and partnership - it makes a meaningful difference.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and inspiring environment where every child can thrive. I am proud of what we have achieved together and excited for what's to come.

Ngaa mihi
Phillip and Staff

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. Survey due by the end of term 1. Please click on the link to respond to our survey.

<https://forms.gle/PLktiWDBhSyncitM8>



Class awards

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

Endeavour - Maggie and Arley

Endurance - Savija and Alisha

Maungaturoto - Abbie and Zoe D

Adventure - Ayla and Divine

Discovery - Zoe S and Bruno



Rural ICARE Values

Box Winners: Liam, Bruno and Florence

Amazing to see our tamariki showing our Rural ICARE Values and congratulations:

Allegra, Brodie, Toby, Charlie, Brodie, Archer, Divine, Melvin, Pippa, Florence, Liam, Melvin, Jayleigh, Toby, Florence, Lucas, Melvin, Zoe S, Maiah, Hollie, Ron, Toby and Ron.

Happy playground today at morning tea with a game of touch, a game of farmer farmer, tree climbing and playground playing.



Thank you

A huge thankyou to Stephen Scherer for removing the agapanthus by the sand pit and down on the Playcentre footpath. We look forward to planting out this garden.

Thank you Brent Lowry for coming to school over the weekend and welding the playground slide, and fixing the fireman's pole!

Interschool Swimming Results

Congratulations to all of our Tahuna School tamariki on their placings at Interschools. We are so proud!

Hannah Edward - 1st Freestyle 7yr old girls
Abbie Fransen - 2nd Backstroke 7yr old girls
Hannah Edward - 3rd Backstroke 7yr old girls
Wade McHardy - 3rd Freestyle 7yr old boys
Doug Moore - 4th Freestyle 7yr old boys
Doug Moore - 3rd Backstroke 7yr old boys
Wade McHardy - 5th Backstroke 7yr old boys
Leah Siddall - 5th Breaststroke 8yr old girls
Toby Vincent - 1st Freestyle 8yr old boys
Toby Vincent - 3rd Backstroke 8yr old boys
Hollie Moore - 1st Backstroke 9yr old girls
Allegra Wilson - 3rd Freestyle 9yr old girls
Hollie Moore - 5th Freestyle 9yr old girls
Marty Edward - 1st Freestyle 9yr old boys
Bruno McNamara - 3rd Freestyle 9yr old boys
Marty Edward - 2nd Backstroke 9yr old boys
Marty Edward - 1st Breaststroke 9yr old boys
Jackson Eichler - 4th Backstroke 10/11yr old boys
Lewis Lehmann - 5th Freestyle 10/11yr old boys
Emilia McHardy - 6th Open Medley
Tahuna School - 3rd 4 x 25m Relay

Bring Your Own Book (BYOB)

Now that there are no more lunchtime swims, lets open up the library! Children will have the option to enjoy some down time for part of their lunch break to read their own books in a quiet space.



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.

Swimming Season

A huge thank you to Martin Foster for always keeping our school pool clean.

As our classroom swimming season comes to an end, we would like to take a moment to celebrate all of our amazing tamariki! Their effort and enthusiasm in the water have been fantastic to see!

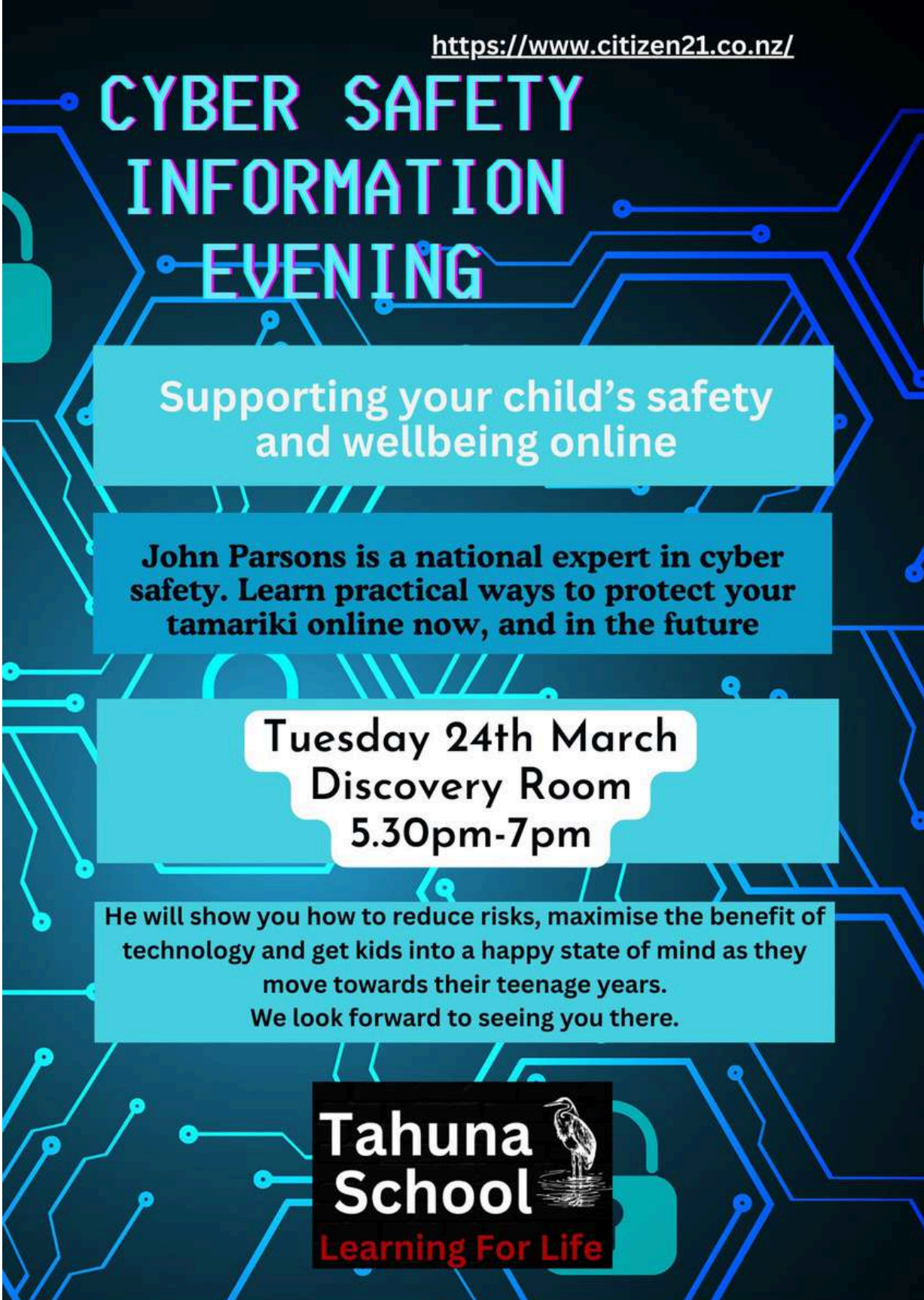
From building new skills to showing resilience, every child has made progress. We are so proud of the positive attitudes and determination they have shown throughout the season!



John Parsons - Cyber Safety Information Evening Reminder

Please ensure you have at least one adult attend this important evening from your household. Learn some invaluable tips and information about your child's digital footprint and safety, now and in the future.

In the case where you have to bring your children with you. We have a plan to supervise children in Endeavour from 5.30pm-7pm. They must remain in Endeavour until collected by a parent/caregiver.



<https://www.citizen21.co.nz/>


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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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.** A big thank you to the families who are following our procedures.

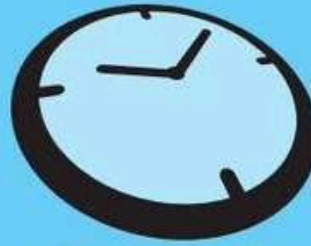


MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Improves reading

Writing + MATHS SKILLS



TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!

MORE SCHOOL =



HIGHER GRADES



INCREASED CONFIDENCE

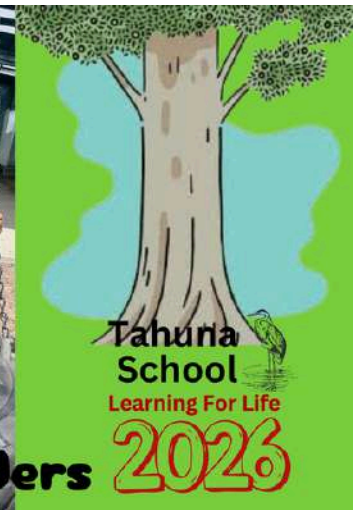
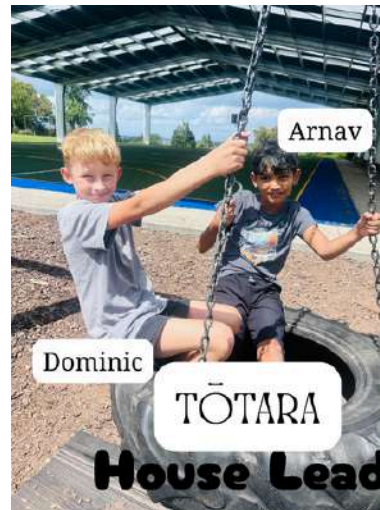
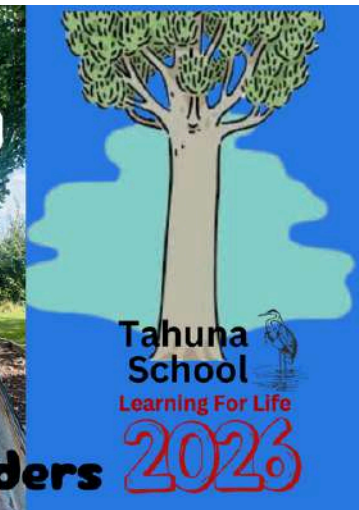
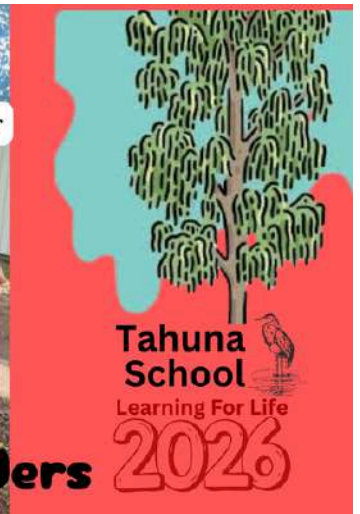
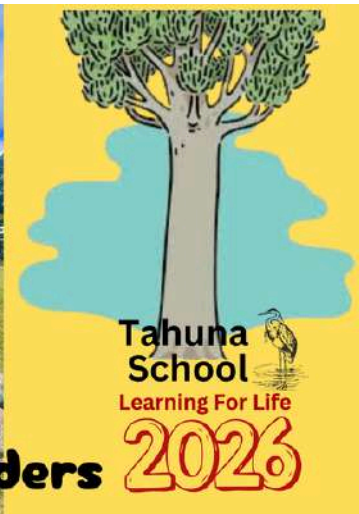


MORE FRIENDS



BRIGHTER FUTURE

OUR HOUSE LEADERS 2026



MESSAGE FROM

MILO!



Hello everyone!

From my sunny vantage point, I'm still enjoying my role as the school's unofficial supervisor, watching all of you from a comfortable distance with a very contented heart. Lately, my joints have been a bit more vocal than they used to be, complaining of those pesky aches and pains that come with a life well-lived, but I want you to know I feel every bit of the love you send my way. The school and community has truly rallied around me, and that collective warmth acts like a cozy blanket for my spirits. I might be moving a little slower, but I've never felt more supported or cherished.

Don't let my quiet observation fool you, though I'm still the same old Milo when it comes to the important things. I am always, and I mean always, up for a round of smooches and cuddles. There's no ache that a good ear or belly scratch can't soothe. When I'm not busy being pampered, I've actually been quite studious! I've found that lounging in a golden patch of sunlight is the absolute best way to absorb a lesson or two. I've been listening closely as you all tackle those tricky addition and subtraction problems. It turns out that numbers are much easier to manage when you have a warm coat and a peaceful spot to think. So, if you see me blinking slowly at you from across the court, just know I'm cheering you on in your friendly games and probably calculating exactly how many treats are left in the jar.

Purrs and whiskers,
Milo

Term Dates to Remember:

24th March - Hearing and Vision

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

25th - Wheels Wednesday

26th March - Bring Your Own Book (BYOB)

27th March - Assembly

30th March - Rocky Shore Trip Discovery & Adventure

27th March - Assembly

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

Fri 3rd April - Easter Weekend/Holidays



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School Policies – SchoolDocs

Our school policies are on a website called SchoolDocs. SchoolDocs provides us with policies, 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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