



NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 WEEK 3

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,

Our School Vision and Values

Vision - To develop dynamic learners who make a positive contribution to our community.

Values - Our Rural ICARES Values; Integrity, Challenge, Ambition, Respect and Encourage.

It has been a very positive start to Term 2 of a 11 week term (20th April - 3rd July) tamariki have returned settled, focused, and ready for learning, and staff have quickly re-established strong routines and expectations. There is a calm and purposeful tone across the school, with a continued emphasis on high-quality teaching, student engagement, and wellbeing. I look forward to building on this strong start and maintaining momentum throughout the term.

Last Thursday we felt incredibly proud of our tamariki as they honoured the ANZACs at our special assembly. Through their thoughtful artwork, heartfelt poems, and shared reflections, they showed deep respect and understanding.

The playing of the Australian and New Zealand national anthems, hearing the names of the soldiers from Tahuna who were killed in action in World Wars 1 and 2, and the sound of the bugle created a powerful and moving atmosphere.

A truly special moment of remembrance - Tahuna Proud!

Ngaa mihi

Phillip and Staff



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

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

Endeavour - Honey and Liana

Endurance - Arthur and Rowell

Maungaturoto - Sabian and Julia-Rose

Adventure - Florence and Divine

Discovery - Indie and Cooper



ANZAC Civic Service

Our tamariki proudly laid a wreath and honoured the ANZACs at the Morrinsville Civic Service held at Howie Park. It was a very moving occasion. Lest we forget.



Student Engagement and Attendance

Tahuna School attendance strategy is currently being implemented and all schools must have one in place for 2026. We are implementing the Ministry of Education's STAR reporting system. We will be posting regular messages in regards to attendance in our school newsletters. We really value working together to support your child's engagement and attendance at school. Regular attendance makes a big difference to learning, and we're here to partner with you to help your child succeed. Please feel free to reach out anytime so we can work together on this.

Term 1 Attendance Data:

77% Regular Attendance (Good - less than 5 days)

19% (Worrying - between 5 and 10 days)

3% (Concerning - between 10 and 15 days)

1% (Serious Concern - 15 days or more)

Letters will be emailed to families when a child moves to yellow, orange and red.

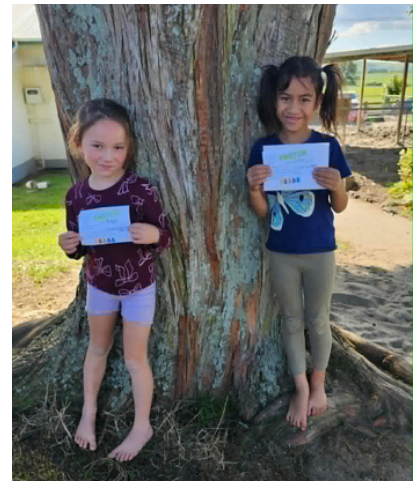
Congratulations to Discovery room who had the best attendance for Term 1 and have won the trip to Ninja Valley in week 11 of this term.

Rural ICARE Values

Box Winners:

Maggie
Honey

Amazing to see our tamariki showing our Rural ICARE Values. Congratulations!



Discovery and Adventure Trip

Our seniors enjoyed an exciting Rocky Shore expedition! The day began with our arrival at Anzac Bay, where we shared morning tea and took part in a range of engaging activities.

Tamariki then explored the estuary, learning about the unique coastal environment and discovering the fascinating life that calls it home.

A fantastic day of hands-on learning and outdoor adventure!

Thanks to the many parents who were able to help with transport and supervision.



EPRO 8 Challenge

We had two teams represent our school at the Interschool EPRO 8 Challenge held at Morrinsville Intermediate. The tamariki were Indie, Jane, Aryan, Lewis, Jurous, Bruno, Hollie & Allegra. Congratulations for your efforts and work!



New Enrolments

As farming change over is happening soon, if you are aware of a family who is considering a well rounded and supportive education we invite them to come in and have a look at our school. Please contact the school office for enquiries on 0273336186 or admin@tahunaschool.school.nz.



MILO'S MEWS

Well... what a start to the term it has been! A cat can barely keep up.

The school has sprung back to life with busy feet, loud bells, and an endless parade of small humans who all seem to think I'm here purely for their entertainment. I've been doing my usual rounds—supervising the playground (from a safe, sunny spot), inspecting lunchboxes (strictly quality control), and weaving between legs just to keep everyone on their toes.

But honestly, I'm still recovering from the absolute betrayal of the holidays.

There I was, enjoying what should have been a peaceful, uninterrupted stretch of sunbathing... when suddenly—BAM! Parents appeared. In the holidays! At school! With water blasters and gardening gloves, no less. My tranquil lounging spot quickly turned into a splash zone and a landscaping project. The audacity. A cat deserves peace, not unexpected hydration.

And then... just when I thought things couldn't get more dramatic—I was whisked away for what I can only describe as a day trip to a very questionable hotel. The humans called it "the vet." Honestly, I wasn't convinced.

Strange smells, no room service, and have you seen the size of those needles?! I kept a very close eye on everyone. Suspicious behaviour all around.

That said... I must admit, I came back feeling much better. So perhaps this "hotel" knows a thing or two after all. Now that things are back in full swing, I've noticed a definite chill in the air. Winter is creeping in, and let me tell you—I am not built for cold mornings. So, I've taken matters into my own paws. If you happen to spot me attempting to sneak into a classroom... no, you didn't. I'm simply conducting a warmth check. And if a door is left open or a teacher isn't looking, well... a cosy sleepover opportunity is hard to resist.

I've tried desks, beanbags, reading corners... all excellent, by the way. Highly recommend.

Lately, I've also been rather pleased with the breakfast situation. Warm meals? Yes please. Finally, some proper service around here.

Anyway, must dash—there's a patch of sun calling my name, and I believe Endeavour left their door slightly open...

Stay warm (unlike me, apparently),

Milo 🐱

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Meet Karin - A Story of Strength and Awareness

Karin has spent many years working in the health and safety profession, passionately supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encouraging others to prioritise their wellbeing. She never imagined that one day, she would become part of the statistic—one of the nine women diagnosed with breast cancer each day.

Now on a journey she never expected, Karin faces each day with determination, resilience, and the unwavering support of those around her. Her story is still unfolding, but her courage continues to inspire everyone who knows her.

Karin shares an important message: Stay on top of your health. Regular mammograms matter. Know your body, pay attention to any changes, and act quickly if something doesn't feel right—these simple steps can make all the difference.

Join us and talk to Karin while supporting the Pink Ribbon Morning Tea to help fund breast cancer education, patient support, research, and advocacy.

WHEN

Tuesday 19th May
9.15 - 10.00am OR 10.15 - 11.00am

WHERE

Health and Safety Connexions Office
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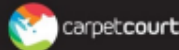
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