



# NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 WEEK 5

# 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,

### **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.

### **Pink Shirt Day was awesome!**

Our assembly was absolutely fantastic, filled with positivity, kindness, and support for standing up against bullying. So proud of everyone who helped make the day special and spread such an important message!



### **Teacher Professional Development**

We are excited to share that three of our teachers recently attended a Structured Literacy workshop to further develop their knowledge and teaching practice. This valuable professional learning opportunity has provided new strategies and insights that will strengthen the support we provide for your children in their literacy learning journey.

We are committed to continually upskilling our staff so we can offer the best possible learning experiences for all our tamariki. We look forward to applying this new knowledge in our classrooms and supporting our learners to grow in confidence and success.

Ngaa mihi,  
Phillip and staff

## St John

Last week - all our tamariki did St John First Aid training.

A huge thank you to St John for teaching our tamariki in such a fun and engaging way. We are so proud of everyone for their participation and willingness to learn how to help others in an accident or emergency.

Ka pai tamariki - these are skills that can make a real difference in our community!



## Class awards

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

Endeavour - Arley and Paislee

Endurance - Hinemaurea and Elijah

Maungaturoto - Doug and Hannah

Adventure - Ron and Madison

Discovery - Arnav and Lewis



## Rural ICARE Values

Box Winners: Zoe S and Paige

Fantastic to see our tamariki showing our Rural ICARE Values and congratulations!

## Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country event is coming up this Friday, and excitement is building across the school! The tamariki have been training hard over the past few weeks, showing determination, perseverance, and enthusiasm during practices.

We are incredibly proud of the effort and positive attitudes they have demonstrated as they prepare for the event. The tamariki are ready to give it their best, support one another, and enjoy a fantastic day of participation and achievement.

## 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](mailto:admin@tahunaschool.school.nz).

# Dates To Remember:

## May

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - Cross Country  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> - Interschools Cross Country  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> - Interschools Cross Country  
Postponement Date  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> - Assembly

## June

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> - Kings Birthday (No School)  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> - Teachers Only Day  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> - Basketball Fun Day  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> - Assembly  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> - Assembly  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> - Ninja Valley

## July

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> - End Of Term Assembly

## 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.



## Save The Date



# SPORTSMANSHIP REMINDER – AS A PARENT, PLAYER AND SPECTATOR

Kia ora whaanau,

As winter sports continue to ramp up, we would like to take the opportunity to remind our community about the importance of positive sportsmanship and keeping ‘positive vibes only’ at the centre of all sporting experiences.

The Good Sports philosophy (as one example) has been around for many years across a wide range of sporting codes. Its purpose is simple - to ensure sport remains a positive, supportive and enjoyable environment for everyone involved. Whether on the sideline, coaching, officiating or playing, we all play a part in creating this atmosphere for our tamariki.

It has been disappointing to hear and read about incidents within our local sporting community recently that have demonstrated the opposite of this message. Sport should be a place where children feel encouraged, respected and safe to learn, grow and enjoy being part of a team.

This reminder is not only for spectators and supporters, but also for our players themselves. We encourage all children to show respect towards their teammates, coaches, referees and opponents at all times - win, lose or draw.

Parents and caregivers also play an important role in helping children understand appropriate behaviour and expectations when representing their team, club and school. It is a parent’s responsibility to ensure their child is respectful towards teammates and coaches, demonstrates good manners and contributes positively to the team environment.

At Tahuna, we are incredibly proud of the way many of our tamariki represent themselves with pride, resilience and kindness while living out our Rural ICARE values. Let’s continue working together to ensure sport remains a positive experience where all children can thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support from the sidelines and beyond.

Tahuna Proud!





As always, any donations of food for  
Milo would be greatly appreciated!  
He's not fussy!  
Ngaa mihi,  
Tahuna Staff

## MILO'S MEWS

Well... apparently I'm no longer the MOST exciting thing to arrive at school this term. 😞

First there was a giant truck backing down MY driveway. Honestly, the nerve. I was supervising from a safe distance (under a bush) when out stepped the strangest looking creature I've ever seen. It had legs longer than the Friday lunch queue, a neck that went on forever, weird spotty patterns, and a face like it couldn't decide whether it was a horse, camel, or dinosaur. The children called it a "giraffe." Personally, I think it looked highly impractical.

The tamariki were VERY excited. Photos, pointing, cheering... honestly, you'd think they'd never seen a furry legend before. Still, deep down we all know who the real school favourite is. (Hint: it naps in sunny spots and demands breakfast twice.)

Meanwhile, preparations for Cross Country are underway. I've been watching training carefully and can confirm some of you run much faster than I do when the vacuum cleaner comes out. Keep up the great effort, tamariki. Remember persistence, determination, and positive vibes as you train!

In other important news, I recently played an excellent game of cat and mouse in one of the teacher's classrooms. I thought it was thrilling enrichment activity. The teacher seemed less impressed for some reason. Apparently "Milo, NOT AGAIN!" means the game is over. Right, I'm off to inspect lunchboxes and find a warm patch of sun before the weather gets colder.

Stay pawsitive,

Milo 🐾

# LOXIES

## PINK RIBBON WINE & PAINT



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