



NEWSLETTER TERM 3 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

Principals Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

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.

Welcome back to all our tamariki, staff, parents, and wider community. We hope you had a restful break and are ready for an exciting Term 3 ahead!

This term, we continue to live by our Rural ICARE Values that guide how we learn, grow, and support one another. Our value focus is 'Respect'.

Let's have another great term together and continue to strengthen our wonderful school culture we have at Tahuna School where our tamariki can thrive!

We welcome Cooper, Lilah, Dominic, Esmie and Ubina who have started this term at our school. We also love to welcome their families.

Congratulations to Sophie and William on the arrival of their first child, Lucia. We are delighted to celebrate this special milestone! Sophie's family are happy with their bundle of joy.

Tahuna Proud Learning for Life

Ngaa mihi

Phillip and Staff



Celebrating our Tamariki success!

Class Awards - Week 2 Assembly

Wonderful terms work!

Endeavour: Lilah and Cooper

Endurance: Arley, Kiara-Lee and Ezekiel

Maungaturoto: Dillion and Maiah

Adventure: Dominic and Allegra

Discovery: Ubina, Zoe S and Navada



Netball

A huge well done to all of our tamariki for their enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship on the netball court. It has been wonderful to see everyone giving their best, supporting one another, and representing our school with Tahuna pride.

A special thank you also goes to our amazing coaches and managers for generously giving their time and encouragement throughout the season. Your commitment and support make such a positive difference to our tamariki and are greatly appreciated.

Tahuna Flash: Manaia, Ezekiel, Kiara-Lee and Maggie, Paislee, Cora, Macy, Alisha and Honey. Coaches Ruby and Imogen.

Tahuna Milky Way: Hannah, Julia-Rose, Sabian, Ralph, Wade, Emily, Hinemaurea and Anika. Coach - Claire.

Tahuna Storm: Emilia, Paige, Zoe H, Lewis, Ayla, Indie, Navada, Leah and Jayleigh. Coach - Janelle and manager - Jacinda.

Teacher and Parents Conferences

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Teacher-Parent Conferences. We truly appreciate your time, support, and partnership in your child's learning. Working together makes a meaningful difference and we look forward to continuing this journey with you. The numbers below reflect the wonderful support by parents who were able to attend.

Discovery - 17/19

Adventure - 8/14

Maungaturoto - 12/14

Endurance - 13/15

Endeavour - 10/12

Hockey - Hockey Season is Almost Here!

We're thrilled to announce that our hockey season kicks off on the 7th August, and we're excited to have three teams this year:

Yr 3/4 Tahuna Force: Doug, Hannah, Ralph, Anika, Wade, and Abbie

Yr 4/5 Tahuna Goal Getters: Marty, Cooper, Sabian, Toby, Brodie, and Charlie

Yr 5/6 Tahuna Strikers: Jane, Emilia, Zoe S, Nevada, Lewis, Hollie, Bruno and Paige

A huge thank you to Sally Moore, Claire Edward, Leasa Crow and Leanne McGrath for generously volunteering their time and energy to manage our teams.

We can't wait for an awesome season of teamwork, skills, and fun on the turf. Let's go, Tahuna teams!

Disco

Get ready to blast off for an unforgettable evening at our **FOS Disco - Galactic Adventure!** Join us for a night filled with music, dancing, and games. 4 year olds are welcome to attend - grab an extra ticket from the office. Come dressed in your best space-themed outfit think astronauts, planets, stars, or anything galactic! There will be prizes, great tunes, and plenty of excitement for everyone.



School Livestock Day - Exciting Collaboration with Tauhei Combined School

Dear Parents and Whaanau,

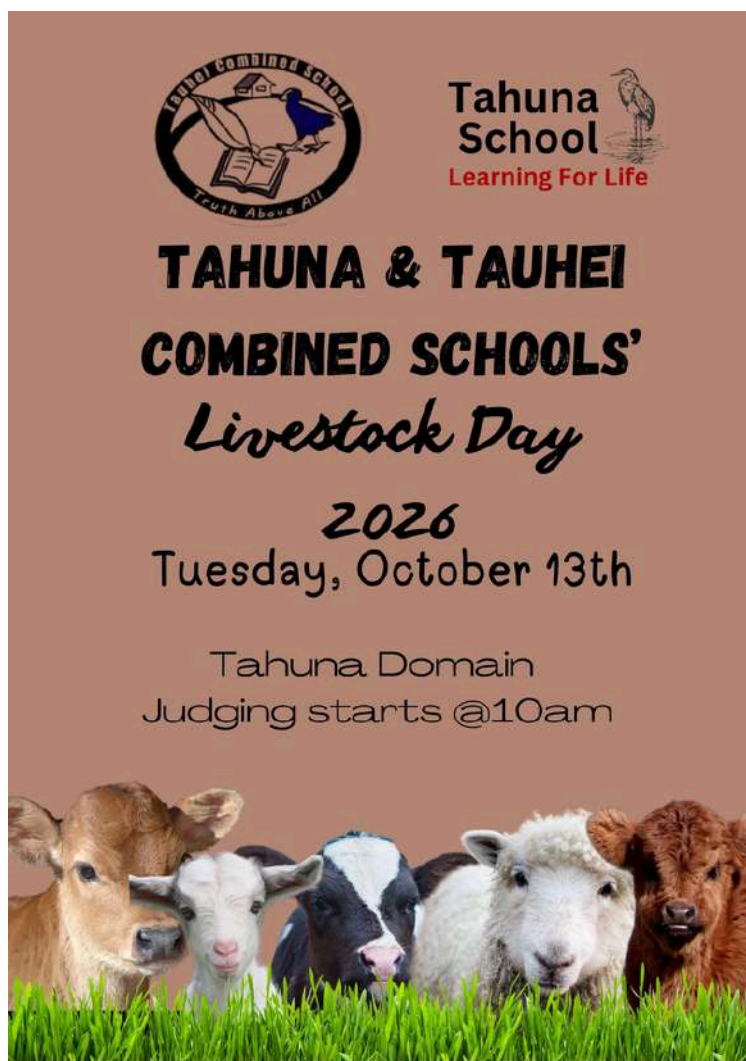
We are excited to let you know that this year's Livestock Day will be a combined event with Tauhei Combined School.

By joining together, we have the opportunity to create an even bigger and better day for our students, families, and wider communities. Some of the benefits of combining our Livestock Day include:

- A larger event with more students participating and showing their animals.
- Increased opportunities for tamariki to meet and connect with peers from another rural school.
- More competition across all sections, making the event even more exciting and rewarding.
- The chance to share resources, knowledge, and expertise between both schools.
- A fantastic community atmosphere, bringing together families and supporters from both school communities.

We believe this collaboration will provide a memorable experience for our students while celebrating the dedication, and hard work they put into raising and preparing their animals.

More information about the event details and entry forms will be shared soon. We look forward to seeing our school community come together with Tauhei Combined School for what promises to be a fantastic Livestock Day.



Dates To Remember:

August

Wed 5th - BOT Meeting 7pm

Thurs 6th - Yr 4-6 Bake Sale

Fri 7th - Hockey Starts

Thurs 13th - FOS School Disco

Friday 14th - Assembly

Wed 19th - Basketball 3x3 Starts

Fri 28th - Daffodil Day, Assembly

September

Mon 7th - Book Fair Week

Fri 11th - Grandparents & Grandfriends Day

Mon 14th - Maori Language Week

Thurs 17th - Soccer/Hockey Fun Day

Fri 18th - Assembly

Mon 21st - Vision & Hearing

Thurs 24th - Subway Lunch

Fri 25th - End Of Term Assembly

MESSAGE FROM

MILO!



Hello, wonderful Tahuna whānau!

Well... what a few weeks I've had! I just wanted to say a huge **meow-sive THANK YOU** to everyone who checked in on me, asked how I was doing, and supported me while I had my very special dental treatment. I felt very loved, and that certainly helped me on the road to recovery.

While I was recuperating, I enjoyed a lovely holiday at Mrs H-P's house. It didn't take me long to make myself completely at home! I sampled all the best napping spots, supervised the household, and, of course, demonstrated a few of my less-than-perfect habits. Apparently scratching the carpet isn't considered "helping with the decorating/**very respectful**"... who knew? I also took every opportunity to secretly sharpen my weapons (also known as my claws), just in case a **rogue leaf or suspicious shoelace needed dealing with.**

The good news is that I'm feeling much better and have settled straight back into school life as if I'd never been away. I'm back patrolling the grounds, greeting visitors, and keeping a close eye on all the learning happening around the school. I may have fewer teeth than before, but I think my new, slightly more gummy smile suits me rather well. After all, a school cat's charm isn't measured by the number of teeth he has -it's measured by the number of pets he can collect!

Thanks again for all your kindness. It's wonderful to be back where I belong.

Purrs and head bumps,

Milo 🐾

Thanks also to the tooth fairy...



Bake Sale

Thursday 6th August



Kia ora whaanau,

Term 4 will bring the biennial kayak trip to Waimarino for our Year 5 & 6 tamariki. Our 2027 Camp date is also locked in and planning has begun for this too, so any donations of baking towards these two trips, to reduce costs for our families would be much appreciated. Year 4-6 Tamariki will sell the baking at morning tea and lunchtime, so clear out those piggy banks and bring a few coins to buy some treats!

WHEN: Thursday, 6th August - Morning Tea & Lunch (until sold out)

WHERE: Discovery Room

WHY: To raise funds for senior trips

COST: Baking will be sold for \$1-2

2027 Camp includes our 2026 Year 4's, who will be attending camp as Year 5's in

Term 1, 2027! How exciting!

Please indicate below if you can supply some baking for our bake sale (sweet or savoury 'finger food').

Ngaa mihi, Year 4-6 tamariki.



I _____ will be happy to show our support for next terms Waimarino trip & the 2027 Year 5-6 Camp by sending some baking along on Thursday August 6th.

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New Enrolments

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

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