



NEWSLETTER TERM 3 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

Principals Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

What a wonderful time to celebrate the many positive things happening across our school community.

Our tamariki have been working incredibly hard in their classrooms, showing great focus, enthusiasm, and pride in their learning. It has also been fantastic to see our beautiful daffodil artwork proudly displayed inside the ANZ Bank in Morrinsville. What an amazing way to share our tamariki's creativity with the wider community!

A huge thank you to our wonderful Friends of School for organising such an awesome disco at the Northern Club. These events create such great opportunities for our school community to come together, have fun, and make special memories!

We were also delighted to welcome Danielle Aitchison to our school. Her visit was fantastic, and we are very grateful for the time, enthusiasm, and inspiration she shared with our tamariki.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and contribute to our school. It is rewarding to see our tamariki thriving and our community working together so positively!

We would like to welcome these students into our school who have just started - Paige R, Mason, Nvonne, Emmanuel, and Zacharie.

Tahuna Proud Learning for Life

Ngaa mihi

Phillip and Staff

DONATE NOW

DAFFODIL DAY

COME JOIN US FOR THE BEST DAFFODIL DAY IN 2026! WITH FACE PAINT, A COLOURING COMPETITION, GUESS THE LOLLY JAR!

DRESS UP IN YELLOW

BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION OR DONATE VIA QR CODE

FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

<https://www.daffodilday.co.nz/tahuna-school>

TERM 2 CHALLENGE

SHOW UP & SHINE!

The class with the best attendance this term wins a FREE class trip to Ninja Valley! Every day you're at school helps your class win!

NINJA VALLEY

NINJA VALLEY - PROUDLY SUPPORTING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

ANZ Bank Daffodil Day Display



Biennial Grandparents' & Grandfriends' Day

Grandparents & Grandfriends Day is coming up! Mark the date on your calendar and invite those important people in your children's lives to join us for a special day at school. They might be a grandparent, aunty, uncle, family friend, neighbour or another special person! While you're here, make sure you pop into our library and browse the Book Fair. There will be plenty of great books to choose from, and every purchase helps us replenish our library with new, exciting and in-demand titles for our tamariki to enjoy. And finally, don't forget to bring along a little cash for the BBQ! We look forward to welcoming our special guests into school and sharing a wonderful day together.

**You are invited to
Grandparents' &
Grandfriends' Day**

**Week 8: Friday 11th
September
11.00am Start**

**& BOOK CHARACTER
Dress Up Day**

Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
Eftpos available!

Programme

- Welcome
- Whole School Song
- Class Sharing
- Classroom viewing/activities
- Followed by...:
- Picnic Lunch

FOS will be running the BBQ
(Beef burgers & FOSages)

SCHOLASTIC



Danielle Aitchison Visit

What a fantastic way to wrap up our Commonwealth Games studies! We were incredibly fortunate to welcome Paralympic athlete Danielle Aitchison to school, who grew up just down the road in Patetonga. Her cousins even attended Tahuna School! Danielle inspired our tamariki with her story, achievements and determination. Danielle shared her experiences as an elite athlete, giving students an insight into the dedication, resilience and hard work required to compete at the highest level. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to see how the qualities we have been learning about through our Commonwealth Games studies can come to life through the experiences of a real New Zealand athlete. A huge thank you to Danielle for sharing her story and inspiring our tamariki to dream big and never give up!



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Basketball 3x3

If you managed to catch some of the Commonwealth Games, you may have spotted both the New Zealand men's and women's teams competing in Basketball 3x3. This fast-paced version of basketball looks like it is replacing miniball in Morrinsville too, with games played on half a court using a single hoop. It's a quick and exciting format that keeps players moving and involved throughout the game. We have a Year 5 & 6 team taking part this term, with Leah, Jurous, Lewis, Aurora and Jackson ready to hit the court. Good luck to our team as they take to the court and begin their six weeks of games!

Hockey

Friday evenings are now busy with hockey. Tahuna has three teams in the competition organised by Morrinsville College. Team numbers are purposely kept low, meaning more touch of the ball and less subbing for all! So far, we have seen some exciting games, with great competition and lots of enthusiasm from our players. Hockey must be one of the few sports where there is no left-handed option when it comes to equipment! This is because using a left-handed stick can increase the risk of collisions, while also making it more challenging for referees to quickly identify which side of the stick a player is using. Our players have embraced the challenge and are doing a fantastic job representing our school on the turf. A quick safety reminder for everyone attending games: please ensure children do not climb the fences around the playing areas. These fences are there for safety, so we ask that children stay on the ground and use the designated entrances and exits.



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TAHUNA & TAUHEI COMBINED SCHOOLS' Livestock Day

2026
Tuesday, October 13th

Tahuna Domain
Judging starts @10am



Livestock Day Entries & Sponsorship

Livestock Day entry forms went home in school bags a couple of weeks ago. If you haven't received one, please collect a form from the school office.

Entry forms are due back no later than Thursday 3 September.

As we are combining with another Tauhei for Livestock Day this year, we are looking for 1-2 major sponsors to help cover the ribbon cost of the event, so this event remains free to participate. In return, your business logo will be proudly printed on all of our Championship Ribbons. If there is one sole sponsor, the logo will feature at both ends of the ribbon; with two sponsors, each sponsor's logo will feature at one end.

If you or your business would like to support Livestock Day through sponsorship, please contact Leasa (leasa@tahunaschool.school.nz), or pop in for a chat about how you can help!

Dates To Remember:

August

**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**

Purr-reetings, everyone!

It's been an eventful couple of weeks for your favourite school cat. I had to pay a visit to the vet because some people claimed my breath was "a bit pongy" – how rude! It turns out I needed a few (okay... all) of my teeth removed because they were rotten or broken. Who knew you're supposed to brush and floss every day? I certainly didn't! Must be all those stones I keep chewing on.

💖 A Very Special Thank You

I wouldn't be sitting here purring today without the incredible love, care, and teamwork of my amazing human support crew! My procedure and recovery were made possible thanks to funds from our wonderful community, alongside a generous boost from my Tooth Fairy Fund, but the majority of my care was donated by the wonderful team at The Referral Centre in Hamilton.

A huge, special cat-thanks to all the team, especially my absolute favourite vet, Dr. Crystal Loh, who looked after my smelly mouth so brilliantly. (If any of your animal buddies are ever in need of some specialist care, I highly recommend my support crew at The Referral Centre!) 🐱👍

I also have to give a big paws-up to Sharnn (Liana, Lewis, and Theo's mum) for running me back and forth to the vets to make sure I was there for my pre-op checks, operation, and laser treatments for my sore gums. 🐱❤️

Since the school can get pretty noisy, Mrs. H-P kindly invited me to stay at her place while I recovered. Lucky for me, I didn't have to call Mr. Otto to arrange a "cat reliever!" What she didn't mention was that she has two dogs and three other cats!

Naturally, I had to establish the hierarchy immediately. My room was at the entrance to the hallway. One of her dogs wouldn't look me in the eye, and instead tiptoed carefully past me, while the other just stood there yapping and carrying on, waiting for a human chaperone to escort them safely past! A swift hiss, yowl, and flash of claws works wonders – I told you I could look after myself!

Once I made my presence felt, I settled right into home life:

Sleeping on Mrs. H-P's bed.

Dribbling on soft furnishings.

Napping on the kitchen bench (she didn't seem to love that one!).

Mastering the cat door to explore outside.

While I did make myself at home, I was very glad to get back to school and return to my normal routine of inspecting children's lunchboxes, and receiving special belly rubs. Though, I have noticed Mrs. H-P has started bringing in food scrap buckets for her pigs at home... where is MY bucket, I ask?! I did manage to pop the lid off the staffroom bucket and swipe out some kiwifruit skins. Not the best meal, but they'll do!

I can't say I've enjoyed having medicine shoved down my throat every day, but it must be doing something right because my coat has never been this soft and shiny! I'm also super excited to see Emily and her mum Anamarie this weekend for their regular feed visits – I've missed them terribly.

See you all around the sunbeams!

How do I look? Not sure whether I need a set of false teeth or not?

Milo 🐾

**PAWS & REFLECT - A
NOTE FROM
MILO!**





Clothing Wanted!

Muddy puddles or a shower of rain doesn't stop our country kids from going outside! So much so, sometimes, they are in need of a change of clothes!

If you are having a clear out over the school holidays, we would love any donations of clothing - particularly in sizes 8-14. Shorts, t-shirts, pants, and sweatshirts would be greatly appreciated.

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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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ANZ Morrinsville Daffodil Day Fundraiser

Bake day and raffles

Date: Friday 28th August 2026

Time: 9.00am until sold out

Location: 221 Thames street, Morrinsville

Raffle tickets sold in ANZ Morrinsville branch
leading up to event date.

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