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27/09/2024 Term 3

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

27th September	Surfing / End of Term 3
14th October	Term 4 Begins
15th October	Tuku Mai, Tuku Atu
16th October	NCEA Options Evening / QRC Experience
21st - 25th October	NCEA Focus Week
23rd October	Year 6 Wananga / Dance Show Case
24th October	YES Taniwha Tank
25th October	Employability Programme
28th October	Labour Day (No School)
29th October	Banana Farm / Senior Leavers Dinner
30th October	Futsal Festival Yr 9/10
31st October	Volleyball Festival Yr 9/10 / Senior Prize Giving
1st November	Touch Tournament Yr 9/10 / Tsunami Drill



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Kia ora whānau,

As Term Three draws to a close, I am delighted to reflect on the fantastic experiences that have defined these past months at Taipa Area School. We have embraced a variety of kaupapa that embody our values of manaakitanga, painga, and mahitahi.

This term commenced with enriching learning opportunities through the Flight Attendant and Pilot Course, where students explored potential careers in aviation and learned from industry professionals. Our students broadened their global views during a cultural exchange with students from the USA, fostering international connections.



Our school participated in diverse sports and cultural events. Highlights included the Senior Girls' triumph at the LING Cup and UNISS in netball and the exhilarating Colour Run organised by the primary school, which brought joy and community spirit to our school. Additionally, our Year 9 students embarked on a three-day sailing journey aboard the Steinlager 2, gaining invaluable life skills and teamwork experience, while our Intermediate students are currently enjoying a week-long trip to Auckland.

Significant cultural and community events, such as the Pou Unveiling, reinforced our commitment to our Iwi of Ngāti Kahu. Our Adventure Tourism class's experience at Manea Footprints and our active participation in events like the 3x3 Basketball and School Ball at Taipa Resort were testaments to our students' perseverance and teamwork.

A particularly poignant moment this term was Mr McDonald's last wananga at Kenana Marae, emphasising a focus on Māori achieving as Māori while embracing other cultures in a safe, inclusive space. This aligns with our school vision, "Kia Ngatahi Te Hoe, Kia whakatore te Waka Te Uta," (Navigate together for success).

Academically, we hosted a well-organised Parent Progress Day. This event brought together students, whānau, and staff to collaboratively set goals supporting our students to achieve their academic targets,

Thank you to our dedicated staff and wonderful students for making Term Three a success. We look forward to an even more exciting Term Four!

Ngā mihi nui,
David Lowe
Principal, Taipa Area School



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NCEA Options Evening

We are excited to invite all Whānau and Years 10-12 students to our NCEA Options Evening on Wednesday, 16th October, starting at 5 PM. This is a valuable opportunity for students and their families to gain insights into the NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement) system and how it aligns with University Entrance requirements.

During the evening, you will:

- Explore NCEA: Learn how the NCEA framework works, including assessment types and credit requirements. Understanding NCEA will help students make informed choices about their subjects.
- Discover University Entrance: Learn the criteria for University Entrance and what is required for students to pursue further education at the tertiary level.
- Subject Pathways: Engage with teachers and advisors who will provide detailed information about the subjects offered at our school. Discover how these subjects align with various career pathways and how they can help students achieve their future goals.
- Q&A: There will be opportunities to ask the teachers' questions and discuss any concerns regarding subject selection, career options, and academic planning.

This evening empowers students and their Whānau to make informed decisions about their educational journey. We look forward to seeing you there and supporting our students as they embark on this critical learning phase!

Primary Pānui

Colour Run Fundraiser:

We are thrilled to report that our recent School Colour Run fundraiser was a fantastic success! 🎉 A heartfelt **thank you** to all the parents and whānau who turned up to support our tamariki. Your enthusiasm and encouragement made the day truly special. It was wonderful to see so many families joining in the fun, creating a vibrant atmosphere filled with laughter and joy. We also want to extend our gratitude to the primary staff for their incredible teamwork and dedication. Your efforts in organizing the event and supporting the students were greatly appreciated. **A special thank you** goes to **Whaea Cynthia** for organising this fantastic event and for setting up such a challenging yet fun course. Her dedication and hard work made this experience truly memorable for us all. The spirit of **mahitahi**, **manaakitanga**, and **painga** was evident throughout the day, showcasing our school values and the community's strength. We had a blast together and raised funds to support our Primary initiatives. Thank you once again for your support! We can't wait for the next event!





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Tai Orooro Tai Auaha - Taumata Toru Wānanga

This term, our Ngā Mango and Ngaru Iti students had the incredible opportunity to attend the Tai Orooro Tai Auaha - Taumata Toru Wānanga. This immersive experience allowed our children to connect deeply with Māori culture and traditions through a series of engaging activities. **Playing the Pukāea**- One of the highlights was the opportunity to play the **pukāea**, a traditional Māori instrument. Students were excited to try their hand at this unique instrument, gaining insight into its role in Māori ceremonies and celebrations. **Learning Waka Commands**- Under the guidance of **Whaea Tracy**, students learned important **waka commands** while holding a **hoe** (paddle). This activity taught them coordination and teamwork, as they moved their paddles in sync with the commands. It was a fantastic way to bring the spirit of the waka to life! **Cultural Arts and Community**- Throughout the wānanga, students also witnessed **Whaea Kylie** weaving and senior students carving, showcasing the incredible craftsmanship and artistry of Māori culture. These demonstrations gave our tamariki a deeper appreciation for the skills and traditions passed down through generations. **Helping with the Hangi** -To cap off the day, our students had the unique experience of helping prepare the **Hangi**. They learned about this traditional cooking method, which embodies the spirit of community and sharing. It was an excellent way to connect with the land and each other. **A Meaningful Experience**- Overall, the Tai Orooro Tai Auaha - Taumata Toru Wānanga was a remarkable experience for our Ngā Mango and Ngaru Iti students. They returned with newfound knowledge, skills, and a greater appreciation for Māori culture. We encourage you to discuss these experiences with your children and support them in sharing what they learned.

A Warm Welcome - Upon arrival, our students were welcomed with a **pōwhiri**, a traditional Māori ceremony that set a respectful and celebratory tone for the day. It was wonderful to see our tamariki embrace this cultural practice with enthusiasm and respect.

Engaging in Traditional Games- Our students participated in **kemu**, traditional Māori games that not only fostered teamwork but also encouraged physical activity and cultural appreciation. These games are a vital part of our heritage, and it was heartening to watch the children enjoy themselves while learning about their significance. **Delicious Kai** - A special highlight of the day was the **delicious kai** our senior students prepared under **Whaea Jess's guidance** and her amazing team of budding chefs. The meal not only nourished our bodies but also embodied the spirit of community and sharing that is central to Māori culture.



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Thank You and a Call for Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help at our upcoming end-of-year camp. We genuinely appreciate your support! We are still in need of male helpers, so come on dads, papas and uncles—your involvement would mean a lot to our students and enhance their experience. Please contact your child's teacher or call the school office (09) 406 0159 if you are interested.

On behalf of all the staff from Primary, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Upcoming events:

Last Day Term 3

Term 4 Starts

Primary End of Year Camp
(Coopers Beach Christian Centre)

27th September 2024

18th October 2024

9 & 10th December (more details to follow)

Ngā mihi maioha,
The Primary team

Intermediate Camp

Wow, what a week! Our students spent a week in Auckland visiting places that allowed them to see all of the learning they have done this year in a real-life, authentic environment.



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A huge thank you to all of the teachers and whānau who joined us this week. Without your support, our tamariki could not have gained these experiences safely.

Another thank you to everyone who helped us along the way with fundraising! It was a massive effort that completely paid off when we saw the look on the kids' faces.

Finally, thank you to all the students who made the most of this week! You demonstrated our school values, had fun, learnt, and built some everlasting core memories!

From the Students' Points of View:

Day 2 - Auckland Zoo

- *Baboons, orangutans, and moustache monkeys were the best to see.*
- *The crocodiles were boring and disappointing.*
- *It was an exquisitely amazing day.*
- *I loved learning about the cheetahs' adaptations and how they survive.*
- *Surprisingly, we were the last ones to see the elephant who is shipped away to a new zoo today*
- *I went in a tunnel and got up close and personal with the meerkat.*
- *The most interesting animal I saw was the lemur because I've only seen it in the cartoon version.*
- *I can finally say I have been to a zoo!*
- *It was so cool to see all the animals we have been learning about at school!*



Day 3 - MOTAT

- *The telephone room was the best room, the old-school wire set-up was amazing*
- *Listening to the vibrations that sound makes from the tuning forks*
- *The tram was so much fun!*



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- I liked looking at how much technology has changed over time - the first iPhone is older than me!
- The energy room was my favourite.
- The olden-day village was cool to walk through and look through the windows.
- The working engines were cool to look at, even the one that was run by fire and coal.
- The model train was amazing, even though it's generations old, it should still be appreciated.
- Learning how to ring people on phones like they had to in the olden days
- It was really cool looking at all the old cars. We even got to sit in one!
- The slide!!!



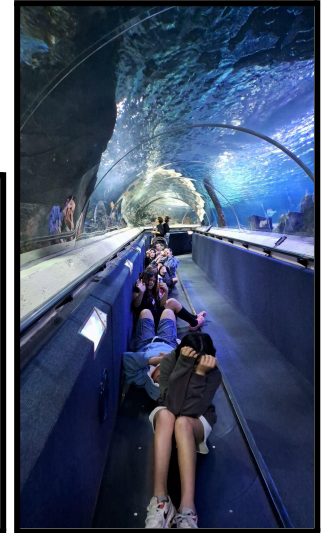
Day 4 - Kelly Tarltons

- Penguins are black on their backs so they blend in with the bottom of the ocean floor to hide from predators.
- A starfish can produce babies by chopping their arm off and then it regenerates into a new starfish.
- When the biggest hermit crab needs a bigger shell, they get in a line from biggest to smallest and all hand their shells down just like we have hand-me-down clothes.
- A turtle uses its shell to protect itself and it's made out of the same thing our fingernails are.



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- *Sharks jaws aren't attached to their body and have been around longer than trees have grown on the earth.*
- *A male seahorse can birth up to 2000 babies at once.*
- *Lobsters can live to over 100 years, but they don't get to because humans love to eat them.*



Day 1 and Day 5



We hope everyone has a restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all back next term.

Noho ora mai,
The Intermediate team



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Safer September

Our SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving) student group has been running some amazing activities this week at school as part of a nationwide focus across New Zealand. Safer September promotes using our roads safely. We started the week with a mufti day. On Tuesday, there was a tyre-changing competition for year 9-13 students. A big thank you to Matua Whetu for organising this and Regan for bringing her car to use in the competition. On Wednesday, there was a 'Dress a Door' competition. Classes were invited to decorate their classroom doors with road safety messages.



Open Day 2024

On Wednesday, September 25th, students from Kaingaroa, Peria, Oruaiti and Mangonui schools came to our Open Day. Students had the opportunity to participate in activities that included Science, Physical Education, and Food Technology. Our visiting students also went on a tour of the school grounds. It was wonderful to host these amazing students at our school, and we look forward to them coming to Taipā in 2025.



Student Representative Elections





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We are excited to welcome Caitlin Russell as the newly elected Student Representative on the Taipa Area School Board for 2025. Voted in by her peers, Caitlin will play a vital role in representing the voice of our students at the governance level. Her election reflects her fellow students' trust and confidence in her leadership, and we are eager to see the positive impact she will bring to the school community.

Caitlin is excited to step into this new role and has already expressed her key objective for the year ahead: to actively listen to the concerns, ideas, and feedback from her peers and ensure their voices are heard in the decision-making processes that shape the future of Taipa Area School. By advocating for the student body from a governance perspective, she aims to build stronger connections between students and the Board, helping to create a school environment where everyone feels supported and valued.

We look forward to working with Caitlin and are confident that her passion and commitment will make a lasting difference for students at Taipa Area School.

Tai Orooro Tai Auaha Senior Wananga

We recently held our last Senior Wananga for the year at Kenana Marae, and it was truly special, centered around the theme of Kaitiakitanga. As always, Te Ao Māori experts from across the country gathered for the pōwhiri on Monday.

This Wananga was particularly significant for our Year 13 students and staff who have been part of Tai Orooro Tai Auaha from the beginning, especially our Rangatira, Christian McDonald, who is heading to Tāmaki Makaurau to be with his whānau and immerse himself in Te Reo Māori. We know you will return with more tools in your kete!

The workshops were outstanding, with a highlight being a new session led by Regan Balzar and her Te Kura Takiwā O Taipa mural crew, who transformed the Kenana Whare Kai with a stunning mural celebrating Ngāti Kahu's incredible whenua and landmarks. This is a fantastic example of how our Wananga leave a legacy and give back to Kenana Marae.

Other highlights included bone carving, Taonga Pūoro, Hangi cooking, marae catering, Kapa Haka, Waka Ama, weaving, and Taonga Tākaro. It was also wonderful to see our primary school students from Ngareiti and Nga Mango participating in workshops and pōwhiri and demonstrating the principle of Tuakana-Teina.

A special mihi to Whaea Tracey and Whaea Te Arere for making this happen and ensuring that the primary students were engaged and followed marae tikanga within such a large group.

The Wananga always provides our students with an authentic Te Ao Māori experience. We thank Whaea Latoya for taking the reins from Matua Christian and passionately driving the kaupapa forward.

We look forward to the continued evolution and development of Tai Orooro Tai Auaha Wananga in 2025!



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Careers / Gateway / STAR

This year has been busier than usual, with our school growing we have the opportunity for more students to do work experience. This year we have had many students out experiencing workplaces and the real world.

- 12 Students have taken part in a customer services course (23 credits level 2)
- 5 have completed the Wai fencing course at Rangiputa Pamu Farms (13 Credits level 2)
- 22 students have passed their learners licence thanks to our tutor Tata Morgan
 - We will be taking another group in December. (2 credits level 1)
- 8 students will be out this month with Tata to be assessed on driving skills to see if they are ready to sit their restricted licence
- 2 students enrolled in the Aviation Aero Science programme.
 - 1 student has completed their exam and the other will sit their exam next month.
- 1 student is busy working through the Aviation Flying programme (20 Credits level 2)
- 5 students have completed a distribution ready course. The practical part of this course is done at Mangonui ITM and we wish to thank them for their positive learning environment. (20 credits level 3)
- 2 students have been doing health papers through Careerforce, with the practical part being completed at Whangaroa Health Services.
- 8 students are heading to Evolution Beauty to do a 3-day beauty course (11 credits level 2)
- We have also had students at Jesse's on the Waterfront, Coastal Homes and Just a Plumber

During August, we were fortunate to attend the Pilot Careers Evening in Auckland at the Air New Zealand Training Centre. During this evening, students talked with people from all of the flying schools in New Zealand and learned which one might be the best fit for them. It was a great experience.





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NCEA Study Help

- Who:** Year 11-13 NCEA Students
What: Help with writing and editing assignments in any subject
Where: Room 13E
When: Every Thursday during Term 4, 2.30pm-4.00pm
Other Details: No cost!
Chrome books provided, just turn up and stay for however long you can.
If you need a ride home, please just let us know.



Year 9 Sailing Adventure Camp

Tuesday was not your average day at school for 24 year 9 students. It marked the beginning of a three-day adventure on Steinlager 2, the boat on which Sir Peter Blake won the Whitbread round-the-world yacht race in 1989/1990.

As well as experiencing our beautiful ocean, sailing Steinlager 2 provided a platform to nurture life skills such as leadership, teamwork, communication, determination, courage and respect as each student learnt the various roles they need to perform in order to reach our destination. Learning to navigate, sail, cook and live on a maxi yacht left us with a great sense of achievement and greater confidence at the end of their journey. The students become part of a crew. Sailing this piece of NZ maritime history was amazing, the crew looked after us so amazingly well and all of us left the boat with memories that will last forever.

"It's a trip I have never imagined I would do. It was so amazing, I would not forget that trip. Steering the boat was very cool" - **Jhaymae**

"I saw whales! I thought we might see dolphins but not whales" - **Raiha**

"The Steinlager boat trip was really fun. If I had the chance I'd go again. A highlight was me and Axel on the grinders" - **Thomas**

"It was annoying how the boat tipped up so much when we tacked, we constantly had to run across the boat from one side to the other side. I loved the swims. The water was really cold but I stayed in the longest." - **Anthony**



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Junior Food Technology

Our year 7-10 students have busy in food technology this week, learning how to make chicken fried rice and pizza dough. The smells coming from the cooking room were making everyone hungry! #foodtech #lifeskills #cooking



Student Success

Congratulations to Regulus Simons for achieving the Duke of Edinburgh Hilary Award at a gold level. This is the highest award for youth development by self-directed growth in NZ. It is an award that encompasses community service, Personal development, physical recreation, an expedition and a residential project.

This is a fantastic achievement. Well done





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School Values Awards

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Positive, Respect and Teamwork reminds us of the impact we can all make by living our values every day. Let's take a moment to celebrate these incredible people. Thank you to everyone who continues contributing to a positive and supportive community. Keep up the great work, and let's keep striving to make our school a place where values shine!

PRIMARY Staff Member awarding the most Kahu Points - **Whāea Kathryn**

PRIMARY Winning Class with the Most Kahu Points - **Ngā Whai**

PRIMARY Most Kahu Points Winner - **Wairua Popata-Mutu**

INTERMEDIATE Staff Member awarding the most Kahu Points - **Whāea Tracey**

INTERMEDIATE Winning Whānau Class with the Most Kahu Points - **7PTLI**

INTERMEDIATE Most Kahu Points - **Tori Pomare**

YEAR 9-10 Staff Member awarding the most Kahu Points - **Miss Tito**

YEAR 9-10 Winning Whānau Class with the Most Kahu Points - **10PJML**

YEAR 9-10 Most Kahu Points Winner - **Cooper Hare**

YEAR 11-13 Staff Member awarding the most Kahu Points - **Whāea Gerlinde**

YEAR 11-13 Winning Whānau Class with the Most Kahu Points - **1213TGAN**

YEAR 11-13 Most Kahu Points Winner - **Tai Smith**

Ngā Mihi,

Whāea Raumati Wynyard





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Bayleys Real Estate Champions Spirit of Excellence at NZSS Croquet Tournament

In an inspiring display of sportsmanship and community support, Bayleys Real Estate proudly sponsored the recent New Zealand Secondary Schools (NZSS) Croquet Tournament. This event not only showcased the skill and dedication of young athletes but also highlighted those who exemplified the ethos of being #altogetherbetter.

Among the participants, Lexi Bradbury from Kaitia College and Kaylee Brown from Taipa Area School formed a standout composite team that truly embodied the spirit of unity, teamwork, and dedication. Their exceptional performance earned them the tournament's prestigious award, which recognises unbeatable teamwork, unbreakable spirit, and an unrelenting drive to succeed.

Bayleys Real Estate's sponsorship included a generous donation of \$200 in fuel vouchers, awarded to Lexi and Kaylee to help cover the travel expenses incurred. This thoughtful gesture not only facilitated the participation of teams from afar but also ensured that financial constraints did not hinder the athletes' opportunities to compete.

We are immensely grateful to Bayleys for their commitment to fostering young talent and enhancing community events through their support. Their contribution goes beyond mere financial assistance; it inspires a sense of community and cooperation that resonates throughout our sports programmes.

We encourage everyone to join us in expressing gratitude to Bayleys Real Estate by acknowledging their significant role in making such events possible. Their support not only sustains the prize money for future tournaments across Aotearoa but also reinforces the values we cherish in our young athletes.

#AltogetherBetter #Bayleys #CommunitySupport





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Emergency Contact Numbers

We strongly encourage families to let the school know any updated information regarding contact details for their children. Please let us know if you recently moved house or changed your phone number. We can't reach you in an emergency if we don't have the correct information.

Attendance

Schools, along with parents and guardians, are legally responsible for ensuring students attend school regularly. Therefore, a student's absence (including medical appointments) must be explained when a student is absent. There are several ways to do this:

- Whanau can phone the school attendance office and leave a message explaining the absence on 09 40960159 ext 1.
- Whanau can email the attendance office at absent@taipa.school.nz
- Whanau can reply to the automatic text sent out when your child fails to attend whanau time and Period 1.

If a student is absent for three or more days, their caregivers must supply a doctor's certificate explaining their absence from school. Medical Certificates can be handed into the main office or emailed to absent@taipa.school.nz

Please also remind your children of the importance of signing in at the office when they arrive at school late. This will ensure that Parents don't get sent an absence message.





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Uniform Exchange

The Uniform Exchange is where students can come and swap out incorrect clothing and shoes for correct school uniform items and KidsCan shoes. Unless otherwise arranged, students must return these items at the end of each day.

It is open every morning during Whanau Time (8:25 am - 8:55 am) and every afternoon from 2:15 pm to 2:40 pm

We desperately need any unwanted School Uniforms you may have lying around the home. Please drop them off at the School Office.

Alternatively, all enquiries can be forwarded to Ellen via email at ellenm@taipa.school.nz.



Community News & Events

TAUPO BAY & TUTUKAKA

KIDS HOLIDAY SURF PROGRAMME

SPRING & SUMMER 2024/25

FREE for 11-18 yr olds

Beginner & intermediate
Build water confidence
Develop surfing skills
Equipment provided

Limited Spaces | Email to book
surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz

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The Dust Palace presents The Icecream is Melting!

Monday 30 September & Tues 1 October

Pay what you can tickets - Book at www.turnercentre.co.nz

The Dust Palace's troupe of incredible circus performers demonstrate aerial skills and acrobatics in a fun and unique ice cream survival story that explores important issues around environmental change in a fantasia of fun.

"Breathtaking, enchanting, greatly appreciated by families...strong ecological messages come through, about protecting the natural world and supporting regeneration" - NZ Herald

Fresh from festivals in Auckland and Hamilton, don't miss this family fun adventure at the Turner Centre in Kerikeri. Great for ages 5-10 but all ages are welcome. Plus learn circus skills in fun workshops!





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