

Newsletter



From the Principal

Kia ora Whānau

Welcome back to Term 1, 2025. Seeing all our new and returning Tamariki at school is wonderful and they have come back ready to learn.

We are having a Meet and Greet with the teachers on the 6th of March from 3.15 to 4.15. Our classrooms will be open for you to come in and see what your child/children have been doing so far. This is a great way to talk about how your child has settled in and what learning they have been doing. There will be a free sausage sizzle, so come along and enjoy the afternoon.

We are very proud of our new road crossing in front of our school. Our students deserve the very best, and we were grateful to get a new improved crossing. It slows traffic down coming around a sharp corner.

Attendance is a hot topic at the moment. It is vital that students are at school attending every day. If they are absent please contact the school. You can do this on our free Skool Loop App. It is a free app that can be downloaded. Instructions have been sent home and are attached to this newsletter. You can view our school calendar and newsletters, get important notifications, send us an absentee, and even sign permission slips.

Ngā Mihi
Renée Taipari

2025 Term Dates:

Term 1: Monday 3 February - Friday 11 April

Term 2: Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June

Term 3: Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

Term 4: Monday 6 October - Thursday 18 December (tbc)

What's Happening in Term 1

- **6 March** - Meet & Greet the Teachers
3.15pm - 4.15pm (Free BBQ)
- **11 March** - BOT Meeting 3.45pm

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Enviroschools

A big thank you to Bunnings Porirua, Palmerston North, Petone and Wellington.

They have created a beautiful space for our tamariki to grow kai and learn about being Kaitiaki for our school environment. Our tamariki are super excited to see what is growing in the gardens and waiting with anticipation for when our vegetables will be ready to eat.

Watch this space. We will be creating our very own Taitoko School Garden Club, where relationships will be made through gardening and hard hands on work. Please come and check out our new gardens.



Absences

Please remember to notify the school if your child is going to be absent.

You can do this by phoning the school office on 368 7658, or by clicking on the 'Report Absence' tab on the Taitoko School Website or Skool App.

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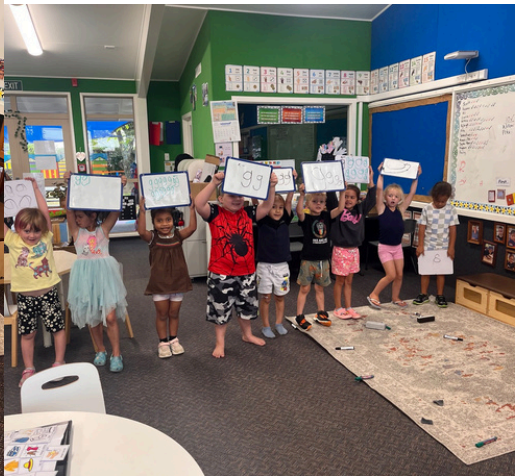


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AROUND THE CLASS ROOMS

Whare Manaaki 1 - Whaea Jessie

In Whare Manaaki 1 we have been learning about the new kaupapa of school. Learning new routines, learning about our new environment and making new friends. We are learning to be safe, to be respectful and a learner. We have started our PMP afternoons (movement stations) and our tamariki are enjoying these sessions. Swimming has been another highlight, learning to be confident in the water.



Whare Manaaki 2 - Whaea Kaya

WM2 are learning all about each other, our families and making connections to one another through whanau whakapapa. Tamariki are really enjoying their reading and writing groups with lots of great progress happening in such a short time! WM2 really looks forward to Swimming on Friday afternoons so please make sure they have towels and togs packed for a nice end to their very busy week.

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Room 2 - Ms Kjestrup

The awesome students in Room 2 are busy bees. We are learning about the Room 2 routines, in particular our Kawa of care with our ipads. And a great start with learning - see their sticker charts filling up!! Go Room 2!



Room 3 - Mr Cullen

Kia ora whanau of room 3.

We have had a busy but exciting start to the year. We have been busy harvesting corn, swimming, making art, using modeling clay pendants, and writing about our favourite memories. Please remember swimming is every Tuesday.

Reading books will be sent home in book bags please make sure you tamariki reads with you at home and returns the book each day.

Room 4 - Mrs Burke

Kia Ora

Ko Morgan toku ingoa.

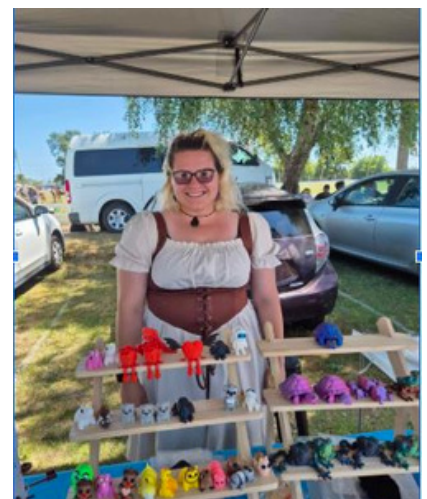
Ko Foxton toku kainga

My name is Morgan Burke. I am from Foxton.

This year I am teaching year 3,4,5 in room 4.

I am the ICT lead. In my class we work on devices and become deeply immersed in the technology world with the help of Manaiakalani.

In my spare time I do 3D Printing and go to markets around the Horowhenua/Manawatu Region.



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Room 5 - Mr Watson

Kia ora Whanāu, my name is Kirk Watson and this will be my 4th year teaching at Taitoko School.

This year I have the privilege of teaching an amazing year 5/6 class in room 5.

We have been enjoying the good weather and enjoying lots of outside games and swimming. We have also been getting back into our class routines and learning.

Please feel free to drop in anytime and say hello.



Room 6 - Mrs King

Room 6 has had a great start to the term.

We are learning about our own cultural identities and our place in the world.

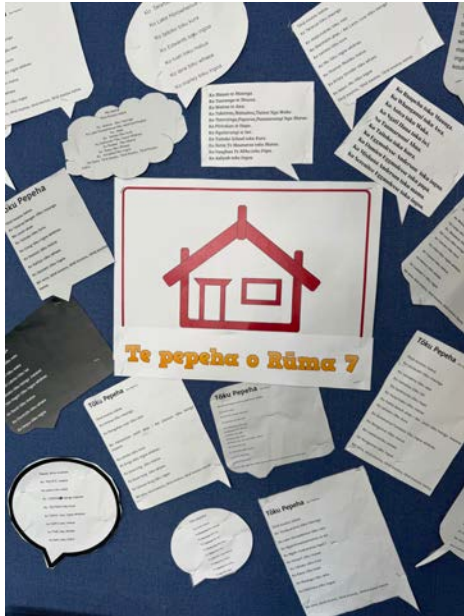
For math our focus is measurement and place value.

My students are great learners.



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Room 7 – Matua Shaun



Kia Ora whānau it is great to have this opportunity to touch base and to say hello! My name is Matua Shaun Blake.

We have had a busy start to the term getting back into school and the students becoming familiar with routines both new and well known.

We have been focusing on Ko Wai Ao, all about me. This is a chance for the kids to bring their own life experience into the classroom. These activities include pepeha writing as well as the development of poupou that feature images of things from the students' lives.

Room 8 – Whaea Tai

In room 8 we have been exploring maths in our learning to support communication and social skills amongst our peers, this has been a great opportunity for all students to get to try something new and find joy in learning.

In the photos students are learning to play Tangle, a board game which is all about strategy.

We have had some students learning how to play Yahtzee (Kauri and Noah) who have then been tasked to 'train' up more students. This is an initiative to support leadership among the class, it has been great to see this happening.



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Cultural Groups

We are excited to kick off our Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups over the next few weeks! These groups provide a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate and connect with their culture through performance and waiata.

As the year progresses, we'll be preparing for local community events and festivals, where we can proudly represent Taitoko School and showcase the rich cultural diversity within our kura. We look forward to a fantastic year of learning, performing, and celebrating together!



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School Crossing

Last year, when local MP Tim Costley came to visit our school, Miss Taipari made sure to inform him of the lack of a school crossing for our tamariki. Given the nature of the bend in the road where our students cross, we are very happy with the outcome.

Thank you to Tim and Ms Taipari, along with the Horowhenua District Council, for making this happen.



Breakfast Club
Monday - Friday 8.15am - 8.45am

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Term 1 - School Hats



Taitoko School promotes sun protection practices to reduce the risk of sun-related harm to students as part of our commitment to providing a safe place to learn. This means that students aren't allowed to play outside without a hat during the summer months.

We do provide sun hats for each student, however, if your child/children bring their own, please pop their name in them in case they get lost.

Taitoko School Policies & Procedures



Taitoko School Board would like to remind our community that Taitoko School has worked with SchoolDocs to ensure our school policies are kept up to date and are easily accessible. These are comprehensive policies that are constantly being reviewed and updated in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines.

You can find these via our school website:

<https://taitoko.school.nz>

Username: taitoko

Password: kinross

You will then be able to view all of our school policies.

SPORTS

TERM 1

RIPPA RUGBY SESSIONS

In School sessions will be held for Year 3 - 8's throughout March and early April

AIMS GAMES

Year 7 and 8's, please return your permission forms if you have not done so already.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are very lucky to be a KickStart Breakfast School and are also lucky to receive bread from KidsCan as part of our breakfast programme. Our Breakfast Club is open Monday to Friday from 8.15am to 8.45am and is held in the staff room and supervised by Whaea Nita



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Our School Values

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I AM SAFE

*Kei Te Ora Ahau
Ou 'Te Saogalemu
'Oku Ou Malu*



 Taitoko School

I AM RESPECTFUL

*Kei Te Whakakoha Ahau
Ou 'Te Faa'aloalo
'Oku Faka'apa'apa'i Au*



 Taitoko School

I AM A LEARNER

*He Akonga Ahau
O Loo Ou Sue Sue
Koe Ako Au Tamasi'i*



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FREE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Held at Hinemoa House Hall,
35-39 Hinemoa St.,
LEVIN

FOR ALL CHILDREN IN YEAR 1-8

Lots of fun and games, crafts, songs, stories, quizzes
AND afternoon tea!



Lighthouse Club

On Tuesdays (Games club) and
Thursdays during term time at
3:15-4:45 pm

Enquiries to Pam Brooking
027 565 0467 or email: pamb@gible.net

Registration and parent signature required on first day

This is a
Christian
programme.
Children will be
given the
opportunity to
respond to the
teaching taught
at these clubs.

Lighthouse Club Registration form

I give permission for (child's name) _____ to attend the
Lighthouse Clubs at Hinemoa House, Hinemoa St. Levin) on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____ DOB _____ Any health issues:(e.g. allergies,
heart condition, asthma etc.) - _____

Permission to apply medical treatment in an emergency? YES / NO (Circle one)

Name of Parent /Caregiver _____ (Please print)

Emergency Name & Phone: _____

Permission to take photos for publication Y / N (Circle one)

Signed _____ Date: _____



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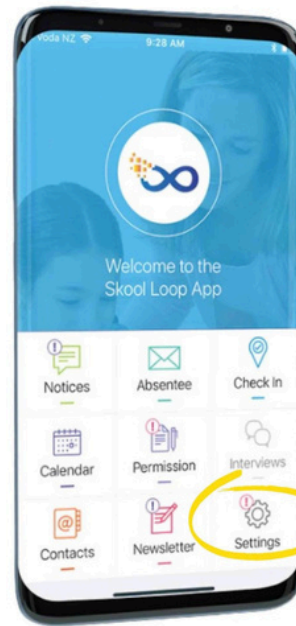
Keeping It COOL

With our Skool Loop app! Download today to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.

Simple free download
Scan the QR code or In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

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HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO NOTICE GROUPS



TO JOIN YOUR SKOOL LOOP APP NOTICE GROUPS, SIMPLY FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW:

- Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen
- Go to 'Subscribe to groups'
- Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from
- You're good to go - you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to

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Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download: In Google Play & App Store search '**Skool Loop**' & choose our school once installed.

- 1** Tap the Absentee button
- 2** If you have multiple schools selected tap on the Switch School icon to select the correct school
- 3** Choose Absentee Form to fill out your details on the app
- 4** or Direct Contact to Call, Email or Text the school directly
- 5** Complete form
- 6** You receive a **Success** message and the school will be notified

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