

Newsletter



From the Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa, talofa lava, kia orana, malo e lelei, and warm greetings to all our whānau, Welcome back to Term 3! A special welcome to our new students and their families who are joining our kura this term – we're so glad to have you as part of our Taitoko whanau. I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank our incredible staff for the compassion and passion they bring to our school every single day. Their dedication makes a real difference in the lives of our tamariki.

Attendance is vital to student's learning success. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please make sure to contact us. You can do this easily and for free through the Skool Loop app, which allows you to message us directly and it is free!

It is also important to make sure we have the correct phone numbers and addresses. Please ensure we have your current phone number and address on file. This term, we're very proud to be sending our Rippa Rugby team to the AIMS Games – the very first time Taitoko has taken part in this national competition!

We cannot thank our staff, whānau, and wider community enough for the aroha, support, and hard mahi that has made this possible for our students. Looking ahead, we're excited to showcase the amazing talents of our students in Taitoko Has Talent at the end of the term. There will be a variety of performances from individuals, groups, and classes – keep an eye out for more information coming soon. A quick reminder: Teacher Only Day is on the 11th of August, as our staff will be taking part in professional learning and development around the new maths curriculum.

Ngā Mihi
Renée Taipari



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Events and Reminders – Term 3

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Monday 11 August – school closed

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 26 August @ 3.45pm

DAFFODIL DAY

Friday 29 August

AIMS GAMES

Monday 1 September – Friday 5 September

SCHOOL BOARD PARENT ELECTIONS

Voting closes at 4pm, Wednesday 10 September

END OF TERM 3

Friday 19 September

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STUDENT ATTENDANCE

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us.

If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school. you can ask for support by:

- speaking with your child's teacher,
- sending us a message on the Skool Loop app,
- clicking on the 'Report Absence' tab on the Taitoko School website,
- email: office@taitoko.school.nz, or
- calling us on 368 7658

Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact us so we can work together.

**Today's learners are tomorrow's leaders.
Give them the best start – get them to school.**



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AROUND THE SCHOOL

Knitting for Students

We want to give a huge heartfelt thank you to the wonderful ladies from the Masonic Lodge who have lovingly knitted beautiful scarves, fingerless gloves, slippers, jerseys and headbands for our tamariki. Their kindness, time and skill have wrapped our tamariki not just in warmth but in aroha. Every stitch tells a story of care and connection and our school is feeling it this winter.

Thank you for keeping our tamariki cosy and showing them what community truly means.



Book Character Day

Our Book Character dress up day was a lot of fun. Most of the staff seemed to have come from different magical realms. A lot of effort was put in to this years costumes. Congratulations to all of our winners!



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Book Battle

We were very proud of the 11 students who participated in the Manawatū Literacy Association Book Battle at Levin Intermediate School on June the 26th. They joined in with a positive attitude and had lots of fun.



Room 6

Room 6 has been busy with different science experiments. They have been using a hypothesis-rich question to find out if an egg can bounce, and what egg cells look like under a microscope.



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.



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Taitoko School AIMS Games Team 2025 – Training & Fundraising Update

Excitement is building as our Taitoko School AIMS Games team continues their preparations for the big event in Tauranga this September. With students representing us in both Rippa Rugby and Cross Country, there's plenty happening on and off the field!

Our Rippa Rugby team has been putting in the mahi with regular lunchtime training sessions. Rain or shine, their energy and teamwork have been inspiring to watch. Meanwhile, our dedicated cross-country runner has been clocking up the kilometres through a personal runathon challenge. To help make this trip possible, the team has also been fundraising. Efforts have included pizza days, a sponsored working bee at school, sausage sizzles at Saturday morning rugby games, which have been a great success!

Every event has brought our school community together and helped build momentum towards our goal.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of our generous sponsors:

Gold Sponsors:

- ★ Milestone Homes Ltd
- ★ Wilton and Co Ltd
- ★ RJ Homes Ltd
- ★ Prime Scaffold Ltd

Silver Sponsors:

- ★ Aquashield Roofing Ltd
- ★ Hyndman Construction Ltd

Please support these businesses where you can, even as a recommendation to your own community.

A huge thank you to all our wider school community, whānau, and friends who have supported our fundraisers so far, we couldn't do it without you!

Keep an eye on the school Facebook for more updates as we continue our journey to the AIMS Games.

Ngā mihi nui,
Taitoko School AIMS Games Team

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The poster features a central graphic with the text 'ICE SKATE TOUR' in large, stylized, blue and white letters. The background is a light blue grid with radiating lines. Several cartoon-style figures of people in winter gear are shown skating. A QR code is located in the top right corner.

Get ready for a fun, ice-cool skating experience!

<p>General Sessions</p> <p>Wednesday 27 August - Sunday 31 August</p> <p>Kids under 18: \$8pp - (\$10pp door sales) Adults 18+: \$12pp - (\$15pp door sales) Family Pass - 2 kids + 2 adults OR 1 adult + 3 kids: \$32 - (\$40 door sales)</p>	<p>Whānau Disco Night</p> <p>Wednesday 27 August</p> <p>Kids under 18: \$12pp - (\$15pp door sales) Adults 18+: \$15pp - (\$20pp door sales) Family Pass 2 kids + 2 adults OR 1 adult + 3 kids: \$48 - (\$60 door sales)</p>
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 **Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō (The Youth Space), Levin**

 Tickets & session times available online at eventfinda.
Scan the QR Code or search Ice Skate Tour - Levin - Eventfinda

Door sales only available if pre-sale tickets don't sell out. Each session lasts at least 30 minutes and may go longer if space allows. Cash & Eftpos sales available. By purchasing your tickets online, you agree to our events terms and conditions. Price includes skates and helmets.

 **Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō**
Horowhenua Culture & Community Centre

 **Horowhenua**
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Taitoko School Board Elections Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of 5 parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with this notice, and the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Wednesday, **6th of August 2025**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination. The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm on Wednesday, 10th of September 2025**.

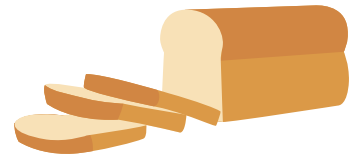
Signed
Leilani Iva
Returning Officer

SPORTS

TERM 3

VOLLEYBALL SESSIONS

In School volleyball sessions will be held for Years 4 - 8's every Tuesday for 5 weeks starting on the 22nd of July

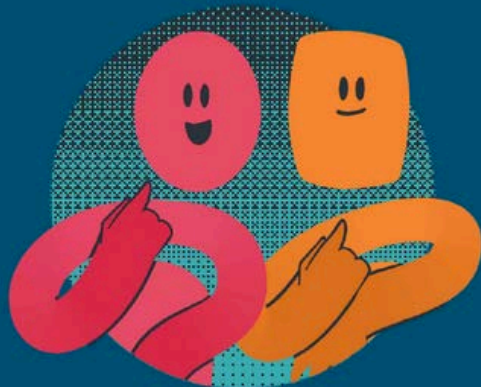


BREAKFAST CLUB

We are very lucky to be a KickStart Breakfast School who provides us with weetbix and milk.

We 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



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member.

Returning Officer: Leilani Iva, office@taitoko.school.nz





REMEMBER our KickStart Breakfast Club is open Monday - Friday from 8.15am and everyone is welcome to come in for a bowl of Weet-Bix & Anchor milk!



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Taitoko School wish to thank the following businesses for sponsoring our school app, without them this would not be possible



If you would like to advertise on the Taitoko School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com

To download our app:
In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose Taitoko School once installed.

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.

