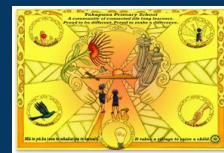


Whānau Kiwi Newsletter



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Kia ora and welcome to Term 4, 2026!

Welcome back to Term 4! It is hard to believe that this is already the final term of the year. We hope you had a wonderful break and, like us, are ready for a fun and exciting term ahead. A special welcome to all our new families joining us this term. We hope you settle in quickly and enjoy being part of the TPS whānau.

This term, we are excited to welcome Sarah OC and Denise to our teaching team. They will be teaching in our New Entrant class, Room 6B. We are looking forward to a wonderful Term 4 filled with learning, friendships and lots of fun!

With the weather beginning to warm up it is timely to share a few of reminders:

- In term 4 all students will swim once each week as part of our Swim Safe Physical Education programme. Your teacher will communicate your child's Swim Safe day with you.
- Kiwi lunchtime swimming will take place on Tuesdays. This is an optional extra opportunity for students to swim in the school pool during lunchtime.
- Hats are compulsory. If your child doesn't bring a wide-brimmed hat they will only be able to play in the shade area near the school hall at break times.
- Please name **all** clothing.
- We encourage the use of sunblock before coming to school.
- Remember to pack a drink bottle.
- Sandals are a good choice as the days get warmer.
- Please encourage your child to see one of the teachers on duty if they need any help at break times. The duty teachers wear a pink vest so they are easy to find.

Highlights this term include our Athletics Day at the Takapuna Athletics Club and our annual Beach Picnic at Takapuna Beach. We would love it if you could join us at both these events. The dates are in our Fridge List and more details will follow shortly.

Key Curriculum Areas

This term, we are exploring "Cooking is Science: Discovering Change in the Kitchen." Students will investigate how ingredients change when we mix, heat, cool, melt and freeze while learning about kitchen safety.

In Literacy- This term, we will continue with a weekly phonics focus and read BSLA and Colour Wheel books. We will also dig deeper into our reading by answering comprehension questions, making simple inferences, retelling the story and sharing our favourite part.

In Writing we will be integrating our Inquiry into our writing to ensure learners are given opportunities to apply their learning. We will continue write for different purposes—entertaining, informing, and persuading—using simple and compound sentences. We will practise our letter formation and the process of 'think, write, and check' our work.

In Mathematics, we will be covering:

Spatial reasoning. Students will use shapes to make new shapes and patterns, and practise flipping, turning and sliding shapes in different ways.

Number- We will also explore **number structure**, building our understanding of how numbers are made, represented and connected. We will use our skip-counting knowledge to explore simple **multiplication and division** through equal groups, sharing and grouping. We will learn to recognise and identify simple **fractions** and find fractions of a set of objects, such as finding half or a quarter of a group. We will explore **measurement** by estimating, comparing and measuring length, mass and capacity using standard units such as cm, g and mL. We will also learn about perimeter by measuring the distance around 2D shapes.

Key Dates

Please check the school calendar regularly. Click [here](#).

Reminders

For any last minute changes going to Kelly Club or pick ups please contact the office as teachers often do not get the opportunity to check their email during the day. Email- office@tps.school.nz

Please check HERO regularly for school communications and important notices.

It would really help us out to have their book bag with their reading book and reading log come to school every day.

Reading everyday with your child makes such a difference in their progress. Choose a time that works best for you and your child.

School Hours/Absences

School hours are 9 - 3pm

- Learners can be at school from 8:30am.
- If your child is absent please contact the office.
office@tps.school.nz
- For appointments during school hours please sign your child out at the office before collecting them.
- Please let your child's teacher know if they attend Kelly Club

Key Curriculum Areas continued	
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A highlight this term will be our Whole School Athletics Day, held at the Takapuna Athletics Club grounds. In the lead-up, our PE lessons will focus on fun athletics rotations, where students will develop their running, jumping and throwing skills. We will need parent helpers to make this day successful. Your teacher will communicate further information shortly.

Towards the end of the term we will be making Christmas/ end of the year crafts.

What's Happening This Term

Week 2 Wednesday 21/10 NZ Shake Out 2026 - Earthquake Drill 1:30pm

Week 3 Monday 26/10 Labour Day Public Holiday (no school)

Week 5 Tuesday 10/11 TPS Athletics Carnival at Onewa Domain, **Friday 13/11** - End of year DISCO

Week 6 Friday 20/11 Teddy Bear's Picnic

Week 7 Friday 27/11- TPS TRYathlon

Week 10 Wednesday 16/12 Last day of school!

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Home Learning

We would suggest keeping any home learning light and short (around 15 minutes). The priority would be reading the school reader or discussing the letter sounds they have been learning about this week. Reading a picture book together, sharing about our day and working together on chores or everyday tasks help oral language and basic maths skills. You are welcome to talk to your child's teacher for more personalised advice.

This is a sample of what a Kiwi class' timetable might look like.

Term 4 Timetable- 2026

	Monday - Rāhina	Tuesday - Rātū	Wednesday - Rāapa	Thursday - Rāpare	Friday - Rāmere
9.00 - 9.10	Karakia, Rārangi ingoa				
9.10 - 9.30	Writing	Reading	Writing	Writing	Assembly / Writing
9.30 - 10.00	Top Up - Kai timetable (snack)				
10.00 - 10.30	Mathematics	Swimming	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
10.30 - 11.00	Morning Tea - Kai Iti				
11.00 - 11.30	Phonics	Te Ao Māori	Phonics	Reading	Te Reo
12.00 - 12.30	Reading		Reading	Kiwi Kapa Haka	Poem and Spelling
12.30 - 1.00	Library				
1.00 - 1.30	Lunchtime play				
1.30 - 1.45	Lunch eating - Wā tina				
1.45 - 2.00	Rārangi ingoa / Roll/Buddy Reading				
2.00 - 2.10	Handwriting	Week 1-4 Athletics	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting
2.10 - 2.50	Writing		Mathematics	Inquiry	Art
2.50 - 3.00	Tidy up - Wā whakapal and Karakia Te reo - Kiwi Wātao Home time - Wā kainga				

Kiwi Team Overview Term 4

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