



WHĀNAU TŪI

TERM 4 2026 - NEWSLETTER

Kia ora Tūi Team Whānau,

Welcome to Term 4! We hope you enjoyed a relaxing break and some special time together. It has been wonderful welcoming our learners back for the final term of the year.

THE TEAM

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SCHOOL KEY DATES

Week 3

Monday 26th October - Labour Day No School

Friday 30th October - Diwali afternoon

Week 5

Tuesday 10th November - TPS Athletics Carnival

Friday 13th November - Disco

Week 6

Tuesday 17th November

Takapuna Library Trip - Tui A & B
- Tui C & D

Wednesday 18th November

Takapuna Library Trip - Tui E



Please check
the TPS
calendar [here](#)
for updates.

Week 7

Friday 27th November - TPS TRYathlon

Week 8

Thursday 3rd December - Beach Picnic

Friday 4th December - Christmas Picnic,
Cluster Athletics

Week 9

Thursday 10th December - Pizza and wheels day

Week 10

Wednesday 16th December - Term 4 ends

CURRICULUM

Our Learning This Term

Inquiry | Cooking is Science: Discovering Changes in the Kitchen

Our young scientists will investigate how ingredients change through heating and cooling, while learning about kitchen safety.

Literacy

Through narrative writing, learners will develop characters, settings and engaging stories while working towards their individual writing goals. Reading will take an exciting new approach with interest-based groups, building comprehension, vocabulary, decoding and discussion skills.

Mathematics

Our learning will cover Geometry (spatial reasoning), Number (number structure and rational numbers) and Measurement (perimeter, area and volume).

Physical Education & Water Skills for Life

We begin with athletics in preparation for our Week 5 carnival, followed by small ball skills. Our compulsory Water Skills for Life programme will develop water confidence and essential safety skills. Please ensure swimming gear is brought on allocated days.

Special Events

Takapuna Library Visit | Week 6

We will visit our local library to inspire a love of reading. Parent helpers are needed, so please contact your child's teacher if you can join us.

Annual Beach Picnic

We look forward to celebrating this much-loved TPS tradition, which has brought our school community together for over 100 years! A wonderful way to finish another year of learning.

HOMELEARNING

Reading & Spelling – 15+ Minutes Daily

Regular reading at home helps children build confidence, fluency and a love of reading. We encourage all learners to read for at least 15 minutes each day. Some children will bring home a reading book, while others can enjoy a book of their own choice.

Please use your child's home reading notebook to record their daily reading and sign each entry.

A new spelling pattern will also be shared in the notebook each week. Your child's teacher will provide further information about the spelling routine for their class.

Here is a sample of a Tūi classroom's timetable.

Please note that responsive teacher practice means there could be changes to what a class timetable looks like on a week to week basis.

Each class may also adapt the timetable based on the needs of the learners.

Reading, Writing and Mathematics is integrated into our Inquiry teaching. As a result the requirement to teach an hour minimum of Reading, Writing and Mathematics is deliberately planned for and met.

REMINDERS

- **Book Bags:** To help care for our readers and library books, please ensure your child brings a book bag to school each day.
- **Uniform:** Please clearly name all clothing, especially during swimming season when items can easily get mixed up.
- **Sun Safety:** Brimmed hats are compulsory this term to keep our learners sun safe.
- **HERO:** Please check HERO regularly to stay up to date with school notices, events and important information.
- **Contacting School:** For urgent messages during school hours, please contact the school office at office@tps.school.nz.

SAMPLE TIMETABLE & OVERVIEW

Tūi Planning Overview			
Writing	Narrative and persuasive writing Learners will continue to focus on their individual goals.		
Reading	Reading is taught in groups based on learners needs. Better Start Literacy Approach for some learners.		
Mathematics	Geometry: Spatial Reasoning	Number: Number Structure, Rational Numbers	Measurement - Perimeter, Area, Volume
Health & PE	Athletics Rotation, Small Ball Skills		
Inquiry	Cooking is Science: Discovering Change in the Kitchen. Students investigate changes that occur when heating and cooling is applied to kitchen ingredients. Students explore ways to reduce risk in the kitchen.		
Spelling	Phonological teaching of spelling rules and patterns, understanding of word meanings and how we can change them to make new words		
Handwriting	Learning to form letters correctly/ sloping letters / cursive		
Te Ao Māori	1 hour with specialist Te Ao Māori teacher. Shapes and classroom object kupu		
The Arts	A day with specialist teacher Claire.		

Sample Tūi Timetable					
	Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
	Paepae - Start the day the Aotearoa way (karakia, waiata, pepeha, kupu)				
9:10-9:50AM	Writing				Assembly/ Writing
	Fitness				
10 - 11am	Reading / Library Visit once a week				
11 - 11:30am - MORNING TEA					
11:30 - 1pm	Handwriting				
	Spelling				
	Mathematics				
1 - 1:50pm - LUNCH					
1:45 - 2:45pm	Inquiry	Te Ao Māori with Kipa	Athletics Rotation PE	Water Skills for Life	Inquiry

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TŪI WEBSITE

<https://sites.google.com/tps.school.nz/tui2025/home>

This website is updated each term to include links for our Inquiry learning. You can also find resources for Reading, Writing and Mathematics.