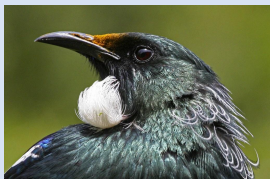


# Whānau Tūi Newsletter

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### KEY DATES:

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

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to Term 1, 2023! We would like to extend an extra warm welcome to our families who are new to Tūi whānau and new to TPS.

Our Te Hui Whakapiri last week was a key step in us getting to know you and your child, and vice versa. **Building relationships will continue to be the main focus of our class programmes over these first few weeks.** This is so important in order for learning to happen. Meanwhile, we will also be establishing where each learner is at in their learning so that we can begin targeted teaching in Literacy and Numeracy. We will plan for Mathematics and Literacy according to the learning needs within each class.

**In Inquiry** this term our tamariki will build knowledge in the area of Culture and Identity. They will also develop their understanding of the idea that the past is connected to the present. The children will talk about where their own ancestry links to, learn key stories of Māori voyaging through the Pacific, and explore the use of different waka in this. This is a very exciting term as we explicitly teach components of the new [Aotearoa NZ Histories Curriculum](#) for the first time.

**Digital Technology** - Our focus will be the use of Jamboard and Scratch. Children will first learn how to be responsible users of technology.

**Health and P.E** - Once the pool is open, we will teach the Water Skills for Life programme. We will cover the land sessions of this programme while we wait for the pool to be available. In other P.E. lessons we will continue to build relationships through various co-operative games. We will also have a weekly Tūi sports rotation.

**Visual Arts** - We will explore the use of colour to convey a mood or feeling, using paint or pastels.

**Te Ao Māori** and **Te Reo Māori** continue to be part of our weekly teaching and learning programmes.

\*\*\*\* **Homework** \*\*\*\*

### **Reading - 15+ mins per day**

Some learners will bring home a reader from school. (From Week 4.) Others will be asked to read something of their own choice at home.

### **Maths & Spelling**

Please look out for further information from your child's guardian class teacher.

Ngā mihi, Tūi teachers

### REMINDERS:

- **Hats are compulsory** this term.
- **Uniform reminder:** Please clearly name all uniform items so that we can more easily return lost items to their owners.
- **Stationery:** Please name and send to school as soon as possible.
- **Devices:** If your child has their own device, please send to school from Week 3.

If you have any questions, please email or pop in and see us.  
We encourage you to be proactive and make a time with us if you would like to know more about how your child is going at school.