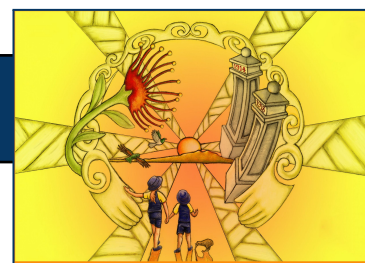


Whānau Kererū Newsletter

Mā te pā ka taea te whakatipu te tamaiti - It takes a village to raise a child



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Dear Whānau,

Welcome to Term Two! We are excited about all the activities we have planned for the upcoming term. We have started the term with some excellent learning around **ANZAC Day** which included a commemoration at the ANZAC Gates at the entrance to TPS along with in-class activities. We are heading into **Book Week** this week and are grateful for your support with the many learning opportunities happening school-wide. Literacy is an integral part of students' education and we love seeing the students celebrating during this week.

Key Dates:

https://www.tps.school.nz/our-school_1/calendar

Monday May 8	Tree Planting to commemorate the King's Coronation
Monday May 8-12	Book Week (Character Parade Tuesday)
Wednesday 17 May	Netsafe Parent Evening 5:30 - 7:00pm School Hall
Friday May 19	Pink Shirt Day
Thursday May 25	Parent Literacy Information Evening 6:00 - 7:00pm
Thursday June 1	Whānau Māori hui
Monday June 5	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday June 16	School Disco
Friday June 30	Last Day of Term



School Uniform

Please remember to name all uniform pieces clearly. It is much easier to return lost items to their owners.

Curriculum:

Our Inquiry topic this term continues with 'Aotearoa New Zealand Histories'. The basis of this term's learning is Kūmara. Learners will investigate how Māori were able to cultivate this vegetable using their clever knowledge of the land.



We will also be having a hangi at school which is always a very special and exciting event. This will occur in Term Three, the date will be advised.

- We would love it if you could please check-in and see if your child requires any stationery to be topped-up.
- Please continue to encourage your child to read at home every night for at least twenty minutes. This may also look like you reading to/with them. We are always happy to provide guidance if you are unsure of how to encourage your child to read, or if you have any general questions. Please do not hesitate to contact us as we are all specialised in this area and have many tips and tricks for you. Please also note the **Literacy Evening** stated in Key Dates above. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to come along and find out what we are doing in the classroom and ways you can support learning at home.
- Maths at home can be supporting learning of Basic Facts. Students have many digital platforms available depending on what they are doing in class. They can access Prototec, Khan Academy, Top Marks etc. Again, please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like assistance with ideas.

Sports

We have a wide variety of sports happening this term. Well done to those students participating in the many opportunities available. Please visit the Sports section of the school website ([link here](#)) to see our sports information. For any other queries regarding sport please get in touch with Anneke on sports@tps.school.nz



Production

Plans are well underway for our school production. We are thrilled that this is able to take place this year after several years of being unable to perform for our wonderful community. Please mark **August 31st** in your calendars! More details will follow in the weeks to come.

School Newsletter

One of the main forms of communication that we use is the fortnightly school newsletter. This has important information about upcoming events, PTA news, celebrations, and other messages. This will be emailed on alternate Thursdays!

Keep an eye on your Hero app for important information. *If you need support setting up or gaining access to Hero please talk to your class teacher.*



Ngā mihi,
Whānau Kererū.

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