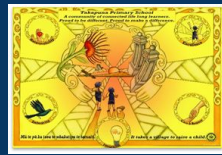


# Whānau Kiwi Newsletter



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If you have any questions,  
please email us.

## Kia ora and welcome to Term 3 2023!

We hope you had a lovely holiday. A special welcome to our new learners and families. We hope you enjoy your time at Takapuna Primary. We have an exciting term coming up with our school production and annual cross country being two highlights.

### Key Curriculum Areas

For our Strand Maths this term, we are focusing on Geometry and Mapping. Here we will be learning the language of direction (eg half turn, quarter turn, left, right, forwards, backwards, up and down). Later in the term, we will learn about different types of measurement including volume, weight and money. Throughout the term, we will continue to develop our number knowledge.

In literacy, we are focusing on sentence structure. What a sentence looks like, how we read a sentence and how we can write a sentence. We will continue this focus during reading sessions, narrowing in on punctuation and using expression as the writer intended. As always, we continue to build knowledge of letter sounds and their combinations.

Better Start Literacy is a big part of our reading, writing and phonics program. We encourage learners to read one page at a time. We have created a few videos to share how learners read each page. Notice how the teacher pauses, prompts the learner with help and praises them. A Kakano book example video [here](#). A Tupu book example [here](#). The third video demonstrates how learners can move tiles to make and break (segment and blend) words in a word chain. See this [here](#).

While we are learning our production dance, we are also learning about different elements of dance. These include: body, space, time, energy and relationships.

## What's Happening This Term

This term we are working towards our School Production happening at the Bruce Mason Centre. Students and their Teachers are busy practicing their routines and we are all very excited. Class teachers will be communicating with you about any costumes or prop requirements. The show will be on the **evening of Thursday 31st of August**. All children are expected to participate. If you are expecting your child will not be able to participate, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

The Kiwi Cross Country will be on Tuesday 12th of September at 2pm. Further details to follow.

## Home Learning

We would suggest keeping any home learning light and short (around 15 minutes). The priority would be reading the reading book from school or reading to your child a picture book and talking about what happened in the story and explaining the meaning of new words.

Helping your child identifying numbers and counting groups of objects, such as toys in front of them can also be helpful. Click [here](#) to visit the NZ Maths website which has a lot of information about how you can support your child with maths at home.

## This is the Kiwi Timetable for our Dance Practices and Music times.

Kiwi Dance Practices and Music Time Term 3 2023

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 9:30	5B Kip McGrath			5A Hall	Assembly (even weeks)
9:30 - 10:00	6A/B Hall 6D/E Kip McGrath	5B Hall 6A/B Kip McGrath	5C Hall 6A/B Kip McGrath	5B Hall 6D/E Kip McGrath	Assembly (even weeks)
10:00 - 10:30	6B Music 10-11am	5C Hall 5A Music 10-11am	5C Music 10-11am	6E Music 10-11am	5A Kip McGrath
10:30 - 11:00	5A Hall		6D/E Hall 5B Kip McGrath		5C Kip McGrath
11:45 - 12:15					
12:15 - 12:45					
1:50 - 2:20		6D/E Hall 5A Kip McGrath 6A Music		5C Kip McGrath 6D Music	
2:20 - 2:50				6A/B Hall	

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

Sample Kiwi Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am - 9:05	Roll, Notices				
9:05am - 10am	Oral Language	Oral Language	Oral Language	Oral Language	Assembly (even weeks)
	Production Practice - Kip McGrath	Writing	Writing	Production Practice - Kip McGrath	Free Writing (odd weeks)
<b>10am - 10:10am</b>	<b>Cross Country Run/Top Up</b>				
10:10am - 10:55am	Reading	Reading	Shared Book PP - Hall	Music	Reading Shared book activity Teacher Testing/RR
10:55am - 11:05am	Morning Tea Eating Supervised				
<b>11:05am - 11:30am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Morning Tea (Stef B)</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Morning Tea Bernice B</b>
11:30am - 12:10pm	Phonics and Handwriting				Strand Maths
12:10pm - 12:30pm	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	
12:30pm - 1:00pm					6e Publishing Poem
1:00pm - 1:10pm	Lunch Eating Supervised				
<b>1st 1:10pm - 1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>2nd 1:30pm - 1:50pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:50pm - 2:00pm	Roll/Buddy Reading	Production Practice - Hall	Roll/Buddy Reading	Roll/Buddy Reading	Roll/Buddy Reading
2pm - 2:20pm	Writing		Reading	Reading	Shared Books
2:20pm - 2:45pm					Library
2:45pm - 3:00pm	Tidy up time				

## Kiwi Team Overview Term 3

	Managing Self	Relating to Others	Thinking	Participating & Contributing	Using Language, Symbols & Texts
Discovering Through Innovation					
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Maths Strand	Geometry - Position and Orientation			Volume/Weight	
Maths Number	Add/Sub		Mult/Div		Fractions
Mitey	Identifying Emotions			Managing Emotions	
Reading	HF/W recognition, letter recognition, phonics skills, comprehension strategies: predicting, visualising, making connections, summarising Ready to read phonics- Better Start				
Writing	Focus on our sentence structure.				
Digital Curriculum	See Saw, Book Creator, Scratch <a href="#">log</a>				
PE	Dance Movement and Cross Country (heart beat)				
Art/Inquiry	Dance/Performance				Visual Art
Te Ao Maori	TI Kanga incorporated in Dance.				

## Key Dates

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

- Student Led Conferences - Tuesday 1st of August from 3:30pm - 7pm.
- Slice of Aotearoa" production" - Thursday 31st August.
- Cross Country - Tuesday 12th of September 2pm.

## Reminders

For any last minute changes to After School Care or pick ups please contact the office as teachers often do not get the opportunity to check their email during the day.

Please check HERO regularly for school communications and important notices.

## School Hours/Absences

School hours are 9am - 3pm

- Learners can be at school from 8:30am.
- If your child is absent please contact the office.
- 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 After School Care.