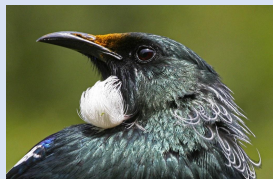


# Whānau Tūi Newsletter

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### SCHOOL KEY DATES:

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

Kia ora Tūi whānau,

Welcome to Term 3, 2023! We hope your family had a relaxing holiday break. A very warm welcome to our families who are new to TPS.

### **Reading and Writing**

This term, Tūi learners will have the first two hours of each day dedicated to Literacy. Tūi teachers will continue to collaborate to teach Reading. In Writing, teachers will be working together to meet the needs of learners. This may mean that your child is learning with a teacher who is not their guardian teacher during this time. Spelling and Handwriting continue to be taught on a regular basis in guardian classes.

### **Maths**

This term we will continue with our balanced approach to teaching Maths. Learners will inquire into how the following concepts apply with hands on materials and real life situations: fractions, mass, probability, place value and symmetry. In addition, we will continue to support learners to develop their maths number knowledge, maths strategies and basic facts.

### **School Dance Production**

The dance production is a major learning focus for Term 3. It forms the basis for our inquiry this term and links with The Arts and Health curriculums. Your child will be learning about the elements of dance, choreography, costumes, props and the skills involved in working together. All classes are busy practising their dance for the show. Your child's guardian teacher will let you know about any prop or costume requirements. Our show day is Thursday 31st August with an evening performance that night. All children are expected to participate. If your child will not be able to participate, please let your child's guardian teacher know as soon as possible. This is a very exciting opportunity for our students who have not been able to be involved in a whole school performance for some years.

Ngā mihi,

Tūi Teachers

### TEAM KEY DATES:

- Tūi Cross Country at Killarney Park - date tbc (Week 8 - 10).

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## Home Learning

### Reading - 15+ mins daily

Some learners will bring home a reader from school. Others will be asked to read something of their own choice at home. If you would like to know how to support your child further with home reading, please get in touch with their reading teacher. Finding books that your child enjoys reading can be a challenge. [Click here to explore Auckland Libraries books lists to engage children in reading.](#)

### Maths

One way you can support your child's maths learning is by helping them to practise basic facts at home. Please reach out to your child's guardian class teacher if you would like ideas for how to support your child with this. [Click here for further ideas for maths you can do at home.](#)

## Sample Tūi Timetable

	Rāhina	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
9-10AM	LITERACY TŪI A & B - WRITING - TŪI C, D, E - READING Collaborative grouping				Assembly Even weeks
10 - 11am	TŪI A & B - READING - TŪI C, D, E - WRITING Collaborative grouping				WRITING with guardian teacher
11 - 11:30am - MORNING TEA					
11:30 - 1pm	MATHS with guardian teacher	DANCE PRACTICE	MATHS with guardian teacher	MATHS with guardian teacher	DANCE PRACTICE
	Spelling	Spelling	Cross Country Training	Spelling	Spelling
		1 - 1:50pm - LUNCH			
1:50 - 2:45pm	DANCE PRACTICE	MATHS with guardian teacher	Kapahaka Te Ao Māori	DANCE PRACTICE	MATHS with guardian teacher
	Handwriting	Handwriting		Library	Handwriting

This is a sample of a Tūi classroom's timetable for the week. Please note that responsive teacher practice means there could be changes to what a class timetable looks like on a week to week basis.

## Tūi Planning Overview

<b>Writing</b>	- Writing is taught in collaborative groups this term based on learner's needs. - Learners will be exposed to a range of genres				
<b>Reading</b>	Reading is taught in collaborative groups this term based on learner's needs.				
<b>Mathematics Number</b>	Addition and subtraction/ multiplication and division/ place value/ basic facts/ fractions				
<b>Mathematics Inquiry</b>	Number Fractions	Measurement Mass and weight	Statistics Probability	Number Place Value	Geometry Symmetry
<b>Health &amp; PE</b>	- Supporting and building resilience and confidence about performing - Building endurance for cross country running				
<b>Inquiry</b>	- Dance Production and learning the conventions of dance - Classes learning individual dances				
<b>Spelling</b>	Phonological teaching of spelling rules and patterns, understanding of word meanings and how we can change them to make new words				
<b>Handwriting</b>	Learning to form letters correctly/ sloping letters / cursive				

### NEW:

- **Top-up** happens around 10 am. Please send your child's top-up in a separate container or zip lock bag so that they can easily access it during the Literacy block.

### REMINDERS:

- **Uniform reminder:** Please clearly name all uniform items so that we can more easily return lost items to their owners.
- Learners can be at school from **8:30am**.
- Please check HERO regularly for school communications and important notices
- Any urgent messages during the day should be sent to the school office - office @tps.school.nz, as teachers are not checking emails during school time.

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.