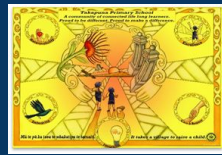


# Whānau Kiwi Newsletter



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## Kia ora and welcome to Term 4 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 swimming and cross country being two highlights.

### Key Curriculum Areas

For our Strand Maths this term, the Year Ones are focusing on Geometry and Mapping. Here we will be learning the language of direction (especially the directions of left and right). Year Twos will focus on Transformation. Learners will be learning about lines of symmetry, reflections, rotations and translations. Later in the term, we will all learn about different types of measurement including capacity and temperature. 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](#).

For our Inquiry this term, our Big Idea is 'Water is a treasure - Taunga te Wai.' We will be learning how water is a limited resource and how we can look after it.

## What's Happening This Term

We have swimming this term. This will be about learning how to be safe in the water as well as learning some skills. All children are expected to participate. Each child will need their swimwear and towel named.

This term we will be having a STEM open morning. For Kiwi this will be **before school** on **Thursday 9th of November from 8:30am - 9:30am**.

## 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 Swimming and Music times.

Kiwi Swimming and Music Time Term 4 2023

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 9:30					Assembly (even weeks)
9:30 - 10:00					Assembly (even weeks)
10:00 - 10:30		Kiwi 5A	Kiwi 5C	Kiwi 5B	
10:30 - 11:00		Kiwi 5A	Kiwi 5C	Kiwi 6E Kiwi 5B	
11:30 - 12:00					Kiwi 6D
12:00 - 12:30					Kiwi 6E
12:30 - 1:00	Kiwi 5A	Kiwi 6B	Kiwi 6B	Kiwi 6D	Kiwi 5A
1:50 - 2:20	Kiwi 5B	Kiwi 6B	Kiwi 6C Kiwi 6E	Kiwi 6C	Kiwi 5B Kiwi 6D
2:20 - 2:50	Kiwi 5C	Kiwi 6B	Kiwi 6A Kiwi 6E	Kiwi 6A	Kiwi 5C Kiwi 6D

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am - 9:05	Roll, Notices				
9:05am - 10am	Oral Language	Oral Language	Oral Language	Reading	Assembly (even weeks)
	Writing	Writing	Writing		Free Writing (odd weeks)
<b>10am - 10:10am</b>	<b>Cross Country Run/Top Up</b>				
10:10am - 10:55am	Reading	Reading	Reading	Writing 10:30am Swimming	Reading Shared book activity Teacher Testing/RR Week 3 Gymnastics Rotation
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</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:30am - 12pm	Phonics and Handwriting			Phonics/Handwriting	Spelling
12pm - 12:30pm	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Library	Swimming
12:30pm - 1:00pm				Maths	Publishing Poem
1:00pm - 1:10pm	Lunch Eating Supervised				
<b>1st 1:10pm - 1:30pm</b>	<b>Sarah</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	Roll	Music	Roll	Strand Maths
2pm - 2:20pm	Inquiry	Inquiry		Inquiry	
2:20pm - 2:45pm					
2:45pm - 3:00pm	Tidy up time				

## Kiwi Team Overview Term 4

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	
Maths Strand	Geometry - Position - left and right (Year 1)		Tessellations (Year 2)		Capacity and Temperature			Fun Christmas Math			
Maths Number	Add/Sub				Mult/Div			Fractions			
Mitey	Identifying Emotions					Managing Emotions					
Reading	HFW 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 Jor										
PE	Swimming					Athletics					
Art	Connected to Inquiry or Literacy										
Inquiry	See <a href="#">Inquiry Document</a>										
Te Ao Maori	Writing and Maths focus taught at a time to work for teachers as Term 4 timetable doesn't support a team collab										

## Key Dates

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

- Cross Country - Tuesday 17th of October 2pm.
- STEM open morning - Thursday 9th of November 8:30am - 9:30am

## 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.