

# Whānau Kererū Newsletter

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Kia ora kererū whānau,

Welcome to Term 1, 2024! We hope your family had a relaxing holiday break and enjoyed the wonderful sunshine. We have many new families who have joined us this year and we would like to welcome them to TPS.

### **Reading and Writing**

Kererū learners will have an average of two hours each day dedicated to Literacy. We will be collaborating in Reading this term, so your child may be working with their guardian class teacher or another teacher in their pod (group of classes). In Writing, teachers are teaching the skills of narrative and opinion writing, along with some Poetry. Spelling and Handwriting will also be taught on a regular basis.

### **Maths**

We will be incorporating an Inquiry approach to Maths and teaching number strategies along with strand subjects such as Measurement. With our Inquiry, learners will inquire into real life situations with hands-on materials.

### **Inquiry**

This comes from the Social Sciences and Histories curriculum. Learners will inquire into their own culture, how they are sustaining it and will teach others an aspect that is important to them. We will also look into the history of the Māori language and culture and its

significance to NZ.

### **Water Skills**

Water Skills is a key and compulsory component of the NZ Curriculum. A note is required if children are to be excused from these lessons.

### **Sports**

Please check the sports tab of the school website, [link here](#), to stay updated with the many sports we have on offer this term.

### **Puberty Talks**

**6-7 pm, March 11**, we have Nest Consulting presenting their parent information evening. This is a great opportunity for you to see what the puberty talks programme looks like for both Year 5 and Year 6 students and to ask any questions. This will take place via a Zoom call and we will send a link closer to the time.

### **Camp**

The highlight for many students is school camp. This year we will be going to Carey Park in Henderson Valley. This is the most wonderful opportunity for your child and we will be sharing more information with you in the coming months. For now please put the dates of the camp in your diary, November 6-8 2024.

Ngā mihi,

**Kererū teachers**

### SCHOOL KEY DATES:

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

### TEAM KEY DATES:

- Cluster Swimming Sports, March 22
- Nest Consulting Parent Info Evening, March 11. 6 - 7 pm, via a Zoom call. Link to come.

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## Home Learning

### Reading - 30+ 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.](#)

## Kererū Sample Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 - 10	Reading	Music	Reading	Water Skills	Assembly/Inquiry
10 - 10:55	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
<b>Morning tea</b>					
11:30 am - 1 pm	Spelling	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
	Te Ao Māori/Kapa Haka	Te Ao Māori	Wellbeing	Inquiry	Inquiry
<b>Lunch</b>					
1:50 - 3 pm	Maths	Reading Spelling	Visual Arts Spelling	Library/Reading Spelling	Water Skills

This is a sample of a Kererū classroom's Term 1 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. Reading, Writing and Maths may also be integrated with Inquiry and other learning areas. Below is the current Term 1 overview.

## Kererū Planning Overview

<b>Writing</b>	Establish routines in classrooms	Narrative - Language and style		Persuasive/opinion - Language and style	
		Poetry - language features			
<b>Reading</b>		Assessment	Collaborative reading groups - teaching in response to learner needs		
<b>Mathematics - Number</b>		Addition/Subtraction		Multiplication/ Division	Proportions/Ratios
<b>Mathematics Inquiry</b>		Measurement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scale maps and plans</li> <li>Use of a compass for directions</li> </ul>		Statistics and Number <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tree diagrams, two-way tables</li> <li>Models of outcomes</li> <li>Compare chances of outcomes</li> </ul>	
<b>Health &amp; P.E.</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Skills for Life; Mitey Wellbeing lessons in response to class needs; Nest Puberty Talks (March 18th) - Year 6s only</li> </ul>			
<b>Inquiry</b>		Social Studies - Aotearoa NZ Histories Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustaining our own culture; sustaining the Māori language</li> </ul>			
<b>Spelling</b>		Assessment	Phonological awareness, spelling patterns and rules, word meanings, using prefixes and suffixes to make new words.		
<b>Handwriting</b>		Ongoing practise of, in response to learner needs.			

### REMINDERS:

- **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 learning block.
- **Hats are compulsory** this term. They must have a brim - no caps.
- **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.