



# Whānau Tūi Newsletter

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Kia ora e te Tūi whānau,

Welcome to Term 1, 2024! We hope your family had a wonderful summer break. A very warm welcome to our families who are new to TPS.

Thank you for your attendance at the Te Hui Whakapiri. This was a great first step in getting to know you and your child and vice versa.

**Building relationships will continue to be the main focus of our class programmes over these first few weeks integrated with Literacy and Mathematics.** This is so important in order for learning to happen.

Meanwhile, we will also be establishing where each learner is at in their learning so that we can begin targeted teaching in Literacy and Numeracy. We will plan for Mathematics and Literacy according the learning needs within each class.

### **Social Studies- Cultures Connect**

Learners will inquire into comparing two cultures and how they connect to share common goals. This will make links to our Culture Week during week eight, where learners will celebrate and teach others about their own culture. Te Ao Māori, The Arts, Literacy and Mathematics are integrated into this inquiry.

### **Water Skills For Life**

We are very excited to get into the pool this term. Your child will need to bring a named pair of togs, towel and goggles (optional). All classes have two 30 minute sessions per week, focusing on building confidence and water safety skills.

The classes have lessons on the following days:

Monday - Tūi C, D, E, F

Tuesday - Tūi A, B

Wednesday - Tūi E, F

Thursday - Tūi A, B

Friday - Tūi C, D

Tūi learners also have the opportunity to swim during lunchtime on Tuesdays.



Ngā mihi  
Tūi Teachers

### SCHOOL KEY DATES:

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

### TEAM KEY DATES:

- **Culture Week** - Week 8
- **Learning Conversations** - Week 10 - Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th April
- **Easter** - Friday 29th March - Tuesday 2nd April  
(No school on Easter Tuesday)
- **Water Skills for Life Open Day** Thursday 4th of April

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## Home Learning

### Reading - 15+ mins daily

Some learners will bring home a reader from school. (From Week 4.) Others will be asked to read something of their own choice at home.

[Click here to explore Auckland Libraries books lists to engage children in reading.](#)

### REMINDERS:

- **Uniform reminder:** Please clearly name all uniform items so that we can more easily return lost items to their owners.
- **Hats** with a brim are compulsory for Term 4.
- 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.

## Sample Tūi Timetable

	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
9-10AM	LITERACY TŪI A & B - WRITING - TŪI C, D, E - READING Collaborative grouping				Assembly <small>Even weeks</small> Handwriting <small>Odd Weeks</small>
10 - 11am	TŪI A & B - READING - TŪI C, D, E - WRITING Collaborative grouping				Library (Reading) with guardian teacher
11 - 11:30am - MORNING TEA					
11:30 - 1pm	Maths with guardian teacher	MUSIC with Vanessa	Waterskills for Life with guardian teacher	Waterskills for Life with guardian teacher	Maths with guardian teacher
	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling
		1 - 1:50pm - LUNCH			
1:50 - 2:45pm	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Maths with guardian teacher	Writing
	Inquiry with guardian teacher	Maths with guardian teacher	Maths with guardian teacher	Kapahaka Te Ao Māori	Tūi Sport Skills rotation with guardian teacher

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.

Reading, Writing and Mathematics is integrated into our Inquiry teaching. As a result the requirement to teach an hour minimum of Reading, Writing and Mathematics is deliberately planned for and met.

## Tūi Planning Overview

<b>Writing</b>	- Writing will be taught with guardian teacher or teaching team. - Focus on basic sentence structure and conventions of writing.			
<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>	Getting to know our learners through Mathematics	Number Knowledge Place Value	Measurement	Addition and Subtraction (strategies)
<b>Health &amp; PE</b>	- Waterskills for Life: building water confidence and water safety skills - Tūi Team Building and small ball skills			
<b>Inquiry</b>	Culture Connect: Waitangi Day, sharing about our culture, compare and contrast, unpacking culture week, ko wai au			
<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			
<b>Te Ao Māori</b>	Takapuna Primary School Tikanga Understand that pepeha is a way to introduce yourself and is an acknowledgement of who you are and where you come from.			
<b>The Arts</b>	Create a collage using colours and symbols to represent ourselves.			
<b>Music</b>	1 hour with specialist music teacher with drama and dance integrated.			

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.