

Whānau Kererū Newsletter

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SCHOOL KEY DATES:

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

Kia ora Kererū whānau,

Welcome to Term 3, 2024! We hope that everyone had a nice holiday break. We have a great term ahead with plenty of new learning and experiences for our ākongā.

Inquiry

This term our school-wide inquiry theme is *“Our Changing Whenua”*. In Kererū specifically, the children will inquire into how our landscape has changed due to volcanic activity and Earth’s processes.

Art

Early next term we are excited to be holding the school art exhibition at our kura. In Week 1, our learners took part in an art rotation. Following this, they opted into an art group that they will work with for the rest of the term to create a piece(s) for the art exhibition. This means that, for Art, your child may be working with a teacher that is not their guardian class teacher. The art groups are: Wool Weaving; Sketching, Water Colours and Painting; 3D Recycled Sculptures; Inteligo Prints; and Giacometti Sculptures. All art will be inspired by the concept of Turangawaewae. We can’t wait to share our art with you next term!

Literacy

We will continue our collaborative instructional reading programme. In Writing, learners will continue to write for a range of purposes and work on their writing goals. Teachers will tailor their programme to meet the needs of learners in their class.

Rehu Tai Speech Competition

This is an annual competition held by the Auckland Principals Association. All Year 5/6 learners have the opportunity to be considered for this if they would like. The theme for this year’s contest is Kotahitanga. All learners will have the opportunity to start working on their entry at school during writing time. We will hold our school speech contest on Friday 6th September and will put the winner forward to the North Shore competition to be held on Tuesday 10th September.

Physical Education

This term’s P.E. rotation covers sports that involve large ball skills. Alongside this, we are training three times a week for our cross country event to be held in Week Six. Please ensure your child has shoes to run in on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Camp (Week 4, Term 4)

Please keep an eye out on HERO for regular updates with information and forms to complete.

Ngā mihi,

Kererū teachers

TEAM KEY DATES:

Term 3

- 27 August: Y5/6 Cross Country @ 1:45 pm
- 6 Sept: TPS Speech Competition @ 9am

Term 4

- 17th October: Camp Parent Helper Meeting @ 5:30 pm

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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 Term 3 Sample Weekly Plan					
	Rāhina/Monday	Rātū/Tuesday	Rāapa/Wednesday	Rāpare/Thursday	Rāmere/Friday
9:00	Roll, paepae				
9:10	Reading	CRT	Reading	Literacy	Whole school assembly
9:55	Fitness/top up/read to				
9:50	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Inquiry
10:55 M Tea					
11:30	Kapa haka/Te Ao Māori	Art	Maths - Numeracy	Maths - Numeracy	Maths - Inquiry
12:30	Cross Country Training	Spelling	Cross Country Training	Spelling	Spelling
12:50	Karakia kai				
1:00 Lunch					
1:50	Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll	Cross Country Training (Roll on courts)
2:00					
2:30	Maths - Numeracy	Reading	Spelling Handwriting	Inquiry	PE - Rotation
2:50	Tidy up, karakia				

This is a sample of a Kererū classroom's Term 3 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 3 overview.

Kererū Term Overview - T3, 2024										
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Maths - Numeracy	Addition/Subtraction; Multiplication/Division/Proportions and Ratios (in approx. three weekly blocks)									
Maths - Inquiry	Time		Temperature		Mass		Mapping			
Reading	Group goals responsive to needs.									
Literacy	Literacy integrated with Inquiry; Library time									
Writing	For a range of audiences and purposes. (Incl. Persuasive and Opinion/Explanation and Report Writing/Narratives/Poetry) - Workshops to target needs; conferencing of learners re: individual goals; acceleration									
Spelling/Phonics	Phonological awareness; spelling patterns and rules; word meanings; using prefixes and suffixes to make new words									
Handwriting	Practice of, in response to learner needs									
Inquiry	Volcanoes - An inquiry into how our landscape has changed due to volcanic activity and Earth's processes.									
The Arts	Visual art - Wool Weaving; Sketching; Water Colours and Painting; 3D Recycled Sculptures; Inteligo Prints; and Giacometti Sculptures.									
PE & Health	Large ball skills Cross Country training (20 mins x 3 days per week)						Camp Activity Group activities			
Te Ao Māori	Paepae; kapa haka performance group; learners identify their own tūrangawaewae; simple directions; legend of Rūaumoko; use of te reo Māori integrated throughout week.									

REMINDERS:

- Hats aren't compulsory this term. Learners may still wear a hat during break times if they wish.
- 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.