



Whānau Tūi Newsletter

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Kia ora e te Tūi whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3, 2024! We hope your family had a wonderful break. A very warm welcome to our families who are new to TPS.

This term are learning about **Our Changing Whenua (Turangawaewae)** an inquiry into the Fossil Forest environment at Takapuna Beach, including the unique habitat, the history, and lava-preservation of plants. We will be learning about different types of fossils and how they are created. We will be visiting the Fossil Forest in Week 5. Please see HERO or email from your child's teacher for more information. We would love to have you join us. Please let us know if you are available to help on this trip.

Visual Arts

Our inquiry learning based on 'Our Changing Whenua' will inspire us for our art project. Each class is currently doing a rotation with the Tūi teachers and exploring different mediums such as clay,

paper mache, painting, printing, collage with symbols and scratching. Learners will then choose their top three art choices and will complete an art project for the art exhibition in Term 4. We will be visiting the Art Gallery next term. More information will come out about this trip later this term.

Cross Country

In Week 5, we have Cross Country at Killarney Park with the Kiwi team on Wednesday 21st August. Learners are training around the school each day and are learning about endurance and finding a consistent pace for long distance running. Please let us know if you are available to help at this event.

Ngā mihi
Tūi Teachers



SCHOOL KEY DATES:

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

TEAM KEY DATES:

- **'Kind, Firm, Calm' Parent Evening** Thursday 8ths August 7-8pm
- **Fossil Forest Trip** Tūi A, B & E Monday 19th August
Tūi C, D & F Tuesday 20th August
- **Tūi & Kiwi Cross Country at Killarney Park** Wednesday 21st August
Save day Monday 26th August
- **3 Way Parent Conference** Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th August



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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.](#)

“Libby App” - Free ebooks and audio books connected to your Auckland Library Account
Download from Google Play or the App Store.

Below 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.

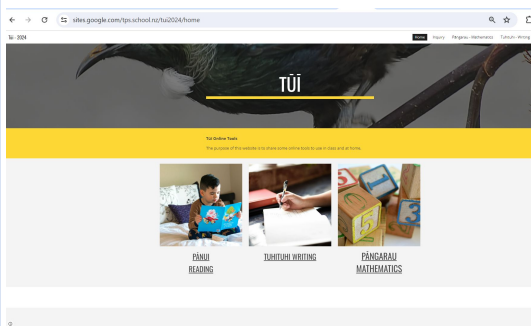
Sample Tūi Timetable					
	Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
9-10AM	LITERACY TŪI A & B - WRITING - TŪI C, D, E - READING Collaborative grouping				Assembly Even weeks Writing Odd Weeks
	TŪI A & B - READING - TŪI C, D, E - WRITING Collaborative grouping				Library (Reading) with guardian teacher
10 - 11am	11 - 11:30am - MORNING TEA				
11:30 - 1pm	Maths with guardian teacher	Te Ao Māori with Kipa	Physical Education with guardian teacher	Physical Education with guardian teacher	Maths with guardian teacher
	Cross Country Training	Cross Country Training	Cross Country Training	Cross Country Training	Cross Country Training
	Spelling	Spelling - Kapa haka	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling
1 - 1:50pm - LUNCH					
1:50 - 2:45pm	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Maths with guardian teacher	Handwriting
	Inquiry with guardian teacher	Maths with guardian teacher	Maths with guardian teacher	Inquiry / Art with guardian teacher	Inquiry / Art with guardian teacher

REMINDERS:

- Uniform reminder:** Please clearly name all uniform items so that we can more easily return lost items to their owners.
- 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.

Tūi Planning Overview

Writing	- Writing will be taught with guardian teacher or teaching team. - Focus on basic sentence structure and conventions of writing.			
Reading	Reading is taught in collaborative groups this term based on learner's needs. Better Start Literacy Approach for some learners.			
Mathematics Number	Addition and subtraction/ multiplication and division/ place value/ basic facts/ fractions			
Mathematics Inquiry	Geometry & Measurement	Number Additive Strategies	Measurement Time	Probability
Health & PE	Endurance running Cross Country			
Inquiry	Our Changing Whenua (Turangawaewae) An inquiry into the Fossil Forest environment at Takapuna Beach, including the unique history, and lava-preservation of plants.			
Spelling	Phonological teaching of spelling rules and patterns, understanding of word meanings and how we can change them to make new words			
Handwriting	Learning to form letters correctly/ sloping letters			
Te Ao Māori	Takapuna Primary School Tikanga, including Paepae, Te Reo kupu linked with Inquiry topic 1 hour with specialist Te Ao Māori teacher.			
The Arts	Linked to inquiry - Rotation of visual art mediums (clay, scratching, painting, collage, printing, paper mache). Learners to create an art piece for the Art Exhibition.			



The Tūi Website

<https://sites.google.com/tps.school.nz/tui2024/home>

Has been updated to include links for our Inquiry learning. Find resources for Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

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.