



Whānau Tūi Newsletter

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Kia ora e te Tūi whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4, 2024! We hope your family had a wonderful break.

We have had a fabulous start to the term with a trip to the Auckland Art Gallery and our Art Exhibition. Our art was inspired by our inquiry learning about **Our Changing Whenua (Turangawaewae)** a science inquiry into fossils, rocks and fossil hunters.

This term we will continue our science focus but we will learn about dinosaurs that have been discovered in Aotearoa, New Zealand. This inquiry will continue into this term.

Athletics

This term, learners will be participating in a rotation of a range of Athletics sports. This includes shot put, javlin, high jump, long jump and relays. Our school wide Athletics Day will be in Week 7 on Thursday 28th November. Whānau are welcome to come along. More information about this will be shared on Hero soon.

Water Skills For Life

This term we are back in the pool. Water Skills For Life is an age appropriate programme that focuses on survival skills relevant for the beach, lake, river and pool. This is an important part of the curriculum that all learners participate in. Please ensure your child has named togs, towel and swim bag (goggles are optional).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tōi C Tōi D	Tōi A Tōi B Tōi F	Tōi C Tōi D Tōi E Tōi F Lunchtime swim for Tōi	Tōi A Tōi B	Tōi E

Ngā mihi
Tūi Teachers



SCHOOL KEY DATES:

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

TEAM KEY DATES:

- Friday 25th October
 - Monday 28th October
 - Thursday 29th November
 - Friday 29th November
 - Wednesday 11th December
 - Tuesday 17th December
 - Wednesday 18th December
- Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Labour Day
Athletics Day
Disco
Whole School Beach Picnic
Pizza, Wheels, Non Uniform Day
Last day of school



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Home Learning

Reading - 15+ mins daily

Some learners are continuing to bring home readers. 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.](#)

Emotional Regulation:

Is your child experiencing big feelings at home? Have a [read here](#) for some ideas to support you at home.



REMINDERS:

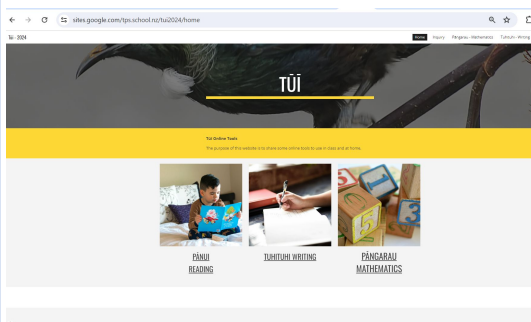
- Uniform reminder:** Please clearly name all uniform items so that we can more easily return lost items to their owners.
- Please check HERO regularly for school communications and important notices
- Any urgent messages during the day should be sent to the school office - office@tps.school.nz, as teachers are not checking emails during school time.

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	Rātu	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
9-10AM	L I T E R A C Y TŪI A & B - WRITING - TŪI C, D, E - READING Collaborative grouping				Assembly Even weeks Writing Odd Weeks
10 - 11am	TŪI A & B - READING - TŪI C, D, E - WRITING Collaborative grouping				Library (Reading) with guardian teacher
11 - 11:30am - M O R N I N G T E A					
11:30 - 1pm	Water Skills for Life with guardian teacher	Te Ao Māori with Kipa	Maths with guardian teacher	Maths with guardian teacher	Water Skills for Life with guardian teacher
	Maths with guardian teacher	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Maths with guardian teacher
	Te Ao Māori/Kapa haka		Spelling	Spelling	
1 - 1:50pm - L U N C H					
1:50 - 2:45pm	Spelling	Spelling	Handwriting	Athletics Rotation with guardian teacher	Handwriting
	Handwriting	Maths with guardian teacher	Maths with guardian teacher		Inquiry with guardian teacher

Tūi Planning Overview				
Writing	- Writing will be taught with guardian teacher or teaching team. - Focus based on the needs of learners			
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	Measurement	Number Algebra	Statistical Investigation	Geometry Shape transformations
Health & PE	Water Skills For Life Athletics			
Inquiry	Our Changing Whenua (Turangawaewae) An inquiry into fossils, rocks, fossil hunters and dinosaurs discovered in Aotearoa, New Zealand			
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	Art Exhibition Continue to explore different art mediums.			



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.