



WHĀNAU TŪI

TERM 2 2025 - NEWSLETTER

Kia ora Tui Team Whānau,

A very warm welcome to Term 2! We're especially excited to welcome our new families joining the Tui Team – it's great to have you with us. This term is a nine week term.

THE TEAM

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CURRICULUM

This term promises to be full of curiosity, creativity, and hands-on learning! Our Inquiry focus is "**Powering Motion**," where we'll explore the science of flight through fun experiments and investigations. We're also thrilled to have Craft Lab visiting later in the term to run their exciting H2O Bottle Rocket programme, which will launch our learning even further! This experience costs \$10 and is payable now on HERO. As part of our upcoming learning, students will be creating dioramas in class. To help with this, we're asking each child to bring a shoebox (or a similar-sized box) to school when their teacher lets them know. Thank you for your support!

In Week 3, we'll be learning about how to stay safe on and around roads as part of **Road Safety Week**.

In **Writing**, we'll focus on 'Think, Write, Check' strategies to build independence and clarity, and we'll learn about report writing to complement our flight inquiry. For **PE**, we'll be building coordination and teamwork through large ball skills and learning to skip with a rope—a fun and energetic way to stay active!

In **Mathematics**, we'll dive into multiplication and division, with a strong focus on building number fluency. We encourage learners to practice their times tables at home to support their confidence and speed. To help with this, the 2 times table practice wheel will come home first, with more to follow as we explore other multiplication facts. Alongside this, we'll also be learning about fractions and exploring measurement (length) through a range of hands-on activities.

We're looking forward to a fantastic term of learning and growing together!

Ngā mihi nui,
The Tui Team

SCHOOL KEY DATES

- Week 3 - **Road Safety Week**
- Tuesday 13th May, Wednesday 14th May
School Photos - Photolife
- Friday 30th May - **Teacher Only Day**
School closed
- Monday 2nd June - **King Birthday**
School closed
- Friday 6th June - **School Disco**
- Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th June
Craft Lab NZ, Bottle rocket
- Friday 20th June - **Matariki**
School closed
- Thursday 26th June - **Pizza, Wheels, Non Uniform Day**



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

HOMELEARNING

Reading & Spelling - 15+ mins daily

Some learners will bring home a reader. Others will be asked to read something of their own choice at home.

A notebook has been included in stationery so that you can record daily reading at home. Please record this each day in their notebook and sign.

A spelling pattern will be included in the notebook each week. Your teacher will advise you of the specific routine for your child's class.

REMINDERS

- Please make sure your child has a book bag for readers and library books.
- If your child has their own device, learners can bring them to school daily fully charged.
- **Uniform** - Please clearly name all uniform items so that we can more easily return lost items to their owners.
- Please check **HERO** regularly for school notices.
- During school hours please contact the office for urgent messages. email office@tps.school.nz

SAMPLE TIMETABLE & OVERVIEW

Here is a sample of a Tūi classroom's timetable.

Please note that responsive teacher practice means there could be changes to what a class timetable looks like on a week to week basis.

Each class may also adapt the timetable based on the needs of the learners

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	Writing			Specialist Teachers Harmony & Kipa	Assembly/ Writing
10-11am	Reading				Reading
11 - 11:30am - MORNING TEA					
11:30 - 1pm	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Library	Handwriting
	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Handwriting, Spelling	Spelling
	Maths	Mathematics	Mathematics	Writing	Writing
1 - 1:50pm - LUNCH					
1:50 - 2:45pm	Physical Education	Inquiry	Inquiry	Mathematics	Mathematics

Tūi Planning Overview	
Writing	- Think, Write, Check - Report writing
Reading	Reading is taught in collaborative groups this term based on learner's needs. Better Start Literacy Approach for some learners.
Mathematics Number	Multiplication and Division / Fractions / Measurement (Length)
Health & PE	Large Ball Skills, Jumping June (Skipping)
Inquiry	This unit explores the science of flight, focusing on how objects move through the air. Students will engage in hands-on experiments and activities to understand the basic principles of flight, including lift, drag, thrust, and gravity.
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	- Colour mixing - diorama

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Tūi Online Page

The purpose of this website is to share some online tools to use in class and at home.



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TŪI WEBSITE

<https://sites.google.com/tps.school.nz/tui2025/home>

This website is updated each term to include links for our Inquiry learning. You can also find resources for Reading, Writing and Mathematics.