

Whānau Kererū Newsletter

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Kia ora,

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope all our students and families had a restful and enjoyable break. It's been wonderful to see everyone return refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning. We have a busy few weeks ahead filled with new learning, engaging activities, and some special events to look forward to.

English & Maths

These learning areas have updated curriculums this year which continue to inform our teaching and learning.

In Writing this term, Kererū learners will learn to write for a range of purposes, including non-fiction (to persuade and inform) and fiction (narratives to entertain). Our reading instruction will continue to focus on exposing our learners to rich vocabulary and learning about the world around them through more sophisticated texts, which the whole class will access. Handwriting and Spelling will also be explicitly taught as part of the English curriculum.

In Maths, Kererū learners will have explicit instruction in Number and Operations. They will then link this to their learning in Algebra, applying the four operations to help them form and recognise number patterns. The students will also be exposed to new learning in Measurement and Geometry, including: calculating perimeter, area and volume; recognising and measuring angles; and identifying and describing shapes.

Physical Education

Our focus this term is on developing large ball skills, with an emphasis on strategic techniques for attack and defence procedures.

The children will begin to experiment with using these ball skills in a range of sports, such as football, basketball, netball and touch rugby.

Te Ao Māori

This continues to be integrated through regular classroom programmes. This term, we will be learning about the features and cultural significance of the marae. In addition, your child will also continue to be taught by our specialist teacher, Kipa Rangiheuea, for one hour a week of dedicated te ao Māori time.

Midway through the term, Year 5 & 6 learners will be visiting Te Hana Te Ao Marama Marae & Maori Cultural Centre. This will be an opportunity for the children to experience some formal traditions around visiting a marae, including a formal welcome. All information about the trip is available through Hero. If you are interested in coming along as a parent helper, please contact Nikita.

Inquiry

In Inquiry, Kererū learners will be conducting an inquiry into electricity and how circuits work. They will immerse themselves in the world of electricity, creating and labelling both parallel and simple circuits, before creating a Scratch animation to demonstrate their understanding of how electrical circuits work.

Ngā mihi,
Kererū teachers

SCHOOL KEY DATES:

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

T2 TEAM KEY DATES:

- Wednesday 28th May: Year 5 & 6 trip to Te Hana Te Ao Marama Marae & Maori Cultural Centre

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Home Learning

Reading - 30+ mins daily

Some learners may 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 guardian 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.

Kererū Term 2 Sample Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 - 10	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Assembly/Inquiry
10 - 10:55	P.E	Music	Maths	Maths	Maths
Morning tea					
11:30 am - 1 pm	Handwriting Spelling Writing Library	Handwriting Spelling Writing	Handwriting Spelling Writing	Handwriting Spelling Te Ao Māori	Handwriting Spelling Reading
Lunch					
1:50 - 3 pm	Maths	Maths	Visual Arts/ Inquiry	Writing	P.E.

Left: A sample of a Kererū classroom's Term 2 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.

Below: The current Term 2 overview.

Kererū Term 2 Planning Overview

Writing	Writing to persuade		Writing to inform		Writing to explain
Reading	Whole Class Shared Reading, reading groups and independent reading - teaching in response to learner needs				
Mathematics	Number Structure and Operations				
Mathematics - Strand	Algebra - equations and relationships	Measurement - Perimeter, area and volume	Measurement - describing and measuring angles	Geometry - identify and describe shapes and properties of shapes	
Health & P.E.	Large ball skills, including the application of ball skills in these sports: touch rugby, basketball, football, netball, dodgeball, hockey Working on skipping skills and stamina				
Inquiry	Electricity: An inquiry into how electricity and circuits work				
Spelling	Phonological awareness, spelling patterns and rules, word meanings, using prefixes and suffixes to make new words.				
Handwriting	Daily practise of, including an introduction to cursive.				

REMINDERS:

- We encourage the children to bring a drink bottle filled with **water** everyday.
- Uniform reminder: Please clearly name all uniform items so that we can 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](mailto: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.