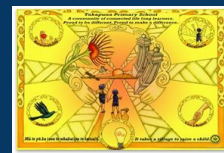


Whānau Kiwi Newsletter



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Kia ora and welcome to Term 2 2025

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you enjoyed the Easter break and like us are looking forward to a busy term ahead. A special welcome to the new families who join us this term we hope you enjoy your time at TPS.

Along with this newsletter, we are sending you a copy of our 'Fridge List'. This is a list of key dates and reminders for this term. We hope you find it helpful. There are a few whānau activities coming up this term including our student-led open morning and our Matariki afternoon. We hope you will be able to join us for some of these celebrations. In addition to our termly team newsletter, a school newsletter will be emailed to you once a fortnight on Thursday afternoons. The next one will be sent out on Thursday 15th May. If you don't receive it please check your spam and then contact the office if you still cannot find it. The school also posts regularly on the Hero app and our website has regular updates about important events. Lastly, your child's teacher will also be sending home a weekly email with reminders for the following week. If you have any difficulty finding any of these information sources please talk to your child's teacher or visit the office where we can help you.

Key Curriculum Areas

During the first two weeks of the term we will be teaching the Firewise programme. This programme teaches students skills to help them stay safe around fire. More information can be found by clicking [here](#). To complete these studies, the fire service will visit us with their fire truck on Thursday morning 8th May. In week 3 we will take part in Road Safety Week. During this week we are learning about how to stay safe when we are on or near roads. You can read more about Road Safety Week [here](#).

Our **Inquiry** this term will focus on movement and forces. In particular we are learning about how wheels and pulley are used to make things move. The teachers have planned a range of hands on activities to help tamariki explore and understand how wheels and pulleys work and why we have them. Our **Literacy** programmes continue to focus on teaching students the basic skills that will enable them to read, write and develop their oral language and comprehension skills. In Mathematics, we will be learning about the value of numbers, addition subtraction and measurement.

This term during **PE**, Kiwi team students are learning to skip! We will start off with some basic skills such as hopping, jumping and skipping without a rope. Once we have mastered those skills we will move on to skipping with a rope. Along with the whole school we will participate in Jumping June and raise money for the NZ Heart Foundation. We hope you will support us with this.

Ways to help your child as they learn

- Each day your child will bring home some home learning. Please check their bookbag for this and support your child to complete their work.
- Coming to school regularly and on time helps our tamariki as they settle into school life. A good time to arrive at school is between 8:30 - 8:45 am as it allows time to prepare for the day and spend some time with friends.

Key Dates

Please check the school calendar regularly. Click [here](#).

Reminders

For any last minute changes to After School Care or pick ups please contact the office as teachers often do not get the opportunity to check their email during the day.

Check HERO regularly for school communications and important notices.

If you have a younger child who will be starting school this year please let the office know as soon as possible.

Ways to help your child as they learn (continued)

- Talking to your child about their day at school can help develop their communication skills and reinforces their new learning.
- Reading with your child, playing board games and getting them to help with general chores like the grocery shopping helps to develop communication and numeracy skills.
- We encourage you to come and chat to us if you have any concerns, questions or celebrations! We are here to help.

This is a sample of what a Kiwi class' timetable might look like.

9.00 - 9.10	Monday - Rāhina	Tuesday- Rātū	Wednesday - Rāpa	Thursday- Rāpare	Friday - Rāmere
	Paepae, Roll, Notices				
9.10 - 10 am	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Assembly/Writing
10- 10.10 am	Fitness and Top Up - Kai timotimo (snack)				
10.10 - 11.00 am	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Strand Maths
11.00 - 11.30 am	Morning Tea - Kai iti				
11.30 - 11:45 am	Phonics	Phonics	11:30 -12:30 pm Reading	Phonics	Library
11:45 - 1 pm	Reading	Reading	12:30 pm Kiwi Kapa Haka	Reading	Poem/Spelling/Phonics
1 - 1:50 pm	Lunch - Wā tina				
1.50 - 2.15 pm	Te Aō Māori	Music	Inquiry	Inquiry	Art
2.15 - 2.50 pm			P.E	P.E.	
2.50 - 3.00 pm	Tidy up - Wā whakapai and Karakia Home time - Wā kainga				

Kiwi Team Overview Term 2

Term 2 2025											
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	
Maths Strand LTP here	Measurement Length			Measurement Weight and Capacity							
Maths Number	Add/Sub / Place <u>Value</u> / <u>number</u> recognition										
Inquiry LTP here	Firewise	Firewise	Road Safety	Motion	Motion	Motion	Motion	Matariki	Motion		
Mitey Integrated	LO Identify and describe different feelings I experience and how I experience these.										
Reading	HFW recognition, letter recognition, phonics skills, comprehension strategies: predicting, visualising, making connections, summarising Ready to read phonics- Better Start										
Writing LTP here	Monday - to retell, Tuesday - to describe, Wednesday - Information Report, Thursday and Friday - Creative Writing										
PE LTP here	Skipping and Co-operative games										
Art LTP here	Drawing a Fairy	Bike At - including photography, sketching, drawing and dying.									
Te Ao Maori LTP here	Colours/Tae with a minor focus in numbers and classroom objects.										
Team meetings/PLG	TM	SM	TM	SM	TM	SM	TM	SM	TM		
School - wide events			Photolife		TOD - Friday	Disco		Matariki			

School Hours/Absences

School hours are 9 - 3pm

- Learners can be at school from 8:30am.
- If your child is absent please contact the office.
- For appointments during school hours please sign your child out at the office before collecting them.
- Please let your child's teacher know if they attend Kelly Club either before or after school.