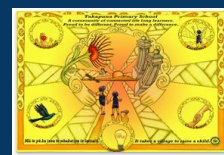


Whānau Kiwi Newsletter



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Kia ora and welcome to Term 3 2025

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you enjoyed the break and like us are ready for a fun term ahead. A special welcome to the new families who join us this term we hope you enjoy your time at TPS.

We welcome Phoebe joining us to support the new learners in 6a and 6b. We appreciate you!

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 Cross Country, the 3 way conferences and our Curiosity in Motion open evening. We hope you will be able to join us for some of these celebrations. In addition to our termly team newsletter, we have our school newsletter which is emailed to you once a fortnight on Thursday afternoons. The next one will be sent out on Thursday 31st July. 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

Last term for **Inquiry** we were learning about the forces of motion in science, including push and pull. This term we are using this knowledge to go through the design thinking process, to make something as a class. To begin this Technology journey, we have invited the Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT) to visit Whānau Kiwi at school. They have something called [STEAM Cells](#). This is where their teachers come to our school and bring a whole lot of items from MOTAT in a trailer, so that we can learn from right here at school. They will be joining us on Tuesday 28th of July and Wednesday 29th of July. Each class will visit them for a learning experience called *Invent-a-machine*. From there, classes will work towards making something to share at the Curiosity in Motion evening on Tuesday 9th September.

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. This term, the Year 1s will have a colour wheel book for part of the week. This will help with understanding about the book and learning about different experiences. In **Mathematics**, we will be learning about different ways of making a number, addition, subtraction as well as measurement and geometry.

We had a great time last term skipping! This term during **PE**, the learners will be learning small ball and big ball skills and the sports that relate to those skills. We are also preparing for our Cross Country by practicing the skill of endurance, while running. The Cross Country will be on Friday 22nd of August. You are welcome to join us.

The Kiwi teachers have been excited to plan some **Music** and **Dance** lessons for our learners. We will be learning about musical notes and beats in Music and for Dance we will

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

- 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. 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.

	Monday - Rāhina	Tuesday- Rātū	Wednesday- Rāpa	Thursday- Rāpare Glenis Week 2, 4 (CRT), 5, 8	Friday - Rāmere
9.00 - 9.10	Karakia, Rārangi ingoa				
9.10 - 9.30	Writing	Writing	Writing	Te Ao Māori Classroom Teacher Release	Assembly Week 1, 4, Free Writing
9.30 - 10.00					
9.50- 10.00	Top Up - Kai timotimo (snack)				
10.00 - 10.30	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Strand Maths
10.30 - 11.00					
11.00 - 11.30	Morning Tea - Kai iti				
11.30 - 12.00	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Reading	Spelling Test/ Publishing Poem
12.00 - 12.30	Reading	Reading	Reading		
12.30 - 1.00				Kiwi Kapa Haka/Phonics	Te Reo
1.00 - 1.50	Lunch - Wā tina				
1.50 - 2.00	Rārangi ingoa / Kia tau				
2.00 - 2.20	Handwriting	Library	Handwriting	Handwriting	Music/Dance
2.20 - 2.50	Inquiry	Handwriting	Physical Education	Writing	
2.50 - 3.00	Tidy up - Wā whakapai and Karakia Te reo - Kiwi Waiaata 2024 Home time - Wā kainga				
3.00 - 3.10					

Kiwi Team Overview Term 2

Term 3 2025										
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Maths Strand Maths Str...	Measurement Area and perimeter			Measurement Time			Geometre 2D and 3D shapes			
Maths Number	Add/Sub / Place Value / Partitioning									
Inquiry LTP here	Friendship	Revision of Push Pull	MOTAT	Push, Pull in Motion - using the Design Thinking Process						
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 Colour Wheel books.									
Writing Term 3 W...	Monday - related to phonics, Tuesday - to describe, Wednesday - Information Report, Thursday - to Entertain and Friday - Creative Writing									
PE Term 3 H...	Cross Country practice and Big and Small ball skills and related sports.									
Music Dance Term 3 M...	Music Learning musical notes and applying that to rhythm.					Dance Folk, Bollywood, Chicken Dance				
Te Ao Maori Term 3 Te	Counting in Te Reo and Shapes									

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.