



WHĀNAU TŪI

TERM 3 2025 - NEWSLETTER

Kia ora Tui Team Whānau,

A very warm welcome to Term 3! 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 ten 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 "**Dynamic Energy**," where we'll use the design thinking process and students' knowledge of motion, forces, and power to design and create a prototype in small groups.

We have **Three-Way Conferences** this term. This is an opportunity to book a 15-minute time slot with your child's classroom teacher. Teachers will share information about how your child is progressing. Please remember your child needs to attend this meeting as well. Keep an eye on Hero for when bookings open.

In **Writing**, we'll focus on the '**Think, Write, Check**' strategies to build independence and clarity, and we'll be learning about report writing to complement our flight inquiry.

This term in **PE**, we will continue to focus on our big ball skills and we will also focus on **cross country** training to build fitness and endurance.

In **Mathematics**, we will be covering a range of topics. We encourage you to continue practicing multiplication and division at home. In their home learning books, there are also activities your child can work on. Below is an overview of what we will be covering each week:

Weeks 1-3: Measurement: weight, volume, perimeter, and area

Weeks 4-5: Number: Financial Maths

Weeks 6-8: Number Structure: partitioning and regrouping whole numbers; Operations: addition and subtraction

Weeks 9-10: Algebra: equations and relationships, algorithmic thinking.

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

Ngā mihi nui,
The Tui Team

SCHOOL KEY DATES

- Week 5
Maths Week
- Week 6
ASB 'Get Wise Programme'
- Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st August
3 Way Conferences
- Friday 22nd August
Cross Country
- Tuesday 9th September
Curiosity in Motion Showcase
- Week 10
Māori Language Week
- Thursday 18th September
Pizza, Wheels and Non Uniform
- Friday 19th September
Last day of Term 3



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
9:10-9:50AM	Paepae - Start the day the Aotearoa way (karakia, waiata, pepeha, kupu)				
	Writing				Assembly/ Writing
10 - 11am	Cross Country Training				
	Reading				
	11 - 11:30am - MORNING TEA				
11:30 - 1pm	Handwriting				
	Spelling				
	Mathematics				
1:50 - 2:45pm	Physical Education	1 - 1:50pm - LUNCH Te Ao Māori with Kipa	Inquiry	Library	Inquiry

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	Measurement mass, volume, weight, capacity, perimeter and area	Financial Literacy	Number Structure Addition & Subtraction	Algebra
Health & PE	Cross Country - long distance running and Large ball skills			
Inquiry	Dynamic Energy - An inquiry into technology and the design process			
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	Mobile Exploring materials and techniques: Students will experiment with different materials (paper, wire, string, fabric, found objects) and techniques (cutting, folding, joining, balancing) to construct their mobile. Understanding art-making processes: They'll follow a design process, from initial ideas to construction and refinement			

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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.

