



WHĀNAU TŪI

TERM 4 2025 - NEWSLETTER

Kia ora Tui Team Whānau,

A very warm welcome to Term 4 and the last term of the year. As we head into summer and Term 4, it's important that all students wear a **hat** every day to stay safe in the sun. Students can wear a school hat or a plain brimmed/bucket hat, but it must be brought to school every day. This term is an eleven week term. The last day of the year is **Tuesday 16th December**.

THE TEAM

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CURRICULUM

This term promises to be full of imagination, expression, and creativity! Our Inquiry focus is "**Lights, Camera, Action!**" where we'll explore the world of **drama**, from storytelling and character development. Students will be given a kiwiana story to act out in groups, working together to bring characters and scenes to life through expressive voice, movement, and teamwork – all performed right here in the classroom.

In **Physical Education**, we are focusing on Athletics, Water Skills for Life, and small ball skills. **Water Skills for Life** is an important life skill for all our students considering we are an island surrounded by water.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tūi A	Tūi Lunchtime swim (optional)	Tūi B		Tūi E Tūi C

We will be practicing our Athletics skills in preparation for our whole-school **Athletics Carnival** on Tuesday, November 4th.

The Tūi team will be visiting the **Takapuna Library** later this term to extend our learning. This is an engaging opportunity to explore our local library and foster a love of reading.

To celebrate a fabulous year of learning, we're continuing our wonderful tradition with our annual **Beach Picnic!** This is a huge highlight of the year and will be on Monday, December 1st.

For the Athletics Carnival, Takapuna Library and Beach picnic, we need **parent helpers** for them to be successful. Please keep an eye on Hero for a notice about how you can volunteer.

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

Ngā mihi nui,
The Tui Team

SCHOOL KEY DATES

- **Strike - School Closed**
Thursday 23rd October
- **Labour Day - School Closed**
Monday 27th October
- **Whole School Athletics Day.**
Tuesday 4th November
- **Library Visit**
TA & TB - Week 6 - Tuesday 11th November
TD & TE - week 7 - Tuesday 18th November
TC - Week 8 Tuesday 25th November
- **School Disco - Disney Theme**
Friday 14th November
- **Beach Picnic**
Monday 1st December
- **Pizza, Wheels and Non-Uniform Day**
Monday 15th December
- **Last day of Term 4**
Tuesday 16th December



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
	Paepae - Start the day the Aotearoa way (karakia, waiata, pepeha, kupu)				
9:10-9:50AM	Writing			Assembly/ Writing	
	Fitness				
10 - 11am	Reading / Library Visit				
11 - 11:30am - MORNING TEA					
	Handwriting				
11:30 - 1pm	Spelling				
	Mathematics				
		1 - 1:50pm - LUNCH			
1:50 - 2:45pm	Inquiry	Te Ao Māori with Kipa	Inquiry	Tūi Athletics Rotation	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	Geometry	Rational Numbers (Fractions)	Probability
Health & PE	Athletics, Water Skills for Life and small ball skills		
Inquiry	Lights, Camera, Action - Learners will explore journeys through storytelling and drama, developing characters, scripts, and performances that bring adventures to life.		
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 / cursive		
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	Drama - linked to Inquiry learning		

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Tui Online Reads

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



PĀNUI
READING



TUHIUHI
WRITING



PĀNGARAU
MATHEMATICS

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.