

Whānau Kererū Newsletter

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SCHOOL KEY DATES:

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

Kia ora,

Welcome back! 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

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). Kererū learners will be explicitly taught how to build strong, clear sentences using sentence combining to turn simple ideas into more detailed and effective writing. As part of our non-fiction writing this term, children will begin exploring the topic of 'Our Roots, Our Voices, Our Future'. Students will have the opportunity to write a persuasive speech, a spoken word or a 'flash talk' (a speech inspired by an image) based on this topic.

Our reading instruction will 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. This term, there will be a focus on morphology and etymology as part of our spelling programme, which will encourage children to break down words to support their understanding.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will start by exploring Multiplication and Division strategies, including for larger numbers. Learners will apply this knowledge to a range of contexts, including word problems and rich tasks. Later on this term, we will be learning more about volume, capacity and measurement. This topic will include exciting, practical learning opportunities that children can apply to real-world scenarios. We will finish this term by introducing rational numbers.

Physical Education

Our focus this term is on ball games, including netball, basketball, rugby or football. The children will focus on techniques for catching, throwing, passing and striking, before applying these skills to a range of ball games. Towards the end of the term, they will begin to consider defensive and offensive strategies within their teams.

Te Ao Māori

This continues to be integrated through regular classroom programmes, including through our morning Paepae routine. In addition, your child will also be taught by our specialist teacher, Kipa Rangiheuea, for one hour a week of dedicated te ao Māori time.

Inquiry - Dance and Drama Focus

In Inquiry, Kererū learners will be learning more about using dance and music to respond to, and shape, the culture of Aotearoa and our role as kaitiaki. This learning will culminate with the production at the end of term, where students can showcase their learning in a class dance performance.

Ngā mihi,
Kererū teachers

T2 TEAM KEY DATES:

- 19th May: Camp Information Evening for Parents (see Hero for details)
- 1st July: School Production at the Bruce Mason Theatre

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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.

Parent Portal

If you would like to further support your child at home, we recommend using the Ministry's Parent Portal.

To see the year 5 curriculum on the parent portal, click [here](#).

To see the year 6 curriculum, click [here](#).

For maths at home, click [here](#).

Kererū Sample Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 - 10	Reading / Library	Reading	Reading	Reading	Assembly/Reading
10 - 10:55	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Morning tea					
11:30 am - 1 pm	Handwriting Spelling	Handwriting Spelling	Handwriting Spelling	Handwriting Spelling	Handwriting Spelling
	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Lunch					
1:50 - 3 pm	Inquiry	Art	Inquiry	PE	Te Ao Maori

A sample of a Kererū classroom's 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.

Kererū Term 2 Planning Overview

Writing	Writing to Persuade (Speech, Flash Talk, Spoken Word)	Writing to Entertain	Writing to Inform	
Reading	Explicit instruction using year-level texts, with revision of core comprehension strategies such as summarising and inferring. Encouraging children to develop a positive relationship with reading through regular opportunities to engage with a range of texts, including library visits and whole-class read-alouds.			
Mathematics	Multiplication and Division	Volume and Capacity	Rational Numbers	Measurement
Health & P.E.	Ball Games: catching, throwing, passing, striking; defensive and offensive skills and strategies.			
Inquiry	Using music and dance to respond to, shape, and express the culture of Aotearoa, including how we care for our environment (kaitiakitanga).			
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 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, 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.