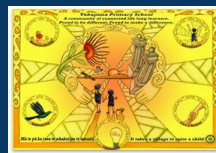


Whānau Kiwi Newsletter



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Kia ora and welcome to Term 3, 2026!

Happy Matariki! Welcome back to Term 3! We were so proud of the Kiwi learners and their dances for our Tomorrow Tablet production. They did so well! A special welcome to our new learners and families. We hope you enjoy your time at Takapuna Primary.

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.

Key Curriculum Areas

This term we will be looking at the **Health Curriculum**. The first part of this term, for **Inquiry**, we will be learning about Nutrition and what is healthy for our bodies. We will be covering what food helps our body flourish. The second part of the term, we will be learning about '[Keeping Ourselves Safe](#)'. We have invited Constable Murray to share with families about the programme on Monday 24th of August. We will also be learning about friendships throughout the term. In Week 10, we have invited the [Life Education Trust](#) to our school to share more about Nutrition.

This term for **Reading/Phonics**, we will start to send home PM books home. These books often have a story or show the sequence of how a sentence is structured. As the learners become more confident with reading, they will begin to read to learn. We will still have a phonics focus each week, as well as a Phonics Plus book that will continue their sequence of learning the different phonics sounds.

Please look after these books, as the PM books do cost between \$10-\$14 each. We ask that these are always kept flat inside the learner's book bag, to keep them safe (away from leaky water bottles).

In **Writing** we will be integrating our Inquiry into our writing to ensure learners are given opportunities to apply their learning. We will continue write for different purposes—entertaining, informing, and persuading—using simple and compound sentences. We will practise our letter formation and the process of 'think, write, and check' our work.

In **Mathematics**, we will be covering:

Statistics – We will be revising what we learned in Term 1 about creating and interpreting picture graphs, tally marks and dot plot graphs.

Number– We will be looking at missing addends for addition and subtraction. For example, $7 + ? = 10$. Next, we will also learn about adding and subtracting using place value. Finally, we will be using our knowledge of skip counting to answer simple multiplication and division questions.

Financial Maths – We will identify and explore the value of the different coins and notes of New Zealand currency. They will have opportunities to use this in role play activities, using their addition and subtraction, as well as skip counting knowledge.

Measurement– We will be learning about time and duration. We will look at days of the week, months of the year, seasons. We will also cover digital and analogue time and the difference between seconds, minutes and an hour.

100 days at School – We will have a day celebration of the 100 days of our school year so far.

Key Dates

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

Reminders

For any last minute changes going to Kelly Club or pick ups please contact the office as teachers often do not get the opportunity to check their email during the day. Email- office@tps.school.nz

Please check HERO regularly for school communications and important notices.

It would really help us out to have their book bag with their reading book and reading log come to school every day. Reading everyday with your child makes such a difference in their progress. Choose a time that works best for you and your child.

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.
office@tps.school.nz
- 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

Key Curriculum Areas continued

This term in **Physical Education**, we will be focusing on practising for our cross country which will take place on Friday, the 14th of August. We will be revising the big ball skills from last term and applying these to play Netball, Tag Rugby, Basketball and Football.

For **Visual Art**, we will design a symbol, a cartoon strip or story board and we will end the term by creating pounamu or heitiki art for Maori Language week.

What's Happening This Term

Week 2- Tuesday 28th July Maths Parent Meeting with Marie Hirst **Friday 31st July:** Red Nose Day!

Week 4- New Zealand Maths week, Wednesday the 12th August Open Maths afternoon, **Friday 14th August** whole school cross country.

Week 5- Monday 17th August 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' parent meeting with Constable Murray 3:15-4:15pm.

Week 6- Wednesday 26th August and Thursday 27th of August 1:1 Parent Meetings.

Week 9- Maori Language Week

Week 10- Life Education Van at school. Friday 25th of September last day of term 3!

Home Learning

We would suggest keeping any home learning light and short (around 15 minutes). The priority would be reading the school reader or discussing the letter sounds they have been learning about this week. Reading a picture book together, sharing about our day and working together on chores or everyday tasks help oral language and basic maths skills. You are welcome to talk to your child's teacher for more personalised advice.

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

Term 3 Timetable- 2026

	Monday - Rāhina	Tuesday- Rātū	Wednesday - Rāpa	Thursday- Rāpare	Friday - Rāmere
9.00 - 9.10	Karakia, Rārangī ingoa				
Writing	Writing	Reading	Writing	Writing	Assembly/ Writing
9.30 - 10.00					
9.50- 10.00	Top Up - Kai timatanga (snack)				
10.00 - 10.30	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
10.30 - 11.00					
11.00 - 11.30	Morning Tea - Kai iti				
11.30 - 12.00	Phonics	Te Ao Māori	Phonics	Reading	Poem and Spelling
12.00 - 12.30	Reading		Reading		
12.30 - 1.00		Library		Kiwi Kapa Haka	Te Reo/Friendships
1.00 - 1.50	Lunch - Wā tina				
1.50 - 2.00	Rārangī ingoa / Kia tau				
2.00 - 2.10	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting
2.10 - 2.50	Inquiry	Mathematics	Physical Education	Inquiry	Art
2.50 - 3.00	Tidy up - Wā whakapai and Karakia Te reo - Kiwi Waiata Home time - Wā kainga				

Kiwi Team Overview Term 1

Term 2 Overview											
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11
Maths	Algebra: Equations, Relationships and Algorithmic Thinking		Number: Rational Numbers				Number Operations		Geometry: Shape and Pathways		
Inquiry	Dance (Kaitiakitanga)'Tomorrow Tablet'										
Mitey Integrated	Integrated through Inquiry, Reading, Writing										
Reading	HFW recognition, letter recognition, phonics skills, comprehension strategies: predicting, visualising, making connections, summarising Ready to read phonics- Better Start										
Writing	Writing Entertain, Persuade, Inform about ourselves, family, friends, school, Mitey										
Arts	Anzac Art, Leaf printing, Hand stitch, Geometry class quilt										
Te Ao Māori	Pepeha			Colours/Tae					Shapes/ahua		