

Whānau Kererū Newsletter

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SCHOOL KEY DATES:

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

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Welcome back! We hope all our students and families had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. We ended last term on a real high with our incredible whole-school production. It was wonderful to see our students shine on stage, and we are so proud of the enthusiasm, confidence, and teamwork they showed throughout the whole process. A huge thank you to our whānau for your support in helping make the production such a memorable success.

English

In Writing this term, Kererū learners will continue to write for a range of purposes, including both fiction and non-fiction. Kererū learners will be taught how to build strong, clear sentences using sentence combining to turn simple ideas into more detailed and effective writing. Students will also continue writing their persuasive speeches as part of the Rehu Tai Speech Competition. This year's topic is 'Our Roots, Our Voice, Our Future' and all students will spend time crafting a persuasive piece around this topic, before performing them to their class.

Reading lessons will continue to build comprehension, critical thinking, and vocabulary through a range of engaging texts. Our spelling programme will focus on understanding how words are constructed by exploring prefixes, suffixes, roots, and word origins, helping students deepen their understanding of vocabulary.

Maths

This term in Mathematics, our focus will be on developing students' mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills. Through rich, open-ended tasks and multi-step investigations, students will work collaboratively to discuss ideas and extend each other's thinking. Alongside this, explicit teaching of key concepts and skills will ensure students continue to strengthen their knowledge while applying it in new contexts.

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Physical

This term in PE, students will begin by preparing for our school-wide Cross Country through activities that develop endurance, goal setting, and personal fitness. Throughout the term, they will also take part in a variety of large ball, invasion, and cooperative games, building movement skills while learning the value of teamwork, communication, fair play, and positive participation.

Later in the term, students will participate in the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. This programme helps students develop an understanding of healthy relationships, personal safety, and strategies for making safe choices and seeking support both online and in everyday situations.

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 - Nutrition, the Body and the Mind

This term, our Inquiry learning will explore the connection between nutrition, the body, and the mind. Students will investigate how healthy choices, including balanced nutrition, hydration, and sleep, support physical health, emotional wellbeing, and learning. Through hands-on activities and discussion, they will develop a greater understanding of how everyday choices can influence energy levels, concentration, resilience, and overall wellbeing, while building practical strategies to support a healthy lifestyle.

Camp (Week 4, Term 4)

Please keep an eye out on HERO for regular updates with information.

Ngā mihi,
Kererū teachers

T3 TEAM KEY DATES:

- Parent Conferences: 26th and 27th August
- School Cross Country: 14th August

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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 3 Planning Overview

Writing	Writing to Persuade		Writing to Entertain		Writing to Inform
Reading	Explicit instruction using year-level texts, with revision of core comprehension strategies such as summarising and inferring. Regular opportunities to engage with a wide range of texts, including through read-aloud novels and weekly library visits.				
Mathematics	Rational Numbers	Measurement	Probability	Geometry	
Health & P.E.	Cross Country Practice Large Ball Skills, Invasion Games, Cooperative Team Games.				
Inquiry	Nutrition, the Body and the Mind: what is a balanced diet, and how does it impact on your body and mind?				
Spelling	Phonological awareness, spelling patterns and rules, word meanings, using prefixes and suffixes to make new words.				
Handwriting	Daily practise of handwriting, including cursive.				

REMINDERS:

- We encourage children to bring a drink bottle everyday. We are a water-only school.
- 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.