



WHĀNAU TŪI

TERM 3 2026 - NEWSLETTER

Kia ora Tui Team Whānau,

A very warm welcome to Term 3! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break and had the chance to spend some quality time together. We are especially excited to welcome the new families joining the Tūi Team this term, along with our International Students. We look forward to getting to know you all and sharing another fantastic term of learning together.

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CURRICULUM

This term, our learners will be preparing for our **Cross Country** event in Week 4. Please ensure your child wears sensible running shoes each day so they can participate safely in training. Students are learning that successful long-distance running is about finding a steady pace and maintaining it.

Our **Health Inquiry** theme is Nourish to Flourish, where learners will explore healthy eating, how our bodies grow and function, building healthy friendships, and making safe choices. As part of this learning, we are pleased to welcome Constable Murray for the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme.

In Week 5, we will be visiting **Kelmarna Community Farm** in Ponsonby. If you are available to help on this trip, please email your child's classroom teacher. A nutritionist will also be visiting the Tūi Team in Week 7.

In **Writing**, we will be learning procedural, explanation and persuasive writing while continuing to work towards individual writing goals.

In **Reading**, our programme continues to emphasise the link between spelling and decoding, helping learners use familiar word patterns to read and understand new vocabulary.

Our **Physical Education** focus is large ball skills, developing coordination, teamwork and confidence through a variety of games and activities.

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

- Statistics: Statistical investigations and statistical literacy.
- Number: Financial Mathematics.
- Measurement: Time.
- Geometry: Turns and angles.

SCHOOL KEY DATES

• Week 2

Tuesday 28th July

Maths Parent Meeting with Maire Hirst - 6pm

Friday 31st July

Red Nose Mufti Day

• Week 4

Wednesday 12th August

Open Maths afternoon - 2pm

Friday 14th August

Cross Country

• Week 5

Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th or Wednesday 19th August

Kelmarna Farm Trip - Tui A & B - Monday

- Tui C & D - Tuesday

- Tui E - Wednesday

• Week 6

Monday 24th August

Keeping ourselves safe meeting with Constable Murray - 3:10pm

Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th August

1:1 Parent Conferences

• Week 10

Friday 25th 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.
- **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**

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 TIMETABLE & OVERVIEW

Tūi Planning Overview			
Writing	Explanation, Persuasive and Procedural Learners will continue to focus on their individual goals.		
Reading	Reading is taught in collaborative groups this term based on learner's needs. Better Start Literacy Approach for some learners.		
Mathematics	Statistical Investigation and Literacy	Number: Financial Maths	Measurement - Time, Turns, Angles
Health & PE	PE: Cross Country Training, Large ball skills Health: Inquiry, nutrition, friendships, keeping ourselves safe - linked to Inquiry		
Inquiry	Health: Nourish to flourish: Nutrition, Friendships, Keeping Ourselves Safe		
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	Focus on fruit and vegetable kupu and sentences, 1 hour with specialist Te Ao Māori teacher.		
The Arts	A day with specialist teacher Claire.		

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	Fitness - Cross Country Training				
	Reading / Library Visit once a week				
11 - 11:30am - MORNING TEA					
11:30 - 1pm	Handwriting				
	Spelling				
	Mathematics				
1 - 1:50pm - LUNCH					
1:50 - 2:45pm	Inquiry	Te Ao Māori with Kipa	Inquiry	PE	Inquiry

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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.



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READING

TUHIHI
WRITING

PĀNGARAU
MATHEMATICS