



## Newsletter 1

30th January 2025

**Kia ora koutou,**

Welcome to another year of learning at TKP!

I am so glad that we have had a Summer and patches of beautiful sunshine. One highlight for me was going to Taupoo with my family, expecting warm weather. However, we ended up not having enough warm clothes, as it was so cold. There was even a report of sleet and snow on Desert Road while we were there!

This morning we welcomed 30 new students and their families to our school with our first poowhiri for the year. We were led by Whaea Tania and the team from Ngaa Maramara o Ngaa Muka. So to all our new families, I welcome you all to our learning community and I look forward to getting to know you and your children as you settle into our school.

This morning we also welcomed Kirsten Drummond, Whaea Teia, Stacey Baker, and Mehnaz Ahmed to our teaching team for 2025.

Mehnaz will be working in Room 16 with Year 5 - 6 students

Kirsten will be working in Room 1 with Year 1 students

Stacey will be working in Room 10 with Year 2 - 3 students

Whaea Teia will be in Maahoe working with Year 1 - 2 bilingual students

### Looking Ahead:

Please remember to check our Facebook page for the latest updates from our school - <https://www.facebook.com/TKPrimary>.

5th February - ECE Transition to School Programme at 9.30 am in Room 11

### 6th February - Waitangi Day

**7th February - Teacher-only day** - Staff attending PLD at Kimihia School - School is closed for instruction

11th February - TK Guitar Works onsite

12th February - ECE Transition to School Programme at 9.30 am in Room 11 - Duffy Theatre Show at 11am

17th and 18th February - Bruce Moody onsite

18th February - TK Guitar Works onsite

19th February - Board of Trustees meeting

20th February - School Competitive Triathlon - 9.30am  
- Meet the Staff / Whaanau Picnic 5.00pm

21st February - Student Leaders working with Paula Dewar

25th February - TK Guitar Works onsite

26th February - ECE Transition to School Programme at 9.30 am in Room 11

28th February - Fun Run and Swim - 9.30am

## Here is our team for 2025:

Senior Leadership Team:

Principal Brian Martin

Deputy Principal Loren Huisman(Acting Principal  
- 2 days a week)

LSC/SENCO Candice Bateup

### Team Leaders:

Year 1 - 2 - Anne Mitchell

Year 2 - 3 - Danielle van Zyl

Year 4 - 6 - Georgia Read

NMoNM - Tania Nepe

### Teaching Team:

Room 1 Kirsten Drummond (Year 1)

Room 2 Opening in T2 (Anne Mitchell) (NE)

Room 3 Imogen Whitaker (Year 1 - 2)

Room 4 Harjeet Kaur (Year 1 - 2)

Room 6 Louise Price (Year 1 - 2)

Patatee Tau Tumai (Year 3 - 4)

Hiinau Tania Nepe (Year 5 - 6)

Maahoe Teia Marsh (Year 1 - 2)

Room 10 Stacey Baker (Year 2 - 3)

Room 13a Lilli Moth (Year 3)

Room 13b Danielle van Zyl (Year 3)

Room 14 Stephanie Wolfe (Year 4 - 5)

Room 15 Tania Riley (Year 4 - 5)

Room 16 Mehnaz Ahmed (Year 5- 6)

Room 17 Lesieli Seaton (Year 5 - 6)

### Intervention Teachers

Year 1- 3 - Niki Swart

Year 4 - 6 - Georgia Read

Te Kauwhata Primary School Within School

Teacher - Stephanie Wolfe

Too Taatuou Haerenga Kaahui Ako Across School

Teacher - Keri Kittsen

Release Teachers - Kara Burns, Sylvia Liddiard,

Fiona Sands & Keri Kittsen

ESOL and BSLA Tutor - Sarah McCarthy

Office staff:

- Morag Maunder
- Louise Salzwedel

Caretaker:

- Russell Watson

Cleaners:

- Betty Samuels and Linda Watson

Support staff:

- Sonia Katu
- Alison O'Neill
- Amber Casey
- Sara Hartley
- Sarah McCarthy
- Kim Falwasser
- Cassandra Tumai
- Shalimar Newport

## North Waikato Attendance Service

- Girlie Iwihora
- Ramon Sorensen
- Loren Wilson

### Board of Trustees:

- Michelle Croucher - Co - Presiding Member
- Vince Hapi - Mana whenua representative / Co-Presiding Member
- Brian Martin - Principal
- Morag Maunder - BOT Secretary
- Theresa Sherrard - Parent Representative
- Graham Mako - Parent Representative
- Andrew Maunder - Parent Representative
- Danielle van Zyl - Staff representative

### Update:

Angel Tawhiti, one of our amazing Learning Assistants has resigned from her position as Learning Assistant. Angel thank you for your hard work and dedication to your role as a Learning Assistant at TKP. The Board and I wish you all the best for the rest of 2025!

### From the end of 2024

On the last day of 2024, we had a small assembly to do the final attendance draw for 2024. Three children were chosen out of all the children who had 100% attendance for at least one week in Term 4. Our winners were Zachery Bray, Emily Strydom and Fleur Bateup.



### Whaea Tau

The last thing we did in 2024 as a school was acknowledge Whaea Tau Tumai for completing her two years as a provisionally registered teacher. Our children performed a haka for Whaea Tau as a thank you for the hard mahi she has put into her students in NMONM.





## Back to 2025 - Meet the Staff- Family Whaanau Picnic

On the 20th of February, we will have our 'Meet the Staff - Family / Whaanau Picnic' at 5.00 pm on the bottom field. This night's purpose is to connect as a community, meet your child's teacher, have some fun, have a picnic dinner with your family, and participate in a few non-competitive activities - eg. races, tug of war, three-legged race etc. The pool will also be open on this night as we look to take advantage of the warm summer evening.

There will be a small free sausage sizzle but please remember to bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy with your whaanau/family.

### Stationery

This week your child/ren will be issued their stationery. Over the next couple of days, an invoice will be sent home. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible however if you wish to arrange payment please contact Morag in the school office. Thank you in advance for getting the stationery paid. You can pay via the Internet or through EFTPOS in the office.

### Sunhats

We are a SunSmart School so uniform sun hats are to be worn during terms 1 and 4. They are available from the school office at \$15.00 each.



### Duffy Theatre Show - 12th of February

Here is the synopsis for the Duffy Theatre Show that will be at TKP on the 12th of February at 11.00am.

*Duffy and Scruffy's Aunt Ana is the best! She is the epitome of a cool aunt but she has some sad news, she needs to move to Australia for her job! Duffy and Scruffy are devastated until Ana suggests they start a book club and write physical letters to each other as a way of staying in touch. The letters spring back and forward between Aotearoa and Aussie until one day when they mysteriously stop; Aunt Ana has gone missing! Scruffy thinks they know why and is ready to solve another mystery. This story is full of super-hero adventures and furry animals, will reading be able to save the day again!*

Director: Jeff Szusterman. Writer: Lauren Jackson with support from Janaye Henry  
Set Design: John Parker. Costumes: Elizabeth Whiting and Moana Lamdin



### Whole School Assembly in Week 3

Our first Whole school assembly will be on Friday 14th of February at 11.10am

Please remember if the weather is fine, we will be in the assembly area but if it is too bad, we will run three separate assemblies.

If this happens:

- The Year 1 - 2 Team's Assembly will be held in Room 4
- The Year 2 - 3 Team's Assembly will be held in Room 13
- The Year 4 - 6 Team's Assembly will be in Room 16
- Nga Marama o Nga Muka will be held in Hiinau.

If your child is receiving a certificate and the weather is poor please attend the classes listed above.

### A huge thank you!



On behalf of our staff and students, I would like to thank and acknowledge the people and farms who use Fern Fuels as their provider for fuel. Your ongoing support of the Fuel for Schools programme has allowed us to order 5 Sphero mini kits for our children to use when they are engaged in digital technology. Our children will use them in 2025 so once again thank you for your support!

**Lost Property:**

*Just a wee reminder that lost property is now located in the shed next to the Junior playground and will be open before and after school if your child loses a piece of their clothing. If you come into school and it is locked please pop over to the office and we will get someone to open it for you!*

**Schooldocs - ongoing review**

If you would like to review our Policies and Procedures for Term 1 please find online at:

<https://tkp.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Username: tkp  
Password: wecare

*In Term 1, 2025, we will be reviewing the following topics - Health, and Safety Management Risk Management, Visitors, Worker Engagement Participation and Representation, Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters and Crises, School Closure, Emergency Management, Disaster Management and Crisis Management*

**Reminders:**

If you are dropping off or picking your child up in a vehicle before and after school - please use the Mahi Road entrance. Wira Street is for bus use and walkers only. If you are using Wira Street during the day to pick up or drop off your child please do not park on the berm and do not park across staff car parks, especially during the morning when staff are arriving preventing them from parking. Thank you for your cooperation!

The bus company that services our school has asked if people could refrain from moving any cones on Wira Street in the afternoon. The cones are there to ensure that the buses have enough room to turn into Wira Street. If you choose to move a cone and park in that space, the school holds no responsibility for any damage that may occur to your vehicle. Also please use the designated crossing area outside the main entrance (near Room 2), to cross Wira Street. This is the safest place to cross Wira Street in the afternoons so please use this crossing to walk your children across the road.

**Parking**

A reminder that parking before and after school has to be in the designated parking areas along Mahi Rd and Wira St. As we work with the police to ensure we maintain safety for all our students and our school community, any car or vehicle parking on the yellow lines and across grass verges will result in your car number plate being alerted to them.

**Bus Changes**

If your child normally catches the bus and on any given day your plans change, can you please contact the office to let the school know that your child isn't catching the bus that day.

**Crossing on Wira Street**

Last year it was brought to our attention that cars are parking in the school's main driveway on Wira Street and that children were also crossing the street near the skip bin. In 2025, we would appreciate it if you keep this driveway clear and encourage your child to cross at the allocated crossing near the main gate of the school.

**ETAP Parent Portal:**

Our ETAP Parent Portal is now up and running. If you haven't downloaded the Etap @School App already, you will have received an invite to your email with instructions on how to access it. We must have your updated phone numbers and email addresses so that you are able to access the information in the app. If your information needs updating, please contact the office.

We believe that communication is important in our current environment and the ETAP Parent Portal allows you to receive up-to-date information about your child, their class and other important school information.

**Reporting an Absence:**

- Phone school phone 07 826 3564 and leave us a message.
- Text us on 0275037425
- Use the @school app for an absence message
- Send an absence through the school website on [www.tkp.school.nz](http://www.tkp.school.nz)

**Keeping up to date:**

Please remember to check our Facebook page for the latest updates from our school - <https://www.facebook.com/TKPrimary>.

Also, if you would like to read our strategic plan for 2024 please follow this link [https://www.tkp.school.nz/110/file\\_sets/13-strategic-plans](https://www.tkp.school.nz/110/file_sets/13-strategic-plans)

Our strategic plan details what we are aiming to achieve as a kura in 2024.

***Thanks - Brian and the Team***





2025

Huntly Thistle Junior Football Online registrations are open now for the 2025 season.

Visit the below website to register:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/337000>

OR



Huntly Thistle AFC - Junior Section



Junior teams range from Year 1 - Year 8



Email us at [huntlythistlejuniors@gmail.com](mailto:huntlythistlejuniors@gmail.com)

We have a basket at TKP Reception for TK Community House food donations.

