

Newsletter 2

12th February 2025

Kia ora koutou,

What a start to the year we have had!

Our classrooms are full of excited children and staff for what the year will bring.

Over the past few weeks, our students have been revisiting or learning about our school values and our school-wide expectations for behaviour and learning. At the start of the year, it is so important to set up classroom routines and expectations. This groundwork always pays off later in the year as the students are immersed in our school routines and culture of learning.

As our children continue to explore We C.A.R.E. (Communicate, Aspire, Respect and Engage) over the next few weeks, please ask them about what they are learning about our school's PB4L programme!

Whole School Triathlon

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Triathlon this year! This is due to an Inter School Triathlon event being brought in to replace Inter School Swimming. Our school Triathlon will take place on Thursday 20th February, starting at 9:30am. The school Triathlon is an opt-in competitive event and there are certain criteria that need to be met for your child to participate in this event. Please see below for details.

Looking Ahead:

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

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

14th - February - School Assembly at 11.10am

17th and 18th February - Bruce Moody onsite

17th - 28th of February - Swimsafe onsite working with staff and students

18th February - TK Guitar Works onsite

19th February - Board of Trustees meeting

20th February - School Competitive Triathlon - 9.30am
- Meet the Staff / Whaanau Picnic at 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 in Room 11

28th February - Fun Run and Swim - 9.30am

4th March - TK Guitar Works onsite

5th March - Senior School Swimming Sports

7th March - Whaanau Leaders working with Paula Dewar

10th March - Poowhiri for next intake of students at 9.00am

11th March - TK Guitar Works onsite

The Inter School Triathlon event is for 8 year olds and up held at Kimihia School. If your child qualifies for this through our school Triathlon, they will get a notice.

The Triathlon will start at 9:30am and run in the following order:

5 Year Old Girls
5 Year Old Boys
6 Year Old Girls
6 Year Old Boys
7 Year Old Girls
7 Year Old Boys
(5-7 year old event held at school)
8 & 9 Girls
8 & 9 Boys
10 & 11 Girls
10 & 11 Boys

(8 - 11 year old biking will be held at the domain and the run and swim at school). The age groups are combined here due to inter school events being combined. They will still get recognition at school for placing within their individual age groups. They will need to bring their bike either the night before (it will be locked in the pool area) or on the morning of the Triathlon.

We will hold a Fun Run and Swim (non-competitive) on Friday 28th of February for all children. Again, children will be grouped with their peers for this event, starting with the 5 year old girls and finishing with the 10 & 11 year old boys.

In order to participate in this event, your child must have:

- A parent/caregiver to supervise them (you will need to indicate on the Google Form who this is). One parent/caregiver may have up to 3 children to supervise. Exceptions will be made for our Seniors.
- Their own bike (no sharing of bikes) and be able to ride a bike independently on grass. The bike must also be of a safe standard, including working brakes and tyres with tread.
- A helmet
- Togs & towel
- Covered shoes (Crocs in Sports Mode are fine)

If your child would like to compete in the Triathlon, please fill out [this Google Form](#) by

Thursday 13th February.

Please fill out ONE FORM PER CHILD. If you are unable to fill out the Google Form but would like your child to participate, please contact Loren Huisman by ringing the office. Form url (if unable to click link):

<https://forms.gle/VN2hLRYYC3BvSebC7>

We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please email lesieli@tkp.school.nz

Ngaa mihi,
Lesieli Seaton
Sports Coordinator

Meet the Staff- Family Whaanau Picnic

Just a wee reminder that 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

Your child/ren will already have started to use their stationery in class. You will also have received an invoice from the school, if you have not please contact the office. We thank the families who have already paid for their stationery, if you haven't we would appreciate payment as soon as possible. If you wish to arrange payment please contact Morag in the school office. You can pay via the Internet or through EFTPOS in the office.

In 2024, our Year 6 leaders left the following posts and paintings for us to display in 2025.

The posts represent our different Student Leader roles - Events, Administration, PB4L, Cultural, Sports and Enviroschool and they will replace the existing posts at the front of the school.

Legacy Project

In 2023 our Student Leaders gifted this mural to our school. This was their legacy project and they worked hard on it with Claire du Bosky who is on our staff. The idea behind our student's legacy project is that they are leaving something behind that we will take with us to our new school.



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Our paintings are our four Whaanau Groups - Whangamarino, Whangape, Waikato and Waikare.

I would like to thank all our Student Leaders and Whaanau Leaders from 2024 for leaving such beautiful artwork for our school environment!

Hot Compost Update

I would like to thank Rhonda Irvine and Irvine Cartage LTD for the metal to put around our Hot Compost Bins and for organising the digger to complete the earthworks. This will be great for our Enviroschools Students to work on during the Winter when the ground is normally muddy!



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.

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.

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

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

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:

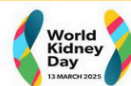
Our ETAP Parent Portal is now up and running. If you haven't downloaded the Etap @School App already, you will have received an invite to your email with instructions on how to access it. We must have your updated phone numbers and email addresses so that you are able to access the information in the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

Thanks - Brian and the Team



To recognise all the children with kidney issues in New Zealand and to support Kidney Kids NZ who look after them, we will be having a non-uniform Gold Coin donation day on World Kidney Day.

Thursday 13th March 2025

Thank you to everyone for their support from Kidney Kids New Zealand





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

Te Kauwhata Squash Club

Term 1, 2025
6 Week Squash Coaching Programme

Starts: Thursday 20th February

Cost:

Juniors: \$40 for club members
\$60 for non-members

Adults: \$50 for club members
\$70 for non-members

Payment plans are welcome



Sessions run by
squash coach
Kay Newman

- Open to ALL levels
- Juniors - age 5 years and up
- Adults - women and men
- Rackets and balls provided

For more info:
E: terry.debbie26@gmail.com
M: 021 208 2186
F: Te Kauwhata Squash Club

KEREPEHI BRASS BAND

COME AND JOIN IN!

2025

LEARNER'S LESSONS

- **Day:** Tuesdays (excluding school holidays)
- **Time:** 4:15 PM
- **Where:** Kerepehi Brass Band Hall, 14 Matai St, Kerepehi
- **Cost:** Just \$5 per week
- **Instruments:** Cornet, Tenor Horn, Flugel Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba*
- **Instrument Hire:** Available

*Subject to age and skill level, at the music teacher's discretion.

We're incredibly fortunate to have Hamilton-based music teacher Clive Burnell as our tutor. Our lessons are open to everyone, and we've welcomed students from Ngatea, Kerepehi, Nethererton, Thames, Te Kauwhata, Waikino, and Paeroa. We're passionate about nurturing the next generation of band players and are committed to giving you or your child the best possible start on this exciting journey. If you have any questions, feel free to drop in or email us. We hope to see you soon!



WHY LEARN A BRASS INSTRUMENT WITH US?

- Develop musical skills
- Build confidence and leadership
- Foster cultural enrichment and exposure to diverse music styles
- Enhance cognitive abilities, discipline, and time management
- Support mental health and emotional well-being
- Promote teamwork, collaboration, and a sense of community
- Provide networking, performance, and career opportunities
- Encourage personal, social, and academic growth
- Can offer travel, new experiences and career opportunities

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- www.kerepehibrass.co.nz
- kerepehibrass@gmail.com
- 021 039 6183
- 14 Matai Street, Kerepehi



Parents, Family & Whānau Taster Session @ your local library

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Dysphasia (Comprehend)
Dysgraphia (Write)
Dyspraxia (Coordinate)
Dyscalculia (Maths)
Dysnomia (Recall)
ADHD (Attention)
Autism (Social)
ODD (Behaviour)
Tourette Syndrome (Tics)

4-5pm Thursday 6 th March @ Ngāruawāhia Library (4 Jesmond Street)	10-11am Saturday 8 th March @ Raglan Library (7 Bow Street)	4-5pm Thursday 13 th March @ Huntly Library (142 Main Street)	10-11am Saturday 15 th March @ Tuakau Library (72 George Street)	4-5pm Thursday 20 th March @ Te Kauwhata Library (1 Main Road)	10-11am Saturday 22 nd March @ Ngāruawāhia Library (4 Jesmond Street)
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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



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