

Newsletter 3

26th February 2025

Bula vinaka,

It is hard to believe that we are one week away from being halfway through this term!

We have had a busy couple of weeks and it all started with the Duffy Show on the 12th of February

Duffy Show

On Wednesday, 12th February we were very fortunate to have a visit from the Duffy Theatre, who performed 'Duffy and Scruffy's Pawesome Adventure' for the whole school. The show had a subtle 'It's cool to read and write' message, along with audience interaction, lots of laughs and a Q&A with the actors.

Here are some photos from the show:



We love being a Duffy Books in Homes school! Book Offer 1 books will be arriving early next month, with every child receiving 2 to keep!

Looking Ahead:

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

27th February - Franklin Basketball onsite
- Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau and Patatee

28th February - Fun Run and Swim - 9.30am

4th March - TK Guitar Works onsite

5th March - Senior School Swimming Sports

6th March - Franklin Basketball onsite

7th March - Whaanau Leaders working with Paula Dewar

10th March - Poowhiri for next intake of students at 9.00am
- Duffy Role Model Assembly - 11.30am

11th March - TK Guitar Works onsite
- Hockey Big Day Out - Ngatea

12th March - 9.30am - ECE Transition to School visit

13th March - World Kidney Day - Weekend Wear Day
- Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau and Patatee

14th March - Inter-school Triathlon

17th March - Principals Afternoon Tea

18th March - TK Guitar Works onsite

19th March - TKP Board Meeting 5.30pm
- 9.30am - ECE Transition to School visit

20th March - NMONM Whaanau Hui at 5.00pm

21st March - Student Leaders working with Paula Dewar

25th March - TK Guitar Works onsite

26th March - 9.30am - ECE Transition to School visit

27th March - Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau and Patatee



Meet the Staff / Whaanau Picnic

I want to thank all the parents and whaanau that came to our meet the staff / whaanau picnic on the 20th of February. We had over 200 people on site, and I really enjoyed speaking to some of our new families, and also catching up with families that have been with us for a while!

If you could not attend, please feel free to pop in and see me anytime at the school!

Here are photos from the night.



Triathlon Results:

Also on the 20th of February, we held our annual triathlon. We re-introduced our competitive triathlon this year as the top for boys and girls in the 8 - 9 year old race and the 10 - 11 year old race will get to go to inter-school triathlon on the 14th of March in Huntly. Congratulations to all our children who participated in our race last week!

Results from Triathlon:

Category	1st	2nd	3rd
5 Year-Old Boy	Emosi Waimuka	-	-
5 Year-Old Girl	Aaria Alatimu	Eliza Mumby	Tegan Glover
6 Year-Old Boy	Blake Vodanovich	Enzo Kirk	Leo Ronaki
6 Year-Old Girl	Cydella Rupapere-Little	Everly Carson-Holloway	Ava Drummond
7 Year-Old Boy	Jacob Sykes-Sherrard	Caleb Mumby	-
7 Year-Old Girl	Fleur Bateup	Kyla Clark	-
8-Year-Old Boy	Jago Kirk	Nathan Foster	Jordan Addis
8 Year-Old Girl	Zoe Smith	Zaiah Heta	Prisha Khanna
9 Year-Old Boy	Bradley Hansen	Raghav Raghav	Lucas Beverland
9 Year-Old Girl	Emma Clune	Haylee Anderson	Lucy Hennessy
10 Year-Old Boy	Austin Vining	Mana Heta	Heath Thompson
10 Year-Old Girl	Ruby Simpson	Alla Cassidy	Mienke Oosthuizen

Fun Run

Just a reminder that if your child did not participate in the triathlon they will be taking part in our 'Fun Run and Swim' this Friday at 9.30am - see you there!



A few of our helpers!



2024 - End of Year Results:

As we are nearly halfway through Term 1, I thought it would be a good time to share our results from the end of 2024 and share our focus in 2025.

The tables below are an overall summary of the percentage of students who met the expected curriculum level at the end of the year in Te Reo Maaori, Reading, Writing, and Maths.

As you can see the number of children achieving at the expected level in reading, writing and maths is between 55 - 70%.

In 2023 our end of year school roll was 311 and in 2024 this was 362 which is an increase of 51 students. The percentage of learners who achieved in 2024 when compared to 2023 was less in reading, writing and maths but the amount of children who achieved increased.

The increase of students achieving the curriculum expectation is positive and as we continue to grow, I expect similar results at the end of 2025.

2024 was the third year we have collated data in Te Reo Maaori and while we saw a decrease in the amount of children achieving at the expected level, we are still committed to seeing Te Reo Maaori grow at Te Kauwhata Primary School through our Billiungal classrooms and the teaching of Te Reo Maaori in all our classrooms.

Since 2021, our main in-class intervention has been in Writing and Literacy. Our Deputy Principal Loren Huisman, will be supporting our teachers to develop their teaching practice through our coaching and mentoring programme. This programme will focus on accelerating learners within the classroom programme.

In addition to that, Georgia Read, Sarah McCarthy and Niki Swart will be working with groups of students to accelerate their learning in Reading and Writing. We are so thankful to have these experts released from the classroom to support our learners who need it most!

Our focus on Writing also aligns with our Kaahui Ako achievement challenge of Too Taatou Haerenga - To raise the achievement in Literacy for all Year 1 - 13 learners with a focus on accelerating the student. This is a community of learning focus and schools across our region are focused on improving learning outcomes for students in literacy.

The new curriculum refresh is well underway at TKP. Our teachers are engaging in PLD in both Structured Literacy and Structured Maths, and this will continue over the next couple of years. Bruce Moody is back with us again to support our teachers in developing their maths teaching and we will also work with Leitia Preston in Literacy. Leitia is an amazing homegrown expert in Literacy, and we will work with her through the Kaahui Ako.

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Te Reo Maaori
All	232/ 362 64.1%	209/ 362 57.8%	242/ 362 66.9%	131/ 362 36.2%
Boys	116 /189 61.4%	95/189 50.3%	127/189 67.1%	63/189 33.3%
Girls	116 /173 67.1%	114/173 65.8%	115/173 66.5%	68/173 39.3%
NZE	80/ 105 76.2%	68/105 64.8%	80/105 76.2%	27/ 105 25.7%
NZM	92 /168 54.8	86/168 51.2%	94/168 55.9%	79/168 47%
Pac.	23/35 65.7%	18 /35 51.4%	25/35 71.4%	10/35 28.6%
Oth	37/54 68.5%	37/54 68.5%	43/54 79.6%	15/54 27.7%

Learning Area	2023 Number of Students who met the expectation	% At curriculum expectation - 2023	2024 Number of Students who met the expectation	% At curriculum expectation - 2024	Increase of students between 2024 - 2024
Reading	210 / 311	67.5%	232/ 362	64.1%	22
Writing	187 / 311	60.1%	209 / 362	57.8%	22
Maths	205 / 311	65.9%	242 / 362	66.9%	37

At or above - %age (number)

If you have any questions about your own child's achievement please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to working with you all as we partner together to improve the educational outcomes for our tamariki!

Attendance and Engagement:

Our regular attendance improved from 2023 to 2024 which is great news and is a positive going forward into 2025. Our group of learners who are moderately absent has decreased which is also a positive. It is really heartening to see the decrease in the number of students who had chronic attendance from 2023 to 2024 (2.76%). This decrease to 5% aligns with the Ministry of Education's target for chronic absenteeism nationwide.

On top of the positive experiences for our students in class, we will continue to have our weekly 100% attendance draws at our Friday assemblies to encourage weekly attendance across the school. We will also support the children who have taken up the challenge of being at school 100% of the time through our end-of-term prize draws and being recognised at our end-of-year prizegiving!

I have a good feeling that our attendance will improve this year and I am also looking forward to seeing our lateness reduced with your help in 2025!

Yearly Attendance - TKP		
Measure	2023	2024
Percentage of students attending school regularly (an average of 9 days a fortnight)	39.44%	48%
Percentage of students who are moderately absent or have irregular attendance (missing two to three days a fortnight)	52.8%	47%
Percentage of students who are chronically absent (missing three or more days a fortnight)	7.76%	5%
	<i>Lateness in 2024</i>	<i>6.74%</i>

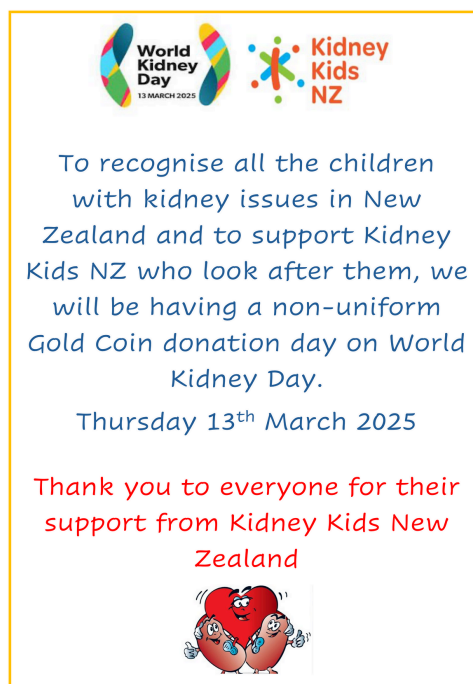
World Kidney Day:

On the 13th of March, we will have our first Weekend Wear Day for 2025. On this day we will be fundraising for Kidney Kids New Zealand and taking part in a global awareness campaign on the importance of kidney health.

Kidney Disease is a serious and growing health problem that affects over 5000 people in New Zealand each year. Unfortunately, it's a health issue that can often go unnoticed, even though it's estimated that one in ten New Zealanders has some form of kidney disease.

Every year we have between 7 - 8 weekend wear days to fundraise for different causes. Our Student Leaders review the Weekend Wear days from the previous year and decide on which ones we will do in the calendar year.

In 2025 they voted on which ones we would do and added World Kidney Day to the calendar. I am truly grateful that our students have a generous mindset and are willing to support organisations that are in the community helping people or animals!



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!

Whole School Assembly in Week 5

Our next Whole school assembly will be held this Friday 28th 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.

2025 Term Dates:

Here are the term dates for 2025 with

Term 1 - 29 January to 11 April (with a Ministry-required teachers-only day on 7 February).

Term 2 - 28 April to 27 June (with a MOE-sanctioned Maths teacher-only day on the 28th of April)

Term 3 - 14 July to 19 September (TOD for Koroneihana on 4th September).

Term 4 - 6 October to 12 December.

In 2025, we have planned for two remaining teacher-only days. This could change due to having to fit in allocated MOE curriculum days. If there are going to be any additional teacher-only days added to the calendar we will give you all ample notice of when this may happen

Term 2 we have:

- One MOE-sanctioned Maths PLD Teacher-Only Day - 28th April

Term 3 we have:

- One TKP Teacher-Only Day for Koroneihana - 4th of September

In 2025, schools are legally required to be open for 193 days. Every year the Board of Trustees works within the Ministry of Education's guidelines and decides when the school is open for instruction. Teacher-only days are not included in the 193 days as on teacher-only days the school is closed for instruction.

Ngaa Mihi

Brian and the Team



Community Notices

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

For more info:
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- Open to ALL levels
- Juniors - age 5 years and up
- Adults - women and men

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, Netherpton, 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:

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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 @ Taupō 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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OHINEWAI NETBALL CLUB

M U S T E R

WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 4PM
AND
SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 1PM

MUSTER HELD AT OHINEWAI SCHOOL

Registrations are open now! Find the link
through our facebook page or contact Rachael
on 0273137726 for more information

All teams to play in Hamilton
Competition (Years 1-6 Weekdays, Years
7+ Saturdays). Girls and boys welcome

Years 1-6 welcome (please enquire about entry fees)



Ohinewai Netball Club



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



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>

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Huntly Thistle AFC - Junior Section



Junior teams range from
Year 1 - Year 8



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