

## Newsletter 4

12th March 2025

### Namaste and welcome,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and families who joined our TKP Learning Community on Monday. We had 6 new students start with us and they were welcomed to our school at our Mid Term Poowhiri.

A huge thank you to Whaea Tania, our students and the team from Ngaa Maramara o Ngaa Muka who support us throughout the year to welcome our new students at our termly poowhiri!

### Fun Run and Swim:

It was an extremely hot morning on the 28th of February when all our students took part in our 'Fun Run and Swim'. This is a fun event for our students that we have every year. In 2025 our students completed their run leg of the event at the Domain and then they ran down the hill and had their swim at our school pool. This event is about participation and here are some photos from the domain as our children completed their run.



*More photos on the next page*

## Looking Ahead:

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

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 at 2.00pm

18th March - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

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

20th March - Senior School Competitive Swimming Sports  
- NMONM Whaanau Hui at 5.00pm

21st March - Student Leaders working with Paula Dewar  
- Senior School Fun Swim - Non Competitors

25th March - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

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

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

31st March - Principals Morning Tea at 9.30am

1st April - TK Guitar Works onsite 12.00pm and 2.00pm

2nd April - 9.30am - ECE Transition to School visit  
- School visit from Te Kura Kaupapa Maaori o Piripono Te Kura Whakahou ki Ootara visiting Ngaa Maramara o Ngaa Muka

8th April - TK Guitar Works onsite 12.00pm and 2.00pm

9th April - 9.30am - ECE Transition to School visit

10th April - Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau and Patatee

11th April - **Last day of Term 1** School closes at 2.50pm

28th April - Term 2 starts - Poowhiri at 9.00am for new students and new families





### **Hockey BDO a Great Success!**

We had a fantastic day at the Hockey BDO, with great weather and enthusiastic participation from our students. It was wonderful to see the kids getting stuck in and giving it their all! A huge thank you to the many parents who came along to support, ensuring our children were well looked after throughout the event. Your help made all the difference!






**Student Leaders and Whaanau Leaders**

At our assembly on Friday 28th of February, Mrs Read, Mrs Huisman, Mrs Bateup and I had the privilege of introducing the school to our Student and Whaanau leaders for 2025. It was a great occasion and I couldn't be more proud of the children who will fulfil these roles in 2025!

**Student Leaders for 2025 -**




Back row - Tason Teremoana, Manisela Afu, Kristina Bennett, Azariah Faaeteete, Winter-Willow Katipa Gillies, Alla Cassidy, Leighthon Croucher, Ty McCarthy

Front row - Kyle Tila, Mark Biddick, Bradley Hansen, Ruby Simpson, Lucy Hennessy, Sophia Ruaporo, Jerakiah Puata-Gowrey

**Whaanau Leaders for 2025 -**

Waikare



Kawiti Kopae, Athenna-Royelle Taha Haereroa , Izabelle Campbell and James Letki

Whangape



Harper Devenie, Georgie Grant, Lexi Devenie, and Te Heruika Rakena



Waikato



Isobel Leef, Jack Watson, Khastelle-Rose Wilson



and Ricki-Leigh Newport

Whangamarino



Ellie Wang, Kaiza Beattie, Tiaan Jonker



and Austin Vining.

### Property Upgrades

I am sure that if you have been at school over the past few weeks that you would have seen our new turf outside Room 1. This project has been a year in the making as we waited for its approval from the Ministry of Education. The turf has shapes and games on it. The games include checkers or chess, four square and 'What's the time Mr Wolf'!

I am sure that you would agree that it is a lot more interactive than what we have had there in the past!



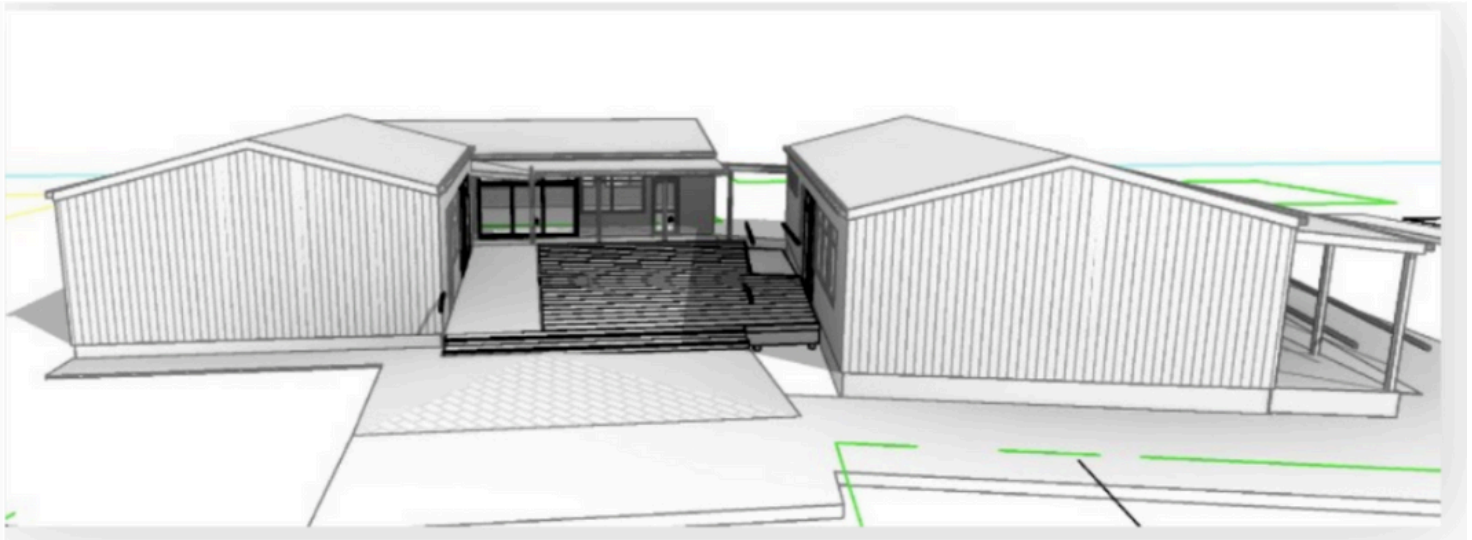


## Upgrade to Maahoe, Patatee and Hiinau

One of the major projects that have been on the Board's agenda in the past was to renovate the learning space around Rooms 9 (Maahoe), 8 (Hiinau) and 7 (Patatee). This project was put on hold as the MOE had told us that we were relocating to the Lakeside development in 2024- 2025. As you know this relocation has been put on hold so on the 24th of March contractors will be onsite to start a 6 week project to develop an exterior learning space between the classes of Ngaa Maramara o Ngaa Muka.

This project has been in the pipeline for the past 14 months and it is an indication that the MOE is happy to invest in developing our current site while we wait for an outcome on our relocation to Lakeside.

The image below is what the exterior learning space will look like. There will be a deck between all three classrooms and each classroom will have a sliding door that will ensure ease of access to the deck between the classrooms. A roof will also be installed to cover the deck between the classrooms guaranteeing that our children will have cover from the sun in the warmer months and a dry place to sit outside when it rains.



### Staffing Update

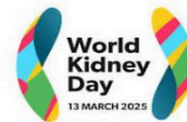
In Week 5, I granted Louise Price (Room 6) medical leave. Louise will be back on staff when she is feeling better. While we wish Louise a speedy recovery, Anne Mitchell has taken on the responsibility of teaching the students of Room 6. Anne has been with us for a number of years and was expecting to open a new entrants classroom at the beginning of Term 2. With Louise being granted leave she has stepped in to support the learners from Room 6. We wish Louise a speedy recovery!

At the end of Term 1, Whaea Tau from Patatee will be leaving us to move overseas to be with family. Tau started with us in 2023 as a beginning teacher and we are really sorry to see her leave. The students and families of Patatee were told of Tau leaving prior to this newsletter being shared with you all. Mrs Kara Burns will be the new teacher in Patatee and she will be the teacher in Patatee until the end of the year. We will seek to employ a bilingual kaiako for 2026.

We wish Tau, all the best and on behalf of the board I want to thank Tau for the time and effort she has put into our students in Ngaa Maramara O Ngaa Muka!

### Board of Trustee Elections

In September this year we will have our Board of Trustees elections. Nominations will be called for closer to the time, but this is just a heads up that the elections are coming up this year and if you have ever wondered about trying for the Board of Trustees, then this might be the year that you put your name forward. If elected, the term of service is 3 years.



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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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





## Whole School Assembly in Week 7

Our next Whole school assembly will be held this Friday 14th of March 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 four 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.

## Duffy Books

On Monday, 12th March we were visited by author June Pitman-Hayes. At a whole school assembly June shared the events in her life that lead to her becoming a writer, her books and their accompanying songs. June also answered questions, distributed our Duffy Book Offer 1 books, and signed some books for our school library. We were so fortunate to have June entertain us as a Duffy Role Model! Here are some photos of June visiting us:



## Keeping up to date:

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

## 2025 Term Dates:

Here are the term dates for 2025:

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 5th 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 - 5th 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.

## Strategic Plan

If you would like to read our strategic plan for 2025 please follow this link in your browser:

[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 2025.

## Schooldocs - ongoing review

If you would like to review our Policies and Procedures for Term 1 please follow the link

<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*

See the full **Review and Board Assurances Schedule**.

***Ngaa Mihi  
Brian and the Team***



## Community Notices

Parents, Family & Whānau Taster Session @ your local library

# DYSLEXIA SOLUTIONS



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**Andria Studman**

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

4-5pm Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March @ Ngāruawāhia Library (4 Jesmond Street)	10-11am Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March @ Raglan Library (7 Bow Street)	4-5pm Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March @ Huntly Library (142 Main Street)	10-11am Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March @ Tuakau Library (72 George Street)	4-5pm Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March @ Te Kauwhata Library (1 Main Road)	10-11am Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 1-5 welcome (please enquire about correct age)



Ohinewai Netball Club



# 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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