

Newsletter 5

26th March 2025

Kia ora koutou TKP whaanau,

I cannot believe that we are in Week 9 and are only two weeks away from the holidays. It has been so great to have a busy term at school that has included our swimming sports, meet the staff evening, Franklin Basketball working with our students, the Thames Valley Hickey Big Day Out, our whole school Duathlon (running and swimming), our School Triathlon and our Inter-School Triathlon. All of these events have been an amazing opportunity for our students to compete with one another and also compete against other schools.

In our last newsletter under the 'Looking Ahead' section and the 2025 Term Date Section, there were two errors regarding our start date for Term 2. The first day of Term 2 for our children is the 29th of April and not the 28th of April. The 28th of April is a Maths Teacher Only Day and we will all be at Kimihia School on this day. I'm sorry for the miscommunication and any inconvenience this may have caused.

World Kidney Day:

I huge thank you to all our families and students who supported our fundraiser for Kidney Kids NZ on the 13th of March. We fundraised \$320.00 for Kidney Kids. I am so happy to be the leader of a school that supports different organisations to make a difference in the lives of young people and their families.

Looking Ahead:

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

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

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

31st March - Principal's Morning Tea at 9.30am
- NMONM Renovation 31st March - 2nd May

1st April - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

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

8th April - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

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

29th April - Term 2 starts - Poowhiri at 9.00am for new students and new families

Inter-School Triathlon

On Friday, 14th March, our triathlon finalists competed in our first Inter-School Triathlon. The excitement and nerves were high as our students took on the challenge, starting with a run, followed by a bike ride around Lake Hakanoa, and finishing with a swim at the Huntly Aquatic Centre. The schools that took part were Kimihia Primary, Huntly West School, St Anthony's Catholic School, Huntly Primary and Taupiri School.

TKP Inter-School Triathlon Team:

8 & 9 Boys: Lucas Beverland, Nathan Foster, Bradley Hansen and Raghav.

8 & 9 Girls: Haylee Andersen, Emma Clune, Zaiah Heta and Zoe Smith.

10 & 11 Boys: Mana Heta, Otis Hooton, James Letki, Heath Thompson and Austin Vining.

10 & 11 Girls: Alla Cassidy and Ruby Simpson.

Seeing our students overcome challenges on the course and persevere with determination was truly heartwarming. Their resilience and team spirit were admirable, and we couldn't be prouder.

A huge thank you to our parents for supporting our kids and providing transport of bikes too. Ka mau te wehi!



Special Mentions:

🏆 **8 & 9-Year-Old Boys:** Bradley Hansen - 1st, Nathan Foster - 2nd, Lucas Beverland - 3rd.

🏆 **10 & 11-Year-Old Boys:** Austin Vining - 1st.

🏆 **10 & 11-Year-Old Girls:** Alla Cassidy - 2nd, Ruby Simpson - 4th.

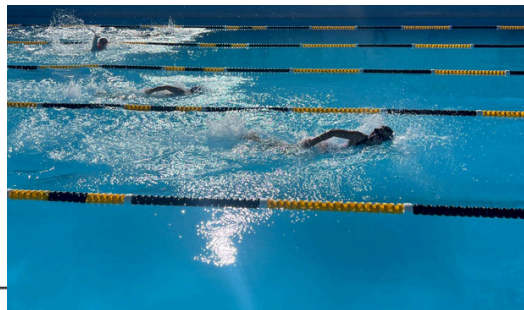


Senior Swimming Results

Last Thursday some of our Senior Students participated in our annual Swimming Sports. I would like to thank all our competitors for trying their best and our parents who came out to support their children!

Here are the results from this event

25m Freestyle			
8 Year Old Boys	8 Year Old Girls	9 Year Old Boys	9 Year Old Girls
Angus Bennett	Maiyah Ratahi	Maudood Maqbool	Lucy Hennessy
Diamond Frias	Kyla Deadman	Chevy-Jay Briggs	Makaira Katipa-Gillies
Katowai Heta	Zoe Smith	Kyle Magpantay	Kaimani Bryant
10+ Year Old Boys	10+ Year Old Girls		
Mana Heta	Alla Cassidy		
Te Heruika Rakena	Ruby Simpson		
Austin Vining	Winter-Willow Katipa-Gillies		



25m Backstroke			
8 Year Old Boys	8 Year Old Girls	9 Year Old Boys	9 Year Old Girls
Diamond Frias	Maiyah Ratahi	Raghav	Nyla Ngawhika-Maniapoto
Angus Bennett	Marama McKay	Neal Grover	Kaimani Bryant
Blaze Tumai	Kyla Deadman	Jack Allat	Makaira Katipa-Gillies
10+ Year Old Boys	10+ Year Old Girls		
Austin Vining	Alla Cassidy		
Mana Heta	Winter-Willow Katipa-Gillies		
Tason Teremoana	Lilyana Bellshaw		

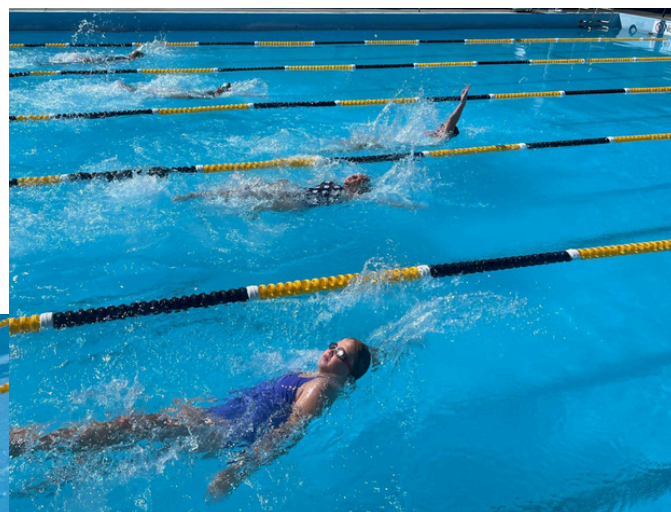
25m Breaststroke			
8 Year Old Boys	8 Year Old Girls	9 Year Old Boys	9 Year Old Girls
	Maiyah Ratahi	Raghav	Kaimani Bryant
	Kyla Deadman	Bradley Hansen	Emma Clune
		Nate Mako	Lucy Hennessy
10+ Year Old Boys	10+ Year Old Girls		
Mana Heta	Ruby Simpson		
Jack Watson	Alla Cassidy		
Austin Vining	Lilyana Bellshaw		

50m Freestyle			
8 Year Old Boys	8 Year Old Girls	9 Year Old Boys	9 Year Old Girls
Angus Bennett	Maiyah Ratahi	Maudood Maqbool	Makaira Katipa-Gillies
	Kyla Deadman	Chevy-Jay Briggs	Emma Clune
	Marama McKay	Kyle Magpantay	Kaimani Bryant
10+ Year Old Boys	10+ Year Old Girls		
Mana Heta	Alla Cassidy		
Austin Vining	Ruby Simpson		
Tason Teremoana	Lilyana Bellshaw		

50m Backstroke			
8 Year Old Boys	8 Year Old Girls	9 Year Old Boys	9 Year Old Girls
Diamond Frias	Maiyah Ratahi	Kyle Magpantay	Emma Clune
Angus Bennett	Kyla Deadman	Nate Mako	Kaimani Bryant
Blaze Tumai		Jensen Stratford	Makaira Katipa-Gillies
10+ Year Old Boys	10+ Year Old Girls		
Mana Heta	Alla Cassidy		
Austin Vining	Ruby Simpson		
Tason Teremoana	Winter-Willow Katipa-Gillies		

50m Breaststroke			
8 Year Old Boys	8 Year Old Girls	9 Year Old Boys	9 Year Old Girls
	Maiyah Ratahi	Nate Mako	Emma Clune
		Lucas Beverland	Kaimani Bryant
		Kyle Magpantay	
10+ Year Old Boys	10+ Year Old Girls		
Mana Heta	Ruby Simpson		
Tason Teremoana	Alla Cassidy		
Otis Hooton	Lilyana Bellshaw		

25m Medley			
8 Year Old Boys	8 Year Old Girls	9 Year Old Boys	9 Year Old Girls
	Maiyah Ratahi	Rudra Pandit	Emma Clune
		Nate Mako	Kaimani Bryant
		Jensen Stratford	Makaira Katipa-Gillies
10+ Year Old Boys	10+ Year Old Girls		
Mana Heta	Ruby Simpson		
Kawiti Kopae	Alla Cassidy		
	Lilyana Bellshaw		



Here are some photos from the Senior Swimming Sports -

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the parents who came to our Senior Fun Swim on the 21st of March.

Staffing Update:

As we look to the start of Term 2, I am excited to inform you that Mrs Keri Whitaker will be joining our Year 0 - 1 team to start a new entrants class. Keri has been working in the ECE sector for a long time in Te Kauwhata and has decided to make the move to primary education. We are so lucky to have Keri with us so when you see her around the school make sure you say hello!

NMONM Renovation:

As mentioned in my previous newsletter, from next Monday our bilingual space will be a construction site. To mitigate the disruption to our students learning the children of Ngaa Maramara o Ngaa Muka will be located in the following rooms until the 5th of May.

- Maahoe - Room 6
- Patatee - Room 12
- Hiinau - Library (Room 5)

Early on the 5th of May, we will also have a ceremony to dedicate this renovated space. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Whole School Assembly in Week 9

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

2025 Term Dates:

Here are the term dates for 2025:

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
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***

Stationery

Your child/ren are using 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.

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:

A 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!

Keeping up to date:

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Community Notices

TAUPIRI JUNIOR RUGBY

Training starts this week at the rugby club. This year we have divided our grades into two nights training as we have to many teams for our field size. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

Rippa teams. ie. 6th and 7th grade teams will all be training on Wednesday nights on field 1 and 2 from 5.30pm to 6pm. Please be on time and bring your mouthguard.

Tackle Teams. ie. 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th teams will be training on Thursday nights on field 1 and 2 from 5.30pm to 6.20pm. Please make sure you are off by 6.20 as the seniors will be coming on at 6.30 for their training.

Just go straight to the area where you trained last week (tackle grades only).

Fees are now due please \$40 single or \$60 family please pay by internet banking and use your childs name as ref please. The bank account is :

Taupiri Junior Rugby. 06-0377-0066923-00.

Any queries please ring me Leah Scott (Secretary) 0276869499.

Leah Scott

New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Going overseas for the school holidays? Everyone travelling into New Zealand must complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration, including returning New Zealand passport holders.

Its FREE and you can do it on the [online form](#) or on the [NZTD app](#).

If you're travelling as a family or group and completing multiple declarations, the [NZTD app](#) allows you to copy your travel details into another declaration, making it easier to complete multiple declarations for the same journey. The submitted declarations are then all easy to see within the app.

The New Zealand Traveller Declaration collects travel, customs, immigration and biosecurity information and aims to improve the safety and security of New Zealand. It replaces the paper card you used to fill out on the plane.

To make your arrival easier, do your digital declaration before your flight back to New Zealand.

Head to travellerdeclaration.govt.nz today!



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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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 other ages)



Ohinewai Netball Club

