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Talofa lava,

Welcome to our last newsletter for Term 1!

This term has been an amazing start to the school year and I know that it will just keep getting better in Term 2.

This term has been one of change for our staff as we come to terms with our new, refreshed curriculum areas of Maths and English. This is my third curriculum change since I began teaching, and all I can say is that change is inevitable, and the best thing to do is always to have an open mind!

We will have a parent meeting in Term 2 to explain how we will be reporting against the new curriculum so that when you get your child's report in Term 2, you will have a better understanding of what it all means.

Poroporoaki /Farewell Assembly -

Just a reminder that we are having our Poroporoaki /farewell assembly for Whaea Tau tomorrow at 12.00 pm. Please join us to say our goodbyes and wish Whaea Tau all the best as she is leaving New Zealand to move to Australia!

Student-Led Conferences

On the 12th and 13th of May 2025, we will be running our Term 2 Student-Led Conferences and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to come along with your child and hear about their learning.

Bookings are now open at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - the event code is **uzv3c**. If you do not have Internet access at home please give Morag or Louise a call in the school office and they will be more than happy to make time for you.

We put great value in the children sharing and talking about their learning with you and strongly encourage you to support your children during the student-led conferences. We look forward to seeing you at Student-Led Conferences!

Looking Ahead:

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

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

- Poroporoaki for Whaea Tau 12 noon

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

28th April - Maths Teacher only Day - ***school closed for instruction***

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

Open Door Policy -

At Te Kauwhata Primary, we believe in open communication and strong partnerships between home and school. We want to remind our whaanau that we have an Open Door Policy—if you ever have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about your child's learning and well-being, please feel free to come and see us.

If there is ever an incident involving your child, we encourage you to reach out so we can work together to understand what happened and find the best way forward. Your child's safety and happiness at school are our top priorities.

To make connecting even easier, we also hold:

Principal's Morning Teas and Afternoon Teas

regularly. These are a great opportunity to catch up with our principal, ask questions, and share ideas in a relaxed setting.

Your voice matters, and we value your input in making our school the best it can be for our tamariki. Keep an eye on our page for upcoming dates—we'd love to see you there!

Attendance -

I would like to thank you all for the improvement in our regular attendance in Term 1 this year.

In Term 1 2024, only 59% of our students were attending 9 days out of 10 per fortnight. This year we are sitting at 66% of our students being at school 9 times out of 10. This is an increase of 7% since Term 1 2024 and an increase of 54 students. This is awesome and I hope that we can keep this improvement in Term 2.

In Term 1 2024, we had 6% of our students attending 7 days or less in a fortnight. This is now at 7%. This is slightly more than Term 1 2024, but I am sure we can work on it together and reduce the number of children who are attending 7 days or less per fortnight.

Year to date	Wed 29th Jan 2025 TO Sat 5th Apr 2025							
	Regularly attending		Irregular absence		Moderately absent		Chronically absent	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All	213	61	81	23	31	9	27	8
Female	96	58	39	24	18	11	12	7
Male	117	63	42	22	13	7	15	8
Māori	72	46	48	31	23	15	14	9
Other	43	75	5	9	4	7	5	9
Pacific	18	64	8	29	1	4	1	4
Pākehā	80	73	20	18	3	3	7	6

Reporting to parents in 2025

In previous years we have sent hard copy reports to the caregivers of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students at the end of Terms 2 and 4, and of Years 0, 1 and 2 students on the 6 monthly anniversaries of their start date (ie. after 6, 12, 18 etc months at school).

This year, to keep our reporting consistent across the school, ALL children will receive a report in Terms 2 and 4. We made this decision based on our feedback in 2024 from our Board survey, where 83% of our parents who responded supported the idea to realign our Year 0 - 2 reports with the rest of the school.

This will only affect those children who last received a report in Term 3 of 2024 and were subsequently due for their next report at the end of this term. These children, along with everyone else, will now receive their next report at the end of Term 2.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please pop in to see us!

In Term 2, we will also have parent meetings to explain the refreshed curriculum in English and Maths and what this means for your child's report in Term 2 and Term 4.

From the office

If you have black shorts/trousers or skirts no longer needed, we would love to have it for our loan box in case someone gets wet or need a change of clothes. Specifically smaller sizes but anything will be helpful.

Staffing Update:

As we look to the start of Term 2, I am excited to let you all know that Hannah Wilson will be joining our Learning Assistant team to support our children who need a bit of extra help to engage in their classroom curriculum. Hannah has three children at our school and another one starting later in the year. We are very excited to have Hannah join our team and to work with our children!

Whole School Assembly in Week 11

Our next Whole school assembly will held this Friday 11th of April 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 14
- 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.

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.

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.

Keeping up to date:

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

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**](#).

Have a safe and happy school holiday's.

Ngaa Mihi
Brian and the Team

Community Notices



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



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 thankyou 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



Young Explorers Camp

NGAMUWAHINE LODGE

BOOK NOW

14th-17th April, 2025

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, fire building and cooking, hut building, high rope activities, swimming, eeling, night activities and much more!

- Pick-up/Drop off available from Hamilton, Tauranga & NOW Auckland
- Suitable for 7-13 years old
- OSCAR Subsidy available
- Ngamuwahine Lodge is set in the Kaimai Ranges (off SH29) in the beautiful Bay of Plenty

**PRICE
\$575**
4 days
Mon-Thur

MORE INFO :

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WEEK ONE OF THE APRIL HOLIDAYS!

FRANKLIN BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP



REGISTER HERE

WHO:
ANY PLAYERS
U10-U16

WHEN:
23RD & 24TH
APRIL

TIME:
9AM - 3PM

COST:
\$45 SINGLE DAY
\$80 BOTH DAYS



FRANKLIN POOL & LEISURE CENTRE

REGO'S CLOSE 21.4.24

Little Dribblers Football Club

Term 2 2025
FREE
Have a Go Day

Come And PLAY!

LITTLE DRIBBLERS FOOTBALL CLUB
FOR KIDS AGED 1 TO 7 YEARS.
COME AND HAVE A GO FOR FREE
SUNDAY
13TH APRIL AND 4TH OF MAY
AT POKENO SCHOOL.

SCAN ME

Easter in the Garden

19 APRIL 10-1pm

Easter Egg Hunt Meet the Gardeners Music
Garden Tours Art Station Plant a Seedling
Composting workshop at 10am

Where: Te Kauwhata Community Garden, Mahi Rd

Support our Sponsor: Franklin Vets



COMMERCIAL FARM • PETS LIFESTYLE FARM



100% local vets here to help

TE KAUWHATA 91 Waerenga Rd | 07 826 4838
Located 150m past Te Kauwhata College heading east
www.franklinvets.co.nz

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.

It's 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!

Te Kauwhata Squash Club

Term 2, 2025
6 Week Squash Coaching Programme

Starts: Thursday 8th May

Cost:
Juniors: \$20 for club members
\$30 for non-members

Adults: \$25 for club members
\$35 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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TOUCH PROGRAMME

NO COST | YEARS FROM YEAR 1-8 |

16TH APRIL | 10AM - 2PM | HUNTLY COLLEGE
17TH APRIL | 10AM - 2PM | HUNTLY COLLEGE
23 APRIL | 10AM - 2PM | NGĀRUAWĀHIA HIGH SCHOOL
24 APRIL | 10AM - 2PM | NGĀRUAWĀHIA HIGH SCHOOL

Tū Manawa
Active Aotearoa

Waikato
TOUCH