

30th April 2025

## Newsletter 7

### Namaste, greetings and welcome to Term 2!

This Term started with our poowhiri for all our new students and their families. Yesterday, we welcomed 15 new students to our learning community - a warm welcome to all our new 5-year-olds who started this week. I know Mrs Whitaker and Mrs Drummond are excited to have you in their class.

A huge welcome to Mrs Hannah Wilson and Mrs Keri Whitaker, who were also welcomed to our school whaanau at our poowhiri yesterday!

As always, I want to thank Whaea Tania and the team from NMONM for leading us in welcoming all our new students and families to TKP!

### Tau Tumai's Farewell (Poroporoaki):

I would like to thank the members of our community who attended Tau's poroporoaki on the 10th of April. It was an amazing send-off with all our children performing for Tau. We also had a couple of students from TKC pop in and share some memories about Tau. All I can say is that it was a great event, and there were many tears shed by both staff and students as they thanked Tau for her contribution to NMONM and our school!



## Looking Ahead:

Please remember to check our Facebook page for the latest updates from our school -

<https://www.facebook.com/TKPrimary>.

1st May - Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau & Patatee

2nd May - Whaanau Leaders working with Paula Dewar

6th May - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

7th May - ECE Transition to School visit 2

9th May - Student Leaders working with Paula Dewar  
- Firewise visit to Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10 and Maahoe

12th - 13th May - Student Led Conferences 3.15pm - 6.45pm

12th May - Principals Afternoon Tea - 2.00pm

13th May - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

14th May - ECE Transition to School visit 3

15th May - Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau & Patatee

19th - 20th May - Bruce Moody onsite

19th May - Vision Testing - 7 year olds

20th May - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

21st May - ECE Transition to School visit 4  
- TKP Tough Guy and Girl Trial

23rd May - Whaanau Leaders working with Paula Dewar  
- Pink Ribbon Breakfast - Weekend Wear Day

26th May - Poowhiri for new students

27th May - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

29th May - Student Leaders working with Paula Dewar  
- Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau & Patatee

2nd June - King's Birthday Weekend - School closed due to Public Holiday

Here are some more photos from the day:



**Attendance - Everyday Matters:**

Here is our latest snapshot on attendance from the Ministry of Education from the end of Term 1. The data is improving with more children coming to school regularly in Term 1 2025 when compared to Term 1 2024. This is great news for our community and I do hope we will continue this trend in Term 2.

As you can see that while the data is improving in most categories we still have room improvement around children being late to class. If we can work together to improve the rate of 63% in Term 2 it will be greatly appreciated!

Once again thank you for partnering with us in regard to the Ministry's focus on attendance. You are making a difference in your children by ensuring that they are at school!



**Reporting to Parents Meeting:**

Later in Term 2, we will have two meetings to explain how we will be reporting against the Refreshed English and Maths Curriculum so that when you get your child's report in Term 2, you will have a better understanding of what it all means.

The two dates for these meetings are the

- 10th June at 7.45am
- 11th June at 5.30pm

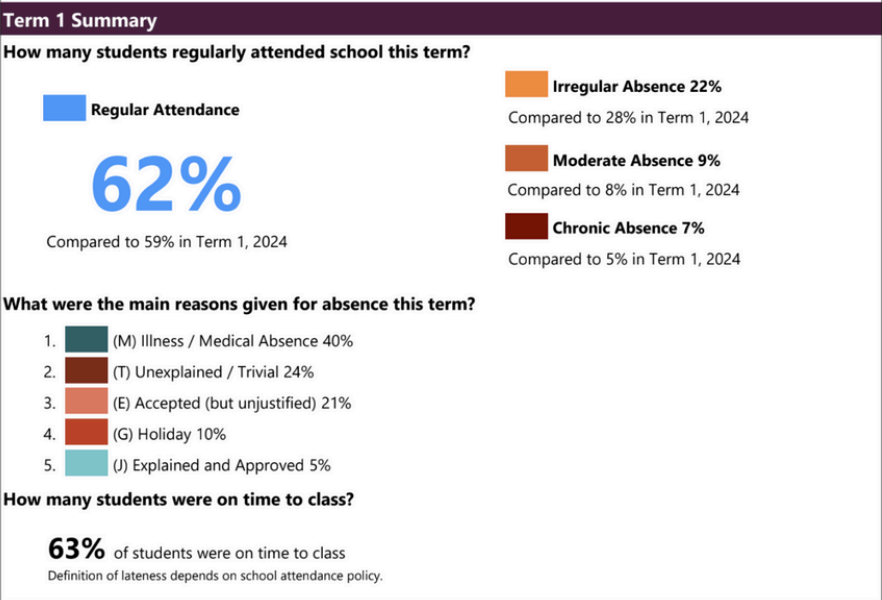
We have decided to have one at 7.45am to cater for parents who work at night and one at 5.30pm to cater for parents who work during the day. I look forward to seeing you at one of these meetings!

**Student Led Conferences:**

Just a reminder that on 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](http://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.

**Firewise**

Our Year 1 and 2 tamariki will be learning all about fire safety during the first two weeks of Term 2 through the *Firewise* programme. This engaging and age-appropriate programme helps children understand what to do if there's a fire, how to stay safe, and how to make a fire escape plan with their whaanau. Keep an eye out for some helpful resources that will be sent home – our little Firewise experts will be keen to share their learning with you!





### Renovation Update:

Over the past month, we have had contractors onsite renovating our bilingual classrooms. The work is looking great and we hope to reopen this area next week!

Here are some photos from the past few weeks:



Our builders are busy at work. The 4 metal poles will be used for the cover to this space. This will be installed later in the year by Pacific Membrane.



Our contractors installed the new deck between the classrooms.



Our new sliding doors were installed in Maahoe (9), Patatee (7) and Hiinau (8).



Looking towards Hiinau (8) and Patatee (7)



The view from Patatee (Room 7)

### Whole School Assembly in Week 1

Our next Whole school assembly will be held this Friday, 2nd of May at 11.15am

Please remember that 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.

### Teacher Only Day - 14th July

Schools from across our region have booked in a Teacher Only Day for the 14th of July. This is the third day of four Maths Curriculum Days that we are required to have in regard to the refreshed Maths Curriculum. Our staff need to have these days close to one another so that they can meet the obligations of the new curriculum and what it means for the children in our school. To support our staff and continue the momentum that they gained from the Maths PLD we have had, we are releasing our teachers to attend this PLD on the 14th of July.

The school will not be closed but our team will be providing learning to students so they can work at home. If you can keep your child at home to work online it will be greatly appreciated.

We will have a skeleton staff on-site made up of support staff and relievers, to cater for students whose families need to send them to school.

We are asking for your support in this matter because if we close the school on the 14th of July, we will not meet our calendar obligations to the MOE, and we will have to extend our school year by one day, meaning we finish on Monday 15th of December. We hope that you understand and will support our request.

We will reschedule our poowhiri for Term 3 to the 15th of July. We will also book our fourth Maths Curriculum Day in 2026, to ensure there are no more disruptions to 2025.

Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## 2025 Term Dates:

Here are the remaining term dates for 2025:

Term 2 - 29 April to 27 June (with a MOE-sanctioned Maths teacher-only day on the 28th of April)

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

Term 4 - 6 October to 12 December.

In 2025, we have planned for three remaining Teacher Only 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 Maths PLD Teacher Only Day - 14th July
- 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.

## 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.

## School Start time and Drop off

We would like to ask that you do not drop your children off before 8.15am as there will be no adult in their classroom or the playground to supervise them. This becomes a Health and Safety issue, both for children and the school. Teachers arrive between 8.00 am and 8.30 am and are expected to be in class by 8.30 am. We would ask that for the health and safety of your children being unsupervised, they do not arrive at school before 8.15am. We will get in contact with you if we see it happening.

Before-school care is available locally through KBEEZ Kids. Please ring Karen on 021 - 242 - 5524 if this is something that you need. There are information packs available at the office if you require further information.

## 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!

## Strategic Plan

If you would like to read our strategic plan for 2025, please follow this link

[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.

## Keeping up to date:

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## 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**



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