

Looking Ahead:

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

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

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

16th May - Pink Shirt day eliminate Bullying No Gold Coin required

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*

3rd June - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

4th June - ECE Transition to School visit 1

10th June - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm
- Hamilton Tough Guy and Girl Challenge
- Reporting to Parents Workshop 1 - 7.45am in the staffroom

11th June - ECE Transition to School visit 2
- NYLD 2025 - Student and Whaanau Leaders
- Reporting to Parents Workshop 2 - 5.30pm in Room 10
- Life Education onsite

12th June - Life Education onsite
- Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau & Patatee

13th June - Life Education onsite
- Weekend Wear Day - New Lives Rescue - wear yellow for Harold

16th June - Life Education onsite

17th June - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

18th June - ECE Transition to School visit 3

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14th May 2025

Kia ora koutou

We have had an awesome start to Term 2. Our children and staff have settled back into the groove of being at school, and I look forward to seeing what the next 7 weeks will bring!

Renovation Update:

Over the past 6 weeks, we have had contractors onsite renovating our bilingual classrooms. The work is near completion and our students will be moving back into this space in the next couple of weeks. We will have a karakia and blessing of this new space on the **26th of May** at 11.00am. Our children and staff will be excited to return to their classrooms that day!

Student-Led Conferences:

I thank all the parents who attended our Student-Led Conferences over the past two days. Over 229 bookings were made for our students to share their learning with their parents. This is 62.2% of our student population and a slight increase in bookings from 2024. Thank you for prioritising the learning of your children!

If you feel like you missed out on your child's Student Led Conference and would like to have one, please contact your child's teacher, and we will work with you to make it happen!

Even though I know life is busy and we all work long hours, I think it is important to continue to build our home-school partnership and attend as many school events as possible. For this reason, I look forward to seeing more of you in Term 3 at our parent-teacher interviews!

Note - Term 4 2024's data is against the old Levelled curriculum Level 1 - 4, and

Term 1 2025 is against the Refreshed Curriculum Year level (1- 6).

	Reading End of Term 4 2024	Reading End of Term 1 2025	Writing End of Term 4 2024	Writing End of Term 1 2025	Maths End of Term 4 2024	Maths End of Term 1 2025
All	232/362 64.1%	226 /347 65.2%	209/362 57.8%	206 /347 59.4%	242/362 66.9%	229/347 66%
Boys	116 /189 61.4%	120/183 65.6%	95/189 50.3%	93/183 50.8%	127/189 67.1%	115/183 62.9%
Girls	116 /173 67.1%	106/164 64.6%	114/173 65.8%	113/164 68.9%	115/173 66.5%	114/164 69.5%
NZE	80/ 105 76.2%	62/89 69.7%	68/105 64.8%	54/89 60.7%	80/105 76.2%	66/89 74.2%
NZM	92 /168 54.8%	94/164 57.3%	86/168 51.2%	85/164 51.8%	94/168 55.9%	99/164 60.3%
Pac.	23/35 65.7%	30/38 78.9%	18 /35 51.4%	25/38 65.8%	25/35 71.4%	25/38 65.8%
Other	37/54 68.5%	40/56 71.4%	37/54 68.5%	42/56 75%	43/54 79.6%	39/56 69.6%

Term 1 Progress:

Update on our strategic aim of;

'Delivering accelerated learning outcomes for all students at Te Kauwhata Primary School'.

Overall, you can see there has been improvement in Reading and Writing when we compare the end of Term 4 data from 2024 to the data from Term 1 2025 (1.1% increase in Reading and 1.6% increase in Writing). There has been a slight decrease of 0.9% in Maths in comparison to the end of 2024.

We are happy with the results for Term 1 as we are assessing our students against our new refreshed English and Maths Curriculum. This is a mind shift for our team, but a necessary one as we are now assessing our students against their expected year level.

The previous curriculum had levels which covered two years (24 months) of learning as follows

- Level 1 - Year 1 - 2
- Level 2 - Year 3 - 4
- Level 3 - Year 5 - 6

Now it is as simple as each school level, eg. Year 1, Year 2, has learning that our students need to learn in that year (12 months).

I do think that our Term 2 data will give us a clearer picture of how our students are tracking as we look to accelerate the learning of our students.

At school, when we talk about the acceleration of children's learning, we mean that children's

learning is happening at a rapid pace, and students are either catching up to where they are expected to be or they are making 1 - 2 years' progress inside a calendar year. This is our new strategic goal, and all our team will be focused on accelerating the learning of our students who need it for the rest of 2025.

While we acknowledge that some of the groups have slipped slightly since the end of 2024, be assured that our teachers are working hard to support all our students make progress against the refreshed curriculum.

Reporting to Parents Meeting:

At TKP, we are strong believers in the value of a strong home-school partnership. Parents and whaanau are our children's first teachers, and as a staff, we build upon the learning that takes place in the home.

So to support our ongoing home-school partnership, we will have two meetings this term to explain how we will be reporting against the Refreshed English and Maths Curriculum.

The two dates 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!

We will also have two more meetings in Term 4 and we will keep you posted on these dates in Term 4.

Attendance Prize Winners Term 1

At our first assembly in Term 1, we celebrated three children who won the Weekly 100% attendance voucher for the term. All our students who have 100% attendance every week go into the prize draw for the end of the term. Some children can have one entry, and some others may have 9, depending on how many full weeks they attend school. Our prize in Term 1 was chosen by our Student Leaders, and our 3 recipients below won movie vouchers.

A huge congratulations to Edward Halligan, Te Rau Aroha Daniels-Tumai, and Hayley Andersen for their win – what a great way to start the term!



Spotlight on Learning - Room 13 A & B

In Term 1 and 2, Room 13 A and B have been exploring art through cultural expression and remembrance. Using vibrant dot art techniques inspired by oceanic art, our tamariki created striking map outlines of Aotearoa, showcasing their understanding of geography and design. For ANZAC Day, we honoured the heroes by crafting beautiful poppies using a mix of pastel smudging, painted layers, and collage work. Each piece was a heartfelt tribute, combining creativity with respect.

Ka mau te wehi, Room 13!

Whole School Assembly in Week 3

Our next Whole school assembly will be held this Friday, 16th 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

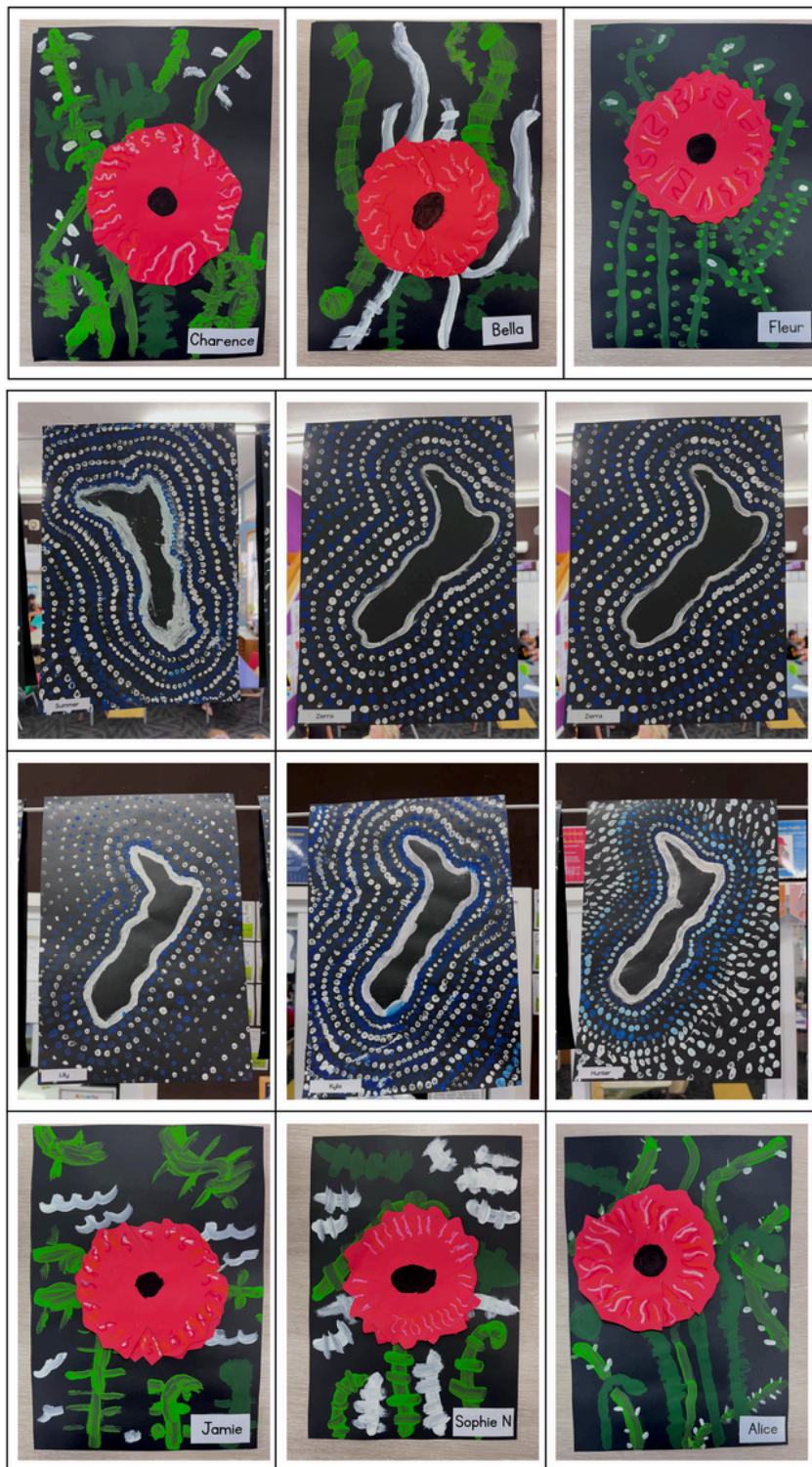
If your child is receiving a certificate and the weather is poor, please attend the classes listed above.

Weekend Wear Day - 23rd May

On **Friday 23rd of May**, we are having our Pink Ribbon Breakfast Weekend Wear Day! As a school, we won't be having a breakfast per se but we believe that it is important to raise funds to support organisations that are educating people about breast cancer, are supporting research in this area and are supporting people who have cancer.

If you would like to know more please go to this website -

<https://pinkribbonbreakfast.co.nz/>



Tough Guy and Gal Challenge – School Trials

This is the school-based qualifying event for the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge, held in Ngaruawahia on June 10th. Only the top 20 finishers from each race (regardless of gender) will qualify to attend the main event.

Students interested in competing will receive a notice and permission slip soon. Please ensure these are returned promptly to help us confirm numbers and support the organisation of the event.

The trial will take place at the Te Kauwhata Domain on Wednesday, 21st May at 11:00am.

Race schedule and categories:

- Years 3–4: 1.5km course (first race)
- Years 5–6: 3km course (second race)



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!

Stationery

Your children 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.

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 5th 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 - 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.

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.

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Bus Changes

If your child normally catches the bus and on any given day your plans change, can you please contact the office to let the school know that your child isn't catching the bus that day.

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.

Moving Waikato Survey

What motivates you or stops you being active?

Tell us and be in to WIN 1 of 5 \$100 grocery gift cards!

Sport Waikato is running a survey aimed at finding out about how active we are – or aren't! They need to hear from everyone aged 18+ or those who have left school, whether you spend your days running marathons or chilling on the couch.

The information you provide will help build a picture of our region and help Sport Waikato and their partners (like us) to ensure play, active recreation and sport is more accessible, exciting and inclusive!

Take the 5 minute short survey and be in to WIN
<https://shorturl.at/wzDYO>

- The survey and prize draw is open to residents of the Waikato region – from Thames-Coromandel to Taupo and everywhere in between
- The survey is completely anonymous – any contact details will only be used for the purposes of the prize draw
- Prizes will be drawn every month, from February-December throughout 2025. Winners can choose vouchers from their local grocery store/supermarket.



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
Our strategic plan details what we are aiming to achieve as a kura in 2025.

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?](https://tkp.schooldocs.co.nz//Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f)

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In Term 2, 2025, we will be reviewing the following topics: Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises / Communication During an Emergency, Disaster or Crisis / School Closure / Emergency Management / Disaster Management /and Crisis Management

See the full [Review and Board Assurances Schedule](#).

Ngaa Mihi

Brian and the Team

Reminders:

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.

Parking

A reminder that parking before and after school has to be in the designated parking areas along Mahi Rd and Wira St. As we work with the police to ensure we maintain safety for all our students and our school community, any car or vehicle parking on the yellow lines and across grass verges will result in your car number plate being alerted to them.

Internet Safety -

We have deployed a new filtering and monitoring system for our chromebooks to ensure your children are as safe as possible online. This system automatically detects any concerning behaviours, and alerts us so that we are able to deal with it as required. Below is a message your children will be receiving in their classrooms about it.

The school is using safeguarding and monitoring technology to help keep you safer online and ensure you use your device as best as possible to support your learning. If you use a school device at any time of day, the school and teachers can monitor your activity to support you better.

The school is responsible for its devices, networks and Google accounts, 24/7. If you use your school-issued Google account to sign into Chrome on a personal Chromebook at any time of the day, including at home, we will also be monitoring the activity within that Chrome session. Please be especially aware of this when you are not at school. Because it is a school Google account, we need to ensure it is used safely all the time, wherever and whenever it is being used. Know that this may include taking screenshots of personal Chromebooks if risky behaviour is detected when the school Google account is being used on it.

Importantly for BYOD, the technology being used will only monitor activity within the Chromebook session signed in with the school Google account. The technology cannot monitor activity beyond the school account's Chrome session. Therefore, if you are undertaking personal activities, do not use the school Google account to do so. Use a personal Google account to sign into the Chromebook. That account is your and/or your parents' responsibility to manage.

If you have any questions or concerns on the monitoring and safeguarding technology we are using, please see www.linewize.io/legal.

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WHO:
BOYS & GIRLS
AGED:
U10/U12/U14

WHEN:
FRI 9TH MAY
FOR 8 WEEKS

TIME:
4:00PM
ONWARDS



SIGN UP TODAY!