

Newsletter 9

28th May 2025

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Welcome to our Week 5 newsletter. I cannot believe that we are already halfway through the term!

Next week is Samoa Language Week at TKP, and we will be supporting our Samoan students to celebrate their culture and heritage.

Samoa Language Week

The 2025 theme for Samoa Language Week is 'la malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã – A well-grounded self, is a successful self'.

The Komiti o le Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa – Samoa Language Week Committee explain this year's theme:

"A well-crafted ocean sailing vessel, built with care and precision, ensures a safe and steady journey. When all its parts are thoughtfully constructed, the vessel remains balanced, strong and ready to face the open seas.

Similarly, people who prepare thoroughly and with intention become grounded and resilient and well-equipped to navigate life's challenges and succeed in their endeavours. No matter the challenges and hardships of life, a well-grounded person will not be easily shaken or defeated because they are firmly rooted and well-prepared".

Read more about the theme for the week: Theme for Samoa Language Week 2025 by following the link below.

<https://www.mpp.govt.nz/assets/2025-pacific-language-weeks/Samoa-language-week-25/Samoan-language-week-2025-manulauti-theme.pdf>

Looking Ahead:

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

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

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

1st June - Start of Samoa Language Week

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

7th June - End of Samoa Language Week

10th June - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm & 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

19th June - TKP Matariki Concert - 11am

20th June - Matariki Public Holiday - School closed for instruction

23rd June - Dog Safety Education onsite

24th June - Dog Safety Education onsite
- TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

25th June - ECE Transition to School visit 4
- Year 3 - 6 Speak Up Friend Performance at 1.50pm

26th June - Poroporoaki /Farewell for Mrs Kittsen 12noon.
- Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau & Patatee

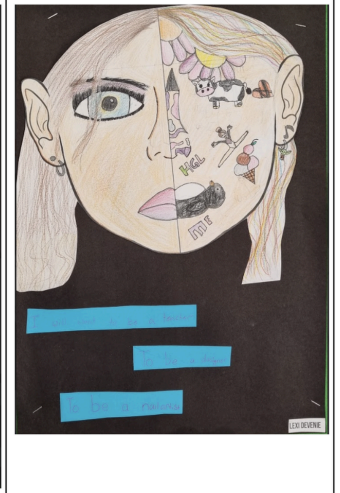
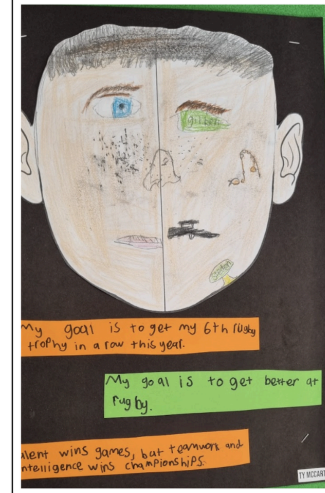
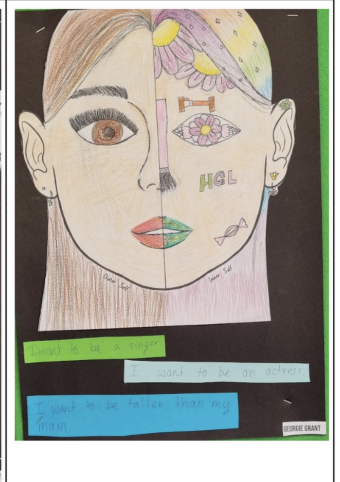
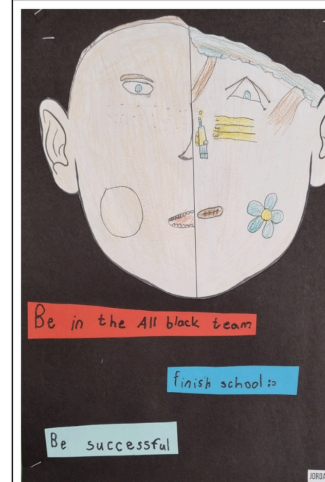
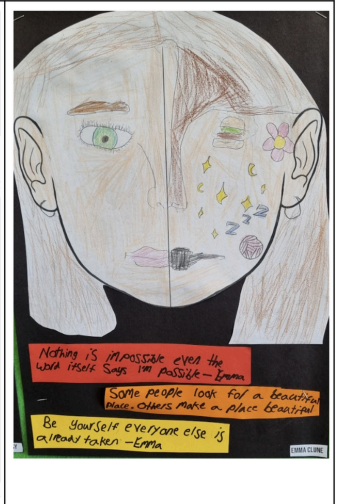
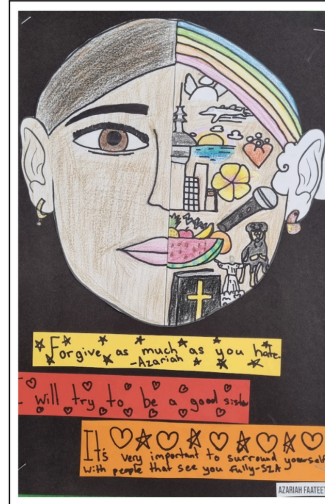
27th June - Last day of Term 2

Spotlight on Learning -

In Room 16, we've been learning about where we come from around the world. This has led to some rich and meaningful conversations as we share our cultures, backgrounds, and family stories. It's been inspiring to see how much we can learn from one another!

As part of this journey, we've also been celebrating what makes us unique. We created beautiful inner and outer self-portraits to express who we are both on the inside and out. Alongside our artwork, we each set personal goals—highlighting our aspirations and commitment to growth.

We're so proud of the thoughtfulness and creativity Room 16 has shown, and we look forward to continuing this exciting learning journey together!





Firewise

Last Friday, our Year 1 - 2 children had a visit from Firewise as part of their recent learning about fire safety. It was great to have our Te Kauwhata Community Firefighters - Corey, Ashley and Katie to reinforce the importance of being safe around fire, and what to do in an emergency.

Here is an important message from the team:

A huge thank you TKP for giving us the opportunity to work with the teachers and students with Firewise. It was a great success with many Firewise Champions within not only our school and home, but our community too.

This brings me to an important message. Do you have working smoke alarms in your where?

The minimum requirement for smoke alarms in a residential home is at least one on every level of the house, and one within 3m of every bedroom door. Ideally, you should have one in every bedroom, lounge, living room, and hallway. If you don't, please make contact with the school, giving your details, including name, phone number and address. Our local Te Kauwhata Volunteer Fire Brigade will come and complete a Home Fire Safety Visit and install smoke alarms, free of charge. BE SAFE, STAY SAFE, BE FIREWISE! ~ Corey Rees

Social Sciences Survey

As we update our Social Sciences curriculum to align with the draft New Zealand Curriculum (Te Maataiaho), we are seeking your input as parents and whānau. Your insights will help us shape a localised curriculum that reflects the values, priorities, and aspirations of our community. Here is the [link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJrI6baRY6HFc1XnPA_oejgTSQrWX6tnyO7V32OE31ftrlog/viewform).

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Weekend Wear Day - 23rd May

Last Friday, we had our Pink Ribbon Breakfast Weekend Wear Day! We raised just over \$200.00 to support this amazing organisation that is educating people about breast cancer, is supporting research in this area and is supporting people who have cancer.

If you would like to know more, or make a personal donation, please click on this link - <https://pinkribbonbreakfast.co.nz/>



Our children looked great in Pink at our Week 4 assembly.

Empathy Survey

One of our goals at TKP is to help our children develop empathy for others. We believe this leads to a happier and more inclusive community. Part of this is drawing from our community's view of empathy. We want to know what empathy looks like and sounds like to you and what you feel is important to your tamariki. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete a short survey on empathy at TKP. Here is the link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMENTI-4gsZnGWIO6cb7zNRhaQYsrDWVld9AKfqP_UZ0gb4A/viewform

Opening of Ngaa Maramara o Ngaa Muka Exterior Learning Space

On Monday, our school staff, students and wider school community joined with Mana Whenua to open our brand new exterior learning space for our bilingual unit. It was an auspicious occasion, and I would like to acknowledge Matua Vince Hapi for all his support in making sure we followed tikanga as we blessed this new learning space.

The name that has been gifted for this learning space is Turangawaewae, which ties in beautifully with our Ngaa Maramara o Ngaa Muka classrooms. Maahoe, Patatee, Hiinau.

The names Maahoe, Patatee and Hiinau are a part of a Tongikura from Kiingi Taawhiao.

*Maaku anoo e hanga tooku nei whare
Ko ngaa pou oo roto he maahoe, he patatee
Ko te taahuu, he hiinau
Me whakatupu ki te hua o te rengarenga
Me whakapakari ki te hua o te kawariki.*

I will build my own house
The pillars will be of māhoe and patatee
The ridgepole of hiinau
It will be nourished by the fruit of the rengarenga
Strengthened by the fruit of the kawariki

It is believed that when Te Puea had built the Tuurangawaewae marae, she also used these throughout the marae itself.

A big thank you to the team of whaanau who prepared our kai on Sunday, the 25th of May, to ensure that we all had enough to eat on Monday, and a huge thank you to Waikare Marae, Maurea Marae, and Nepe Whaanau for the use of their multi-kai cookers that cooked our food!



Tough Guy and Gal Trial

On the 21st of May, we had our very own Tough Guy and Gal at the TK Domain. This was a great event with a lot of our children taking part.

Our children who choose to take part and are in the top 20 in Year 3-4 and Year 5 - 6 in each race will head down to the Hamilton Tough Guy and Gal competition on the 10th of June. A huge thank you to all the parents who came out to support this event!

Here are some photos from our TGNG!



Whole School Assembly in Week 5

Our next Whole school assembly will be held this Friday, 30th 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.

Reporting to Parents Meeting:

Just a reminder that we are hosting two parent meetings 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.

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.

Dick Hawke:

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Dick Hawke who was Principal at Te Kauwhata Primary School from 1986 to Term 1 2011. Dick is well remembered by people in our community and also our staff who were at TKP when Dick was the tumuaki. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife, Meryll, and his family as they grieve the passing of a leader who served our community for 25 years!

TK Variety Store

To celebrate a year in business, TK Variety is offering 20% off a purchase for our school community. If you would like to take advantage of this awesome opportunity, call into the school office and we will give you a ticket. Thank you TK Variety Store!

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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.

Also, 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:

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Schooldocs - ongoing review

If you would like to review our Policies and Procedures for Term 2 please follow the link

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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](#)**.

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Fa'afetai

Brian and the Team

Reminders

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.

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.

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.

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.linewise.io/legal.

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WHO: BOYS & GIRLS AGED: 10/10/12/14

WHEN: FRI 9th MAY FOR 8 WEEKS

TIME: 4-6PM ONWARDS

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