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Namaste,

Greetings and welcome to our Week 7 newsletter. The end of the term is fast approaching as we only have a couple of weeks left before we have our Term 2 holidays!

Reporting to Parents Meeting:

I would like to thank the parents who turned up yesterday morning to learn how we will be reporting against the refreshed English and Maths Curriculum.

If you were unable to attend, we have another meeting scheduled for tonight at 5.30pm in the staffroom.

Also, we will have two more meetings in Term 4 to go through our end-of-year reports before they are sent home with your children. We will keep you posted on these dates in Term 4

Speak up friend

Last week, we had Co-Theatre Physical onsite with us, and they performed their play 'Speak Up Friend'. This play's message encouraged our students to have the courage to speak up for a friend if something has happened to them. It was full of fun and excitement, and our students enjoyed it.

If you would like to know Co-Theatre Physical, please follow this link - www.cotheatrephysical.co.nz



Looking Ahead:

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

12th June - Life Education onsite

13th June - Life Education onsite

- Weekend Wear Day - New Lives Rescue - wear yellow for Harold
- Winter Sports

16th June - Life Education onsite

- Paid Union Meeting - Support Staff only (Normal School Day)

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

18th June - ECE Transition to School visit 3

- Cultural Clothing Day - Children to wear cultural clothing on this day

19th June - TKP Matariki Concert - 11am

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

23rd June - Dog Safety Education onsite
- Life Education onsite

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

25th June - ECE Transition to School visit 4
- Life Education onsite

26th June - Poroporoaki /Farewell for Mrs Keri Kittsen (12.00pm)
- Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau and Patatee
- Life Education onsite

27th June - Last day of Term 2

Term 3

14th July - Teachers only Day math PLD

15th July - Poowhiri 9.00am

Spotlight on Learning

In Room 3 this term, we have been exploring persuasive writing through the picture book *The Day the Crayons Quit*. After reading about the crayons who decided to quit their jobs, our tamariki wrote persuasive letters to convince them to come back. Each student chose a crayon and wrote a persuasive letter explaining why it was important and shouldn't quit. We are learning how to structure a letter and use persuasive language. To finish, we created colourful crayon-shaped displays to showcase our writing. This has been a fun and meaningful way to grow our writing confidence while learning to express ourselves clearly and creatively. Ka pai, Room 3 – your writing is colourful, convincing, and full of personality!

Tough Guy and Gal - Hamilton

Yesterday, 40 of our students went to the Hamilton Tough Guy and Girl Challenge at Ngaaruawaahia Christian Camp. Our students enjoyed the experience of competing in this challenge and getting dirty!

I would like to thank Whaea Lesieli for organising this trip for our students and to Miss Van Zyl for supporting our children on the day!



**JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL
CHALLENGE
EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT**



Life Education - Weeks 7, 8 and 9

Over the next three weeks, we will have the Life Education Caravan on site. The Life Education Trust is a charity that educates and empowers children to make healthy choices so they can live full and healthy lives. Every year, they teach over 250,000 children about their bodies, friendships, identity, food and nutrition and helpful and harmful substances.

As the visit from Life Education is a part of our school curriculum, there is no cost to you as our MOE-funded donations scheme will cover the cost of your child attending the programme.

National Young Leaders Day

Today, our Whaanau and Student Leaders are attending the National Young Leaders Day in Hamilton. I love the vision of NYLD as they believe that 'Leaders are often made, not simply born' and they are dedicated to sparking the leadership potential that's inside every young person!

We have many future leaders at TKP and we want to see them develop their leadership potential from a young age!

If you would like to know more about NYLD, follow this link - <https://nyldnz.org/>

Term 3 Newsletters:

In Term 3, we will start a competition with our newsletters. The purpose of this competition is to increase the engagement of our families in reading the newsletter.

At the end of each newsletter, a question will be posed based on the information provided in the newsletter. Your children will need to write their answers to the question on a piece of paper, including their name and room number. They can drop this off at the office and go into the draw for a prize.

Newsletters are published on Wednesdays of the odd weeks in the term. The prize will be drawn the following Friday at assembly during the even weeks.



Our story

New Lives Animal Rescue was founded by ex-SPCA Inspector, Donna Young, in 2014.

The aim was to meet the increasing demand for a dedicated service for the rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming of unwanted and mistreated animals in and around the Waikato region.

Over the past decade, thousands of animals have had their lives changed by a dedicated team of New Lives volunteers and foster families, and of course by the many adoptive families who have had a New Lives rescue animal join their homes.

Weekend Wear Day - 13th June 2025

This Friday, we are having a Wear Yellow for Harold / Weekend Wear Day to raise money for New Lives Animal Rescue.

This organisation has changed the lives of thousands of animals in our region and we will donate our money raised from this day to them.

If you would like to learn more about New Lives Animal Rescue, follow the link - <https://newlivesrescue.co.nz/about/>

Cultural Clothing Day - 18th June

To celebrate Matariki and the different cultures that have the Pleiades star cluster as a part of their heritage we will have a cultural clothing day on the 18th of June. On this day your children can wear their cultural attire.

In Te Ao Maaori the Pleiades star cluster is known as Matariki. It marks the Māori New Year, which is celebrated with various traditions and customs. The rising of Matariki in the midwinter sky signals the start of a new year for many Māori communities.

Please note that there is no gold coin donation on this day.

Matariki Concert - 2025:

Just a reminder that we are having our annual Matariki Concert on Thursday, 19th of June, starting at 11.00 am. In 2025, we will have our Matariki Concert during the day and invite other local schools to come and perform at TKP.

Te Kauwhata College is having their own Matariki Concert during the day on the 18th of June, and some of their groups will perform at TKP.

In 2026, we will plan to have a night concert similar to previous years!



Mayoral Community Awards

Jacqui Church (Mayor), Girlie Iwihora, Tim Hinton (Community Board), Anne Goodin, and Marlene Raumati (Councillor)

I had the privilege to attend the recent Mayoral Community Awards on Monday 9th of June, to support Whaea Girlie as she was recognised for the mahi that she does in our local TK Community. Whaea Girlie is our local attendance officer and she works with many families in our region to support their children to get back to school.

Anne Goodin also received this award for her work in our community and to both Anne and Girlie we thank them for their service to making TK an amazing place to live!

Please complete the following if you haven't already done so:

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: <http://bit.ly/3FDhgjX>

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://bit.ly/4kzYBOh>

Whole School Assembly in Week 7

Our next Whole school assembly will be held this Friday, 13th of June, 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.

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!

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
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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 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.

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/wzDYQ>.

The Moving 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.

Moving Waikato Survey



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:

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 2 please follow the link

<https://tkp.schooldocs.co.nz//Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Username: tkp

Password: wecare

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](#).

<https://tkp.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f3-year+review+schedule.pdf>

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6:30-8:30 PM
During the school term
Only \$5 per session**

If you play snare, bass drum, drum kit, or toms — or want to learn — come along! All ages and skill levels welcome.

We're building toward halftime shows, parades, and events later this year — don't miss the chance to be part of something big and loud!

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Where: Te Kauwhata Ambulance Station
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Ask Questions - Learn what it takes and how to start

Meet the Team - Real stories from real volunteers

Tour the Station - Ambulance, gear & behind-the-scenes

Try It Out - CPR challenge & hands-on demos

Community Q&A and Recruitment Evening

Monday 23rd June 2025

Community Q&A and Recruitment Evening
Te Kauwhata Ambulance Station: 23rd June from 6 pm

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uzS61eO9-E6blt2Llcn-SjzdCA8-06dCsOczP-Jr6FUQ01CMU5PROUyQjRTNzJBOE1XNFI5MFRaWS4u>