

"Kia mate ururoa, kei mate wheke."

Fight like a shark,  
don't give in like an octopus.

This whakatauki encourages us to not give up. When fishing,  
a shark will fight the whole time it is on the line.  
In comparison, an octopus will surrender once it's been hooked.  
No matter how hard things get, let us fight like a shark.

## 25th June 2025 Newsletter 11

### **Tena koutou katoa!**

Greetings and welcome to our last newsletter for Term 2.

The past few weeks have been really busy with the Tough Guy and Girl in Ngāruawāhia, NYLD in Hamilton, Winter Sports and of course our Matariki Concert that was held last Thursday.

I would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who attended to celebrate Matariki and the start of the Māori New Year. I would also like to thank my staff for the time and effort they put into supporting our students with their items and their art! It was so awesome to see students from Te Kauwhata College, Te Paina, Ohinewai and TKP perform on our two stages!

I would also like to thank the NMoNM Whaanau Committee for all their hard work in making the dream of our new kapa haka uniforms a reality.

### **From our NMoNM Whaanau Committee:**

Our Matariki event was the perfect time to showcase our new kapa haka uniform worn by our performance group.

Before we revealed the new uniform, we looked to the past to acknowledge the whaanau who have put their time and dedication into our old uniform and kapa haka at our school.

## Looking Ahead:

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

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**

14th July - Start of Term 3 - TKP Teacher PLD Day at Te Kauwhata College

15th July - Poowhiri 9.00am  
- Mid-Year Reports sent home today

17th July - Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau and Patatee

22nd July - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

23rd July - ECE Transition to School visit 1

### **Keeping up to date:**

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

### **Te Whaanau o te kura tuatahi o Te Kauwhata Kapa Haka uniforms:**





In doing so, we presented the Rankin, Timothy, De Thierry and Falwasser Whaanau each with a framed old uniform as a keepsake.

It has been a five-year process from the idea, fundraising efforts, consultation, design and production. To help create our design, we held a student competition last year, and our winners were Mia-Ann Samuels and Evie Cassidy. We incorporated both of their ideas and meaning into our final design around our pataka.

These uniforms represent our tikanga, our mana, and the strength of our kapa. Every pattern was chosen with care to honour where we come from and to carry us into the future with pride.

The Paataka represents Te Kauwhata and its connection and acknowledgement to mana whenua and the historical significance of our local area.

The 4 koru represent our Whaanau Groups and bodies of water that surround us: Waikato Awa, Waikare Lake, Whangape and Whangamarino.

The Poutama is a reflection of our identity, our whakapapa, and our commitment to excellence. TKP models this in our We CARE values: Communicate, aspire, respect and engage.

It was a proud moment to reach our goal and watch our students wear their new kakahu. As you can see, they look fantastic.

*Leanne Mako*

*(Secretary of NMoNM Whaanau Committee)*

***Here are some photos from last week!***



The very first performance of Te Whaanau o te kura tuatahi o Te Kauwhata, in their new Kapa Haka uniforms.



Our Year 2 - 3 students performing in the assembly area.



Our Year 4 - 6 Team performing in our new exterior learning space.



Our Year 1 - 2 Team performing for their whaanau



Our students from NMoNM also performed for the crowd and made us all proud!

## **Weekend Wear Day - 13th June 2025**

On Friday, the 13th of June, we had a Wear Yellow for Harold / Weekend Wear Day to raise money for New Lives Animal Rescue. I would like to thank all our students who supported this day by bringing in a gold coin. I am excited to let you know that we raised \$212.40 for New Lives Animal Rescue!

If you would like to learn more about New Lives Animal Rescue, follow the link -

<https://newlivesrescue.co.nz/about/>



## **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.



## Staffing Update -

Last week, we welcomed Eric Marsters to our team. Eric will be working in Room 15 with Whaea Tania as a Learning Assistant. We are excited to have Eric join our team. If you see Eric walking around the school, please make him feel welcome.

## Poroporoaki /Farewell Assembly -

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

## Spotlight on Learning

*In **Rooms 13A and 13B**, we've been diving deep into our learning about waterways and the water cycle. To kick off our journey, we explored the Maaori creation story of Ranginui (Sky Father) and Papatuaanuku (Earth Mother), which helped us understand the natural world from a cultural perspective.*

*From there, we created our own mini water cycles using snap-lock bags partially filled with water. We carefully drew the key parts of the cycle—land, sky, and sea—on our bags, and labelled the processes: Evaporation, Condensation, Precipitation, Collection, Transpiration, and Sublimation. By taping the bags to a warm window, we were able to observe these stages in action!*

*It was a hands-on, collaborative experience that helped us understand the water cycle in a meaningful way, while also practising our teamwork skills. Rooms 13A and 13B have had a blast exploring these key scientific ideas, and we're excited to see what we'll discover next!*

## Term 3 Newsletters:

Just a reminder that 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.

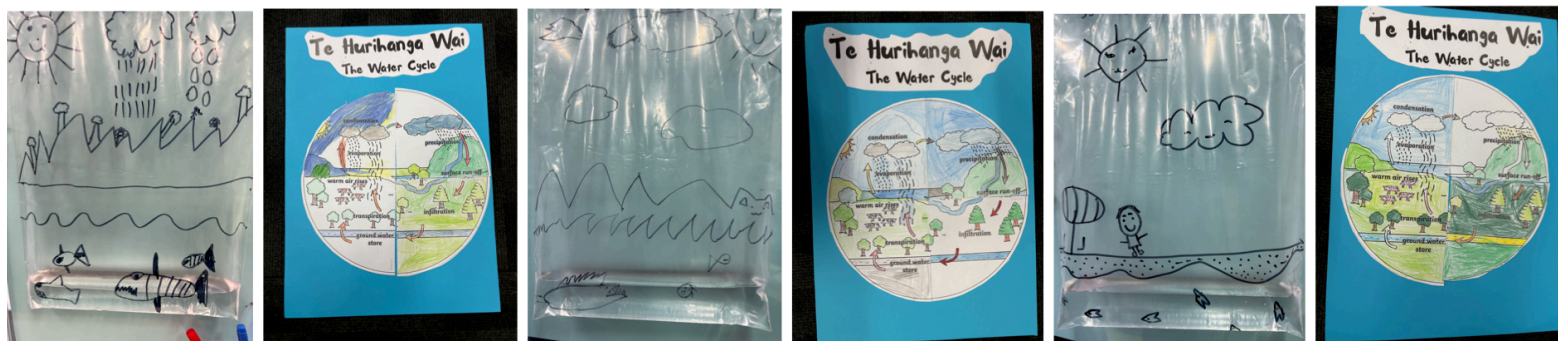
**Please complete the following if you haven't already done so:**

### 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/3FDhqjX>*

### 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/4kzYB0h>



## Whole School Assembly in Week 9

Our last Term 2 assembly will be held this Friday, 27th 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.

### Maths PLD Teacher Only Day - 14th July

As this is our last newsletter for the term, I would like to remind you all about our teachers' professional learning day on the 14th of July.

*Schools from across our region have booked in a Teacher Only Day (Professional Learning 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 in 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 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.

### 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!

### 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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**Fa'afetai**

**Brian and the Team**



**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 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.



**WIN!**  
**5x \$100**  
**GROCERY**  
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**(or what stops**  
**you) and be in**  
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## Pizza & Politics

Join **Andrew Bayly, MP for Port Waikato**, for the evening to discuss the issues currently facing rural communities

**Friday 25 July 2025, 6.30-8.30pm**

Te Kauwhata Bowling Club,  
6 Waerenga Road, Te Kauwhata 3710

**RSVP** by Wednesday 23 July,  
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