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Welcome to Term 3!

This Term started with our usual poowhiri for all our new students and their families. This week we welcomed 10 new students to our learning community - a warm welcome to all our new students who started this week. 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!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our school community for supporting our teachers to attend the Maths PLD on Monday. While the school remained officially open, we sincerely appreciated your willingness to keep children at home where possible, allowing our teaching team to fully engage in this valuable learning.

This term, our Principal, Mr. Martin, will be on sabbatical as he explores the Dual Medium Curriculum as a potential pathway change within NMoNM. This opportunity allows him to engage in focused research and school visits, with the aim of enhancing future learning options for our students and strengthening our school's strategic direction. During this time, I (Loren Huisman) will be Acting Principal.

Looking Ahead:

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

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

22nd July - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm
- Students visiting from Tahiti through Lakewood Lodge

23rd July - ECE Transition to School Visit 1
- Students visiting from Tahiti through Lakewood Lodge

25th July - Red Nose Day

29th July - TK Guitar Works onsite 12pm and 2pm

30th July - ECE Transition to School Visit 2

31st July - Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau and Patatee
- School Speech Competition (Year 3-6)

1st Aug - Mini Winter Sports at Kimihia - TBC

Term 3 Newsletters Competition:

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.



The Junior School presenting their item to Keri.



NMoNM Performing



Finally, Keri sharing a few words



The Seniors performing for Keri.



Keri Kittsen's Farewell (Poroporoaki):

I would like to thank the members of our community who attended Keri's poroporoaki on the 26th June.

It was an amazing send-off with all our children performing for Keri. She has contributed to Te Kauwhata Primary as a teacher, Learning Support Coordinator and Across Schools Teacher for our Kaahui Ako. She brought a wealth of knowledge and will be greatly missed by TKP and the wider community. We wish her all the best as she embarks on her journey overseas in Saudi Arabia.

School Board Elections 2025

Nominations are open for the election of parent representatives to the school board of Te Kauwhata Primary School. All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations.

Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Te Kauwhata Primary School

Nominations are open for the election of 4 parent representatives.

Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 6th of August 2025.

Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

Signed
Louise Salzwedel
Returning Officer

DHB Guidelines

At Te Kauwhata Primary, we follow the guidelines set by the DHB for sickness. Please see these below for future reference, especially as we have Winter illnesses to reduce the spread as much as possible.

Fever

A fever is a temperature that is higher than 38°C.

A child should not be at school until:

- their temperature has returned to normal (less than 38°C) without needing to use medicine to reduce it, like paracetamol or ibuprofen
- they are feeling well and happy within themselves again.
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Vomiting or diarrhoea

Gastro (also known as a tummy bug, rotavirus or norovirus) is an illness caused by an infection in the gut. Symptoms are nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and fever.

Gastro can spread easily to others, so a child should not be at school if they are vomiting or have diarrhoea.

A child can return to school after 48 hours (2 days) have passed since the last time they vomited or had diarrhoea.

Sore throat

A child should not be at school if they need pain relief for their throat to feel comfortable. Pain relief includes paracetamol or ibuprofen.

Life Education - Spotlight on Learning

In Term 2, our children were given the opportunity to receive education through Life Education. Life Education have been providing health and wellbeing programmes in New Zealand, delivered through interactive learning experiences. This year some themes that the children learned were about managing emotions, the impact of decisions, leadership and teamwork.

Room 4 wrote letters to Harold the Giraffe and they even got put up inside the truck to tour around the area - how cool is that!

School sores and other skin infections

School sores (impetigo) is a common skin infection caused by bacteria. Symptoms are red sores or blisters, which burst to leave crusty, golden-brown patches. The sores can be itchy and mostly affect the face and hands, but they can appear elsewhere.

Other skin infections can also show similar symptoms.

If a child has sores that are red, swollen, oozing, weeping or blistered, or that feel hot to touch, they should not be at school until:

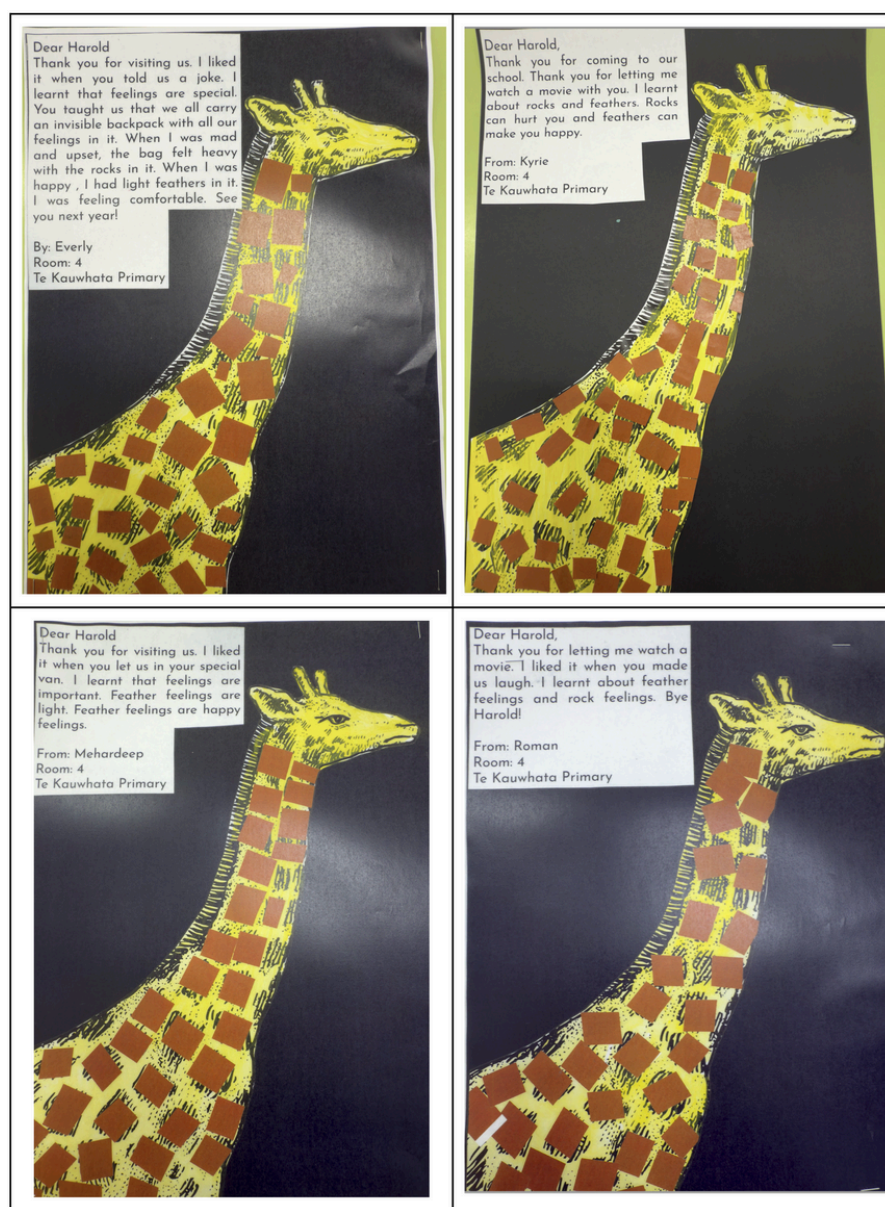
- their sores are covered and healing
- it has been 24 hours since they started antibiotics
- as directed in the guidance for infectious diseases.

Head lice and scabies

Head lice (nits) are common in children because of how close they are together at school. Nits are small insects that lay their eggs on strands of hair. Scratching can be a sign that a child has them.

Children with nits should stay at home from school until treatment has started.

For further information, please visit:
<https://info.health.nz/keeping-healthy/healthy-homes-environments/knowning-if-a-child-is-well-enough-to-be-at-school-guidance-for-schools>



Reports

We appreciate your understanding regarding the delay in receiving your child(ren)'s report, which was sent home yesterday. If you have any questions, please make contact with your child's teacher.

Parent - Teacher Interviews

On Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th August, we will be having Parent-Teacher Interviews, and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to come along to discuss your child(ren)'s progress with their teacher. A note will go home on the 28th of July with details on how to book your interview.

Red Nose Day – Friday 25th Jul



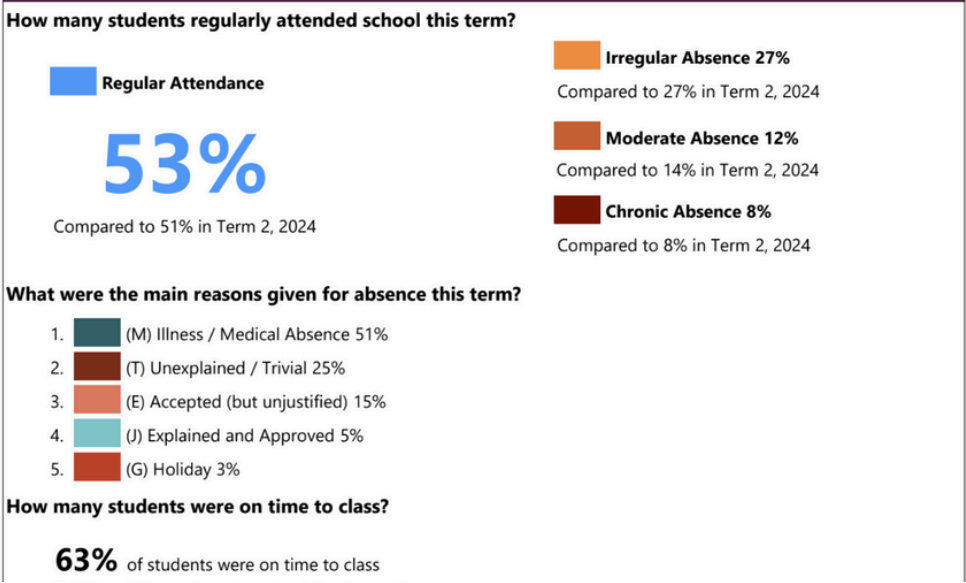
On Friday 25th July, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day – a fantastic initiative that helps Cure Kids fund vital child health research. We invite all students to come to school dressed in red and bring a gold coin donation. In return, they'll receive a special Red Nose Day sticker and get the chance to guess the number of Jaffas in the jar! Thank you for supporting this important cause.



Ag Day is Coming!

We're excited to announce that our Annual Ag Day will be held at the start of Term 4. Keep an eye out—more details will be shared soon! Ag Day is a fantastic opportunity for your child to raise and care for a calf, lamb, or goat, and then showcase their efforts in a fun and friendly competition with other students. This year, we're aiming to make Ag Day bigger and better than ever, with whole-school involvement and a renewed focus on celebrating this much-loved tradition.

Attendance - Everyday Matters:



Here is our latest snapshot on attendance from the Ministry of Education from the end of Term 2. There has been an 11.23% decrease in regular attendance since Term 1. This isn't unexpected, as Term 2 often brings seasonal illness and winter weather, both of which continue to impact our community. We expect some of these challenges to carry into Term 3, but we'll keep working together to support every student's learning journey and would appreciate your support in ensuring your child(ren) are at school when they are well.

Term 3 Assemblies

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.

2025 Term Dates:

Here are the remaining term dates for 2025:

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.

In Term 3 we have:

- 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.

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 3 please follow the link

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

Username: tkp

Password: wecare

In Term 3, 2025, we will be reviewing the following topics: Child Protection / Abuse Recognition and Reporting / Food and Nutrition / Safety Checking / Police Vetting / Missing Student Procedure
See the full [Review and Board Assurances Schedule](#).

I look forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Loren Huisman

Acting Principal

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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.

Quiz Question

What day is Red Nose Day being held at Te Kauwhata Primary School, and what do students need to bring to participate?

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TERM 3 REGOS
OPEN NOW

Please get in contact with your nearest club..



FRANKLIN BASKETBALL PRESENTS
GIRLS GOT GAME

Anyone aged 8-15 years.
This is a perfect place to start basketball. Our FREE* beginner program covers the basic as well as play lots of fun and engaging games and activities focusing on skill development, connection and exploration of the sport with other girls!

STARTING - WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY

REGISTER HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW
www.fbb.nz/girlsgotgame



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UNDER 8 BEGINNER BASKETBALL PROGRAM

TERM 3 REGOS - OPEN NOW

STARTING MONDAY 21ST JULY

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1. GGG - Girls Got Game Beginner Program -

This program is for anyone aged 8-15 years. This is a perfect place to start basketball. Our FREE* beginner program covers the basics as well as playing lots of fun and engaging games and activities focusing on skill development, connection and exploration of the sport with other girls!


Website link: <https://www.fbb.nz/girlsgotgame>

2. Under 8 - Hoopsters Program - This program is for kids aged 5-7 and is designed with 3 levels of a combination of ability and age. Here we teach children the fundamental skills needed to successfully take part in basketball games, taught in a fun, relaxed environment.

Website link: <https://www.fbb.nz/hoopsters>

3. Junior Club League & Teams - This is a club based structure where kids can register to their nearest club to join a team and start playing in games. Our junior club league has U10, U12 & U14 age groups with a bunch of grades for each one. Our club league runs on Friday nights and most clubs train on Tuesday afternoons.

Website link: <https://www.fbb.nz/ourclubs>



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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