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Kiaora,

It has been a busy start to the term and there have been a lot of exciting happenings in and out of the classrooms. An absolute highlight was that last week, we were lucky enough to host a group of students visiting from Tahiti that have been staying at Lakewood Lodge. The purpose of their visit was to learn English and experience New Zealand culture. We welcomed them with a poowhiri and they were hosted by Room 13A, Hiinau and Room 15.

We also had a Dress in Red day for Red Nose Day on Friday and raised \$205.80 for Cure Kids. Congratulations to Jordan Tupu-Whyte who won the 'Guess the Jaffas in the Jar.'

We had our first Newsletter Prize Draw at Assembly on Friday. Congratulations to Huzaifa Ali who won the draw for the first newsletter of Term 3! In Term 3, we are holding 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.

Looking Ahead:

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

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

1st Aug - Mini Winter Sports at Kimihia - Seniors

4th Aug - Ag Day Demonstration/Briefing for Parents/Caregivers and children 9am

5th Aug - TK Guitar Works 12pm and 2pm
- Bruce Moody onsite
- Hearing & Vision Testing

6th Aug - Transition to School Programme - Visit 3

8th Aug - Whaanau Leaders working with Paula Dewar
- Assembly 11:15am

12th Aug - TK Guitar Works 12pm and 2pm
- NMONM Trip to Kelly Tarltons
- Transition to School Programme - Visit 4

14th Aug - Ukulele for Rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 Hiinau & Patatee
- Kaahui Ako Speech Competition

15th August - School Cross Country



We're seeing a bit of an increase in sickness among students and staff at the moment, which is typical for this time of year. If your child is feeling unwell, we kindly ask that you keep them home to rest and recover fully. This helps limit the spread of illness and keeps our school environment healthier for everyone. Thank you to all those who have already been so mindful — your support is truly appreciated.

As a leadership team, we have been working our Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) School Wide Practitioner, on the importance of our school values. Our school values are **C.A.R.E:** **C**ommunicate, **A**spire, **R**espect, and **E**ngage. The best way for our tamariki to understand our values is to have them modelled by all the adults in their life, including their whaanau and wider community. We understand that sometimes life becomes challenging and frustrating situations arise. When this happens, please remember that we have a process to follow, which is to contact your child's classroom teacher in the first instance. From there, the classroom teacher will refer onward as appropriate for the specific concern/complaint (for example to the responsible staff member, their team leader, leadership etc). Thank you for your cooperation with this!

Tahiti Student Visit



Your Hiinau had the pleasure of hosting 3 students. Some of the highlights was to share our culture with them: kapa haka, karakia. They loved learning "Ka mate, ka mate". We also learned how to say hello and goodbye in French and Tahitian, including counting from 1 to 10. Thank you Rauhei, Keanui and Manea for the visit!

Room 15 was lucky enough to have 3 Students - Gabrielle, Teatamoterai and Nils join us, for 2 of our learning days 22/23 July. Fortunately we are learning about measurement and all of the components this strand has. Money, Capacity, time, were our focus and our visiting students really enjoyed the hands-on activities we engaged in. This was also a great opportunity for them to learn about our NZ money. We also taught them a new waiata/karakia and our paper,scissors, rock game. Thank you Gabrielle, Tea and Nils for joining us and the many laughs we had with you during your visit. Room 15 will be keeping in touch via penpal for the remainder of our 2025 year.

Attendance Prize Winners Term 2

At our first assembly in Term 3, we celebrated three children who won the Weekly 100% attendance voucher for Term 2. 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 2 was chosen by our Student Leaders, and our 3 recipients below won Farmers Vouchers.



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. The following information was sent to the school app on Monday.

Bookings are now open at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - the event code being **8sfbg**. If you do not have Internet access at home please call Morag or Louise in the school office and they will be more than happy to make a booking for you.

This year we are again offering the opportunity to have your parent-teacher interview over Google Meet. If you are interested in doing this, please book using the school interviews website and click the Google Meet option.

We put great value in the progress your child has made this year and our staff are looking forward to sharing this with you at parent-teacher interviews. If you have any queries regarding your child's learning at TKP this year please feel free to discuss it at this meeting.

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

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.

Term 2 Progress:

Update on our strategic aim of;

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

Achieved the expected curriculum level- %age

	Reading End of Term 1 2025	Reading End of Term 2 2025	Writing End of Term 1 2025	Writing End of Term 2 2025	Maths End of Term 1 2025	Maths End of Term 2 2025
All	226/347 65.2%	294/374 78.6%	206/347 59.4%	263/ 374 63.1%	229/347 66%	294/ 374 78.6%
Boys	120/183 65.6%	149/195 76.4%	93/183 50.8%	122/195 62.5%	115/183 62.9%	149/195 76.4%
Girls	106/164 64.6%	145/179 81%	113/164 68.9%	141/179 78.7%	114/164 69.5%	145/179 81%
NZE	62 / 89 69.7%	81/96 84.3%	54/89 60.7%	72/96 75%	66/89 74.2%	81/96 84.3%
NZM	94/164 57.3%	121/171 70.7%	85 / 164 51.8%	105/171 61.4%	99/164 60.3%	121/171 70.7%
Pac.	30/38 78.9%	37/44 84%	25/38 65.8%	33/44 75%	25/38 65.8%	37/44 84%
Other	40/56 71.4%	55/63 87.3%	42/56 75%	53/63 84.1%	39/56 69.6%	55/63 87.3%

We're proud to share our student achievement data from the end of Term 2, 2025. When comparing this to Term 1, we've seen strong progress across the curriculum.

- Reading has improved from 65.2% to 78.6% — a 13.4% increase
- Writing has grown from 59.4% to 63.1% — a 3.7% increase
- Maths has risen from 66% to 78.6% — a 12.6% increase

These results show that our students are beginning to settle into the refreshed English and Maths Curriculum. Teachers are continuing to adapt their teaching and assessment approaches as they work within the expectations of the updated curriculum.

With assessment now aligned to individual year levels (rather than broader multi-year levels), we're gaining a clearer picture of where each learner is at — and what support or extension they may need.

At TKP, when we talk about the acceleration of learning, we mean that students are progressing rapidly — either catching up to their expected level or making significant progress. This remains a strategic goal for 2025, and our staff are working hard to support every child's learning journey.

These results are a positive sign that we are heading in the right direction.

Ag Day is Coming!

We're excited to announce that our Annual Ag Day will be held at the start of Term 4.

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.

We will be hosting an information session on Monday 4th August at 9am. This is an opportunity for children and parents/caregivers to learn more about raising an animal and the events that each animal competes in at Ag Day. We have local experts, Rachael Foy and Loretta Tapp coming along to share this information with you so please feel free to come along with your child to learn more about it!



It's Calendar Art time again.

The students in Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13 A and 13B are busy creating artwork that can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads. Each product is made from your own child's art. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

PRICING FOR 2025

Calendar \$15

Greeting cards \$14 per pack of 8

Diaries \$18

Mouse Mats \$15

Sketch Pads \$15

Most classes will have their artwork displayed on their windows from Monday 11th August 2025.

Place your orders via the order form coming home Monday 11th August and hand in to the office.

The last day to order is Monday 25th of August.

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.

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>

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

🐘 Newsletter Quiz Question

When is the Ag Day Information Session for parents, caregivers, and students being held?

- A. Friday 1st August at 11am
- B. Monday 4th August at 9am
- C. Wednesday 6th August at 9am
- D. Tuesday 5th August at 2pm

✍️ Write your answer (A, B, C, or D), your **full name**, and **room number** on a piece of paper and drop it off at the office to enter the prize draw. The winner will be announced at next week's assembly.



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.

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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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TERM 3 REGOS - OPEN NOW

STARTING MONDAY 21ST JULY

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Franklin Basketball

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>

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