

# Whānau Kererū Newsletter

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### SCHOOL KEY DATES:

Please check the  
TPS calendar [here](#)  
for updates.

Kia ora,

We are very excited to begin Term 1 of 2025. It was lovely to meet with so many families during Te hui Whakapiri and take this opportunity to reconnect with you and your child. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families who are new to TPS. We are looking forward to a wonderful year for all our Kererū learners.

### **English & Maths**

These learning areas have updated curriculums which inform our teaching and learning from the start of this year.

In Kererū, our oral language focus will start with interpersonal communication skills - how we listen and respond to others and non-verbal communication (such as the use of body language). In Writing, Kererū learners will focus initially on forming great paragraphs which are structured clearly and correctly. Our reading instruction will focus on exposing our learners to rich vocabulary and learning about the world around them through more sophisticated texts which the whole class will access. Handwriting and Spelling will also be explicitly taught as part of the English curriculum.

In Maths, Kererū learners will have explicit instruction in Number and Operations. They will also be exposed to new learning in Statistics while making links to the P.P.D.A.C. cycle of statistical inquiry. Later in the term, our learners will learn more about measuring capacity.

### **Physical Education**

Our focus this term is on water skills and small ball skills. Water Skills for Life lessons are a compulsory part of the Physical

Education curriculum so children must bring their togs on their class swimming day. Meanwhile, there will also be the chance for the children to further develop their skills throwing and catching small balls, and playing games aligned with these such as cricket and tee-ball.

### **EOTC**

Towards the end of the term, our Year 5 and Year 6 learners will spend a day at Lake Pupuke taking part in an EOTC programme run by BigFoot Adventures. This year, our learners will experience canoeing, group stand up paddle boarding, and waka taurua. (Please keep an eye out for further information coming soon via HERO.)

### **Te Ao Māori**

This continues to be integrated through regular classroom programmes. In addition, your child will also continue to be taught by our specialist teacher, Kipa Rangiheuea, for one hour a week of dedicated te ao Māori time.

### **Music/S.T.E.M.**

We are excited to have our new Music/S.T.E.M. teacher, Harmony Weston, providing an hour of specialised learning to each class every week. She will also lead special music groups during break times.

### **Puberty Talks**

6-7 pm, March 3, we have Nest Consulting presenting their parent information evening. This is a great opportunity for you to see what the puberty talks programme looks like for both Year 5 and Year 6 students and to ask any questions. This will take place via a Zoom call and we will send a link closer to the time.

Ngā mihi,  
Kererū teachers

### T1 TEAM KEY DATES:

- 3 March, 6-7pm, Whānau meeting about Puberty Talks - Year 5 and 6 only.
- 31 March and 1 April Year 5 and 6 EOTC at Lake Pupuke.

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## Home Learning

### Reading - 30+ mins daily

Some learners may bring home a reader from school. Others will be asked to read something of their own choice at home. If you would like to know how to support your child further with home reading, please get in touch with their guardian teacher. Finding books that your child enjoys reading can be a challenge. [Click here to explore Auckland Libraries books lists to engage children in reading.](#)

### Maths

One way you can support your child's maths learning is by helping them to practise basic facts at home. Please reach out to your child's guardian class teacher if you would like ideas for how to support your child with this.

Kererū Sample Timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 - 10	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Assembly/Inquiry
10 - 10:55	P.E. - WSFL	Music	Maths	Maths	Maths
Morning tea					
11:30 am - 1 pm	Handwriting Spelling Writing Library	Handwriting Spelling Writing	Handwriting Spelling Writing	Handwriting Spelling Writing	Handwriting Spelling Reading
Lunch					
1:50 - 3 pm	Maths	Maths	Visual Arts/Inquiry	PE	Te Ao Maori

Left: A sample of a Kererū classroom's Term 1 timetable for the week. Please note that responsive teacher practice means there could be changes to what a class timetable looks like on a week to week basis.

Below: The current Term 1 overview.

Kererū Planning Overview		
<b>Writing</b>	Establish routines in classroom	Clearly structured paragraphs.
<b>Reading</b>		Whole Class Shared Reading, reading groups and independent reading - teaching in response to learner needs.
<b>Oral Language</b>		Interpersonal Communication - listening, responding and non verbal communication.
<b>Mathematics</b>		Number Structure and Operations
<b>Mathematics</b>		Statistics - multivariate data investigation using the PPDAC cycle. Measurement - Use linear scales and whole numbers of metric units.
<b>Health &amp; P.E.</b>	Water Skills for Life Small balls skills and games - catch and throw. Year 6 Puberty Talks Life Changer Programme	
<b>Inquiry</b>	Contact and Conflict in Early Aotearoa	
<b>Spelling</b>	Phonological awareness, spelling patterns and rules, word meanings, using prefixes and suffixes to make new words.	
<b>Handwriting</b>	Daily practise.	

### REMINDERS:

- **Hats are compulsory** this term. Hats must have a brim - no caps. Learners without a hat will have to stay under the designated shade area at break times.
- We encourage the children to bring a drink bottle filled with **water** everyday.
- Uniform reminder: Please clearly name all uniform items so that we can easily return lost items to their owners.
- Learners can be at school from **8:30am**.
- Please check HERO regularly for school communications and important notices.
- Any urgent messages during the day should be sent to the school office - office @tps.school.nz, as teachers are not checking emails during school time.

If you have any questions, please email or pop in and see us. We encourage you to be proactive and make a time with us if you would like to know more about how your child is going at school.