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Term 3 Week 10 Newsletter: Rātū 22 ō Hepetema | Tuesday 22 September 2026

Tēnā koutou, Mālō 'e tau lava, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Ayubowan, Ni Hao, Salam.



End of Term Three

As we come to the end of Term Three, we have been reflecting on just how much our tamariki have experienced, achieved and learned over the past ten weeks.

One of the great strengths of Tāmaki School is the richness of the cultures, languages and identities our children bring to our kura. This term that richness has been especially visible. We have celebrated Cook Islands Language Week, Uike Lea Faka-Tonga, Filipino Languages Week and Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Our tamariki have had opportunities to speak, sing,

perform, lead and learn through culture, alongside the everyday teaching and learning taking place across our four learning pathways.

We have also seen our learners challenge themselves beyond the classroom through sport, environmental learning, Technology, leadership and AIMS Games. Throughout all of these experiences, our school values of Rangatiratanga, Manaakitanga and Kaitiakitanga have been evident.

Most importantly, our children have continued to learn. This term our Student-Led Learning Conversations gave learners an opportunity to share that learning with the people who matter most to them. Thank you to every whānau that came along, listened to your child talk about their progress and celebrate what they are achieving.

There is much to be proud of at Tāmaki School. Thank you to our staff, whānau and wider community for the many different ways you have contributed to our children's learning and wellbeing this term.

Culture at the centre

One of the things we are most proud of at Tāmaki School is that the languages, cultures and identities of our tamariki are visible, valued and celebrated in everyday school life.

This term we have celebrated Cook Islands Language Week, Uike Lea Faka-Tonga, Filipino Language Week and Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Across our kura we have heard our children speaking, singing, performing, praying, presenting and learning through their languages and cultures.



These celebrations are much more than special events on our calendar. They strengthen identity and belonging, give our tamariki opportunities to lead and succeed, and allow all of our learners to grow their knowledge and appreciation of the cultures that make Tamaki School such a special place.





Thank you to our staff, whānau and community members who have shared their language, knowledge, time and expertise with our children throughout the term.

AIMS Games 2026 | Learning beyond the kura

This term, our Mixed Year 7 and 8 Rip Rugby team travelled to Tauranga to represent Tāmaki School at the 2026 AIMS Games, competing against schools from across Aotearoa and experiencing the excitement and challenge of a major national sporting event.

We were incredibly proud of the way our team represented Tāmaki. They competed hard, supported one another through the highs and lows of tournament sport, and finished the week second in the final of their division. Just as importantly, they demonstrated Manaakitanga and Rangatiratanga in the way they conducted themselves throughout the week.



One of the special parts of the experience was the friendship we developed with Taitoko School from Levin, who became our neighbours and friends throughout the tournament. It was a wonderful reminder that opportunities like AIMS Games are also about connection, whakawhanaungatanga and the relationships our tamariki build beyond our own kura.

Our participation would not have been possible without the people and organisations who backed our tamariki. We acknowledge and thank The Tāmaki School Board, Ted Manson Foundation, Specifically Yours, The Samuela Family, The Leota Family and our neighbours at the Mahamevnawa Buddhist Meditation Centre for helping make this experience possible, alongside the staff, coaches and whānau who gave their time to support our team.

We went to AIMS Games to compete, but our tamariki came home with much more: new experiences, stronger friendships, greater confidence and memories they will carry with them for a lifetime.



Staff Update

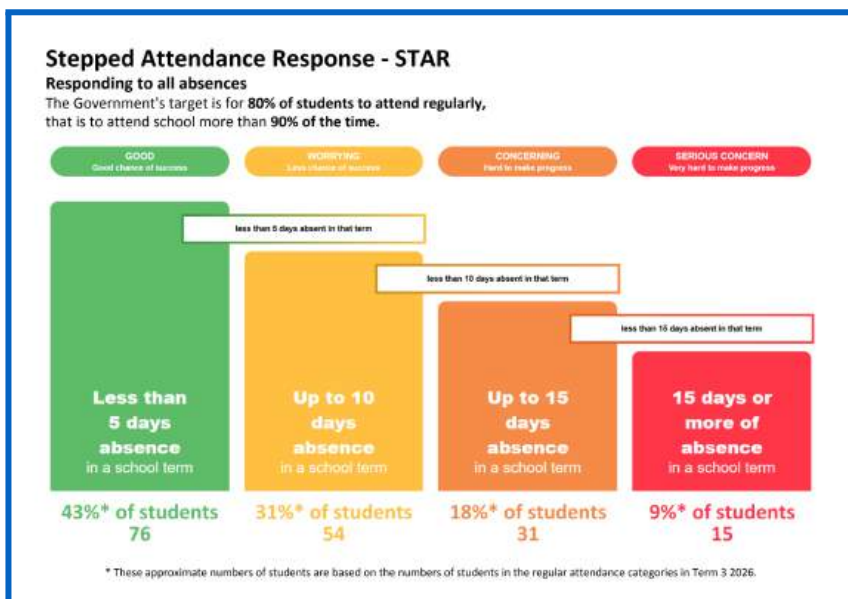
On Thursday we farewell Whaea Ruruhi, who has led learning in Te Puna Wairua Tuakana while Whaea Anahera has been on maternity leave. We thank Whaea Ruruhi for the mātauranga, manaaki and commitment she has shared with our tamariki and our kura during her time with us. We wish her all the very best as she travels home to Muriwhenua, and know she will remain a valued member of our Te Puna Wairua and Tāmaki whānau. Ngā mihi, Ruruhi.

Attendance Matters

Every day at school matters. This term, winter illnesses including influenza and skin infections have affected many of our tamariki and whānau across the country, and we know that there are times when children are genuinely too unwell to attend school, and whānau make that call based on what is best for their tamaiti.

Our Term Three attendance data shows that 43% of our learners have missed fewer than five days of school this term.

The Government's regular attendance target is for students to attend school more than 90% of the time. In practical terms, this means missing fewer than five days in a school term.



As we head into Term Four, our challenge is to get more of our tamariki into the green: at school, on time and learning every day they are well enough to attend.

Houses Day | Rangatiratanga | Student Leaders in Action

This Thursday 24 September, our Year 8 Student Leaders are taking the lead for our end-of-term Houses Day. Our student leaders have been responsible for planning and organising the day, working together to create activities that will bring Alamein, Benghazi and Tripoli Houses together for some friendly competition and plenty of fun.

Tamariki can look forward to house chants and an Alamein House vs Benghazi House vs Tripoli House challenge. Most importantly, Houses Day provides another opportunity for our senior learners to demonstrate Rangatiratanga by leading, organising and taking responsibility for an event for our whole kura.

We are looking forward to seeing plenty of house spirit on Thursday. Wear your house colours (remember, no face paint) and come ready to have lots of fun.

Staff Only Day Friday 25 September

School will be closed for professional learning and development focused on the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics curriculum for Leo Moana and Te Whānau Kahukura (English Medium), and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa for Te Puna Wairua on Friday 25 September. Youhtown is running a Teacher Only Day programme for whānau who require child supervision for the day. Fees apply.

Register here: <https://www.youhtown.org.nz/viewform/515355>.

Whāia te ara tika,

Carol Leota
Tumuaki | Principal



Tāmaki Primary School

SAVE THE DATE

75TH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We're excited to announce that Tāmaki Primary School's 75th Jubilee will be celebrated from

5th—7th November 2026

Former students, staff, whānau, and friends of the school are invited to join us as we celebrate 75 years of memories, learning, and community.

Registrations and the full programme will be released soon.

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Friday 2nd October



10am - 2pm



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