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Term 4 Week 2 Newsletter: Friday 23 ō Oketopa | Friday 23 October 2026

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



Start of Term Four

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone enjoyed some time together over the school holidays and that our tamariki have returned refreshed and ready for another busy term of learning.

This is a particularly special term for Tāmaki Primary School as we prepare to celebrate our 75th Diamond Jubilee from Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 November. We are looking forward to welcoming former students, staff and whānau back to our kura to celebrate 75 years of learning, friendships and community. Our Cultural Festival on Friday 6 November will be another opportunity to celebrate the languages, cultures and identities that make Tāmaki such a special place.

Alongside these celebrations, our focus remains firmly on teaching and learning. Our kaiako are working hard to ensure every child continues to make progress and finishes the school year feeling proud of what they have achieved.

Thank you to our whānau for your continued support and partnership. We have much to look forward to this term!

Attendance Matters

Every day at school matters, and we want to thank our whānau for the efforts you are making to ensure our tamariki attend school regularly and on time. A special commendation to Talamuka-'a-Tonga Juniors who have had four days of 100% attendance so far this term. Well done!

As we head towards the end of the year, it is important that our tamariki continue attending right through to the final day of school. There is still plenty of important learning happening in every classroom. Every day counts, every learner matters, and together we can make a difference.

Education Review Office (ERO) Update

In September, we welcomed the Education Review Office (ERO) back to Tāmaki Primary School to review the progress we are making in improving teaching, learning and outcomes for our tamariki. ERO acknowledged the sustained focus our kura has placed on its improvement priorities, particularly our improving attendance, the use of achievement information to strengthen teaching, and the positive learning environments our kaiako create.

ERO also recognised that a large majority of our learners were achieving at proficient or excelling levels in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of 2025. There is still important work ahead, particularly in accelerating achievement for our younger learners, strengthening teaching practices and ensuring equitable outcomes for all tamariki. We are pleased with the progress being made together at Tāmaki School and remain committed to working alongside our whānau to ensure every learner experiences success.



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING A SPECIAL MILESTONE

TĀMAKI PRIMARY SCHOOL

75th

Anniversary

1951-2026

— ♦ — **A Community Event** — ♦ —

Join us for three days of celebration as
we honour 75 years of learning, culture, connection and community

5 – 7 NOVEMBER 2026

THREE DAYS OF CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER | School Tours

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER | School Cultural Festival

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER | 75th Anniversary Jubilee Lunch

Register for our Jubilee Lunch via the link provided



Staff Update

Te Puna Wairua Tuakana: This term, we have been pleased to welcome Whaea Anahera back to Te Puna Wairua following her maternity leave. Her six-month-old daughter, Maiea, has also joined her in the learning space for Term Four. The learning, wellbeing and safety of our tamariki remain our first priority. A risk and safety management plan is in place to ensure their needs continue to be met, including in the event of an emergency, while also supporting Whaea Anahera and Maiea. We understand that whānau may have questions about this arrangement and welcome the opportunity to discuss these. Please feel welcome to contact me directly.

Penina o Tāmaki: At the end of next week, we will farewell Matua Andrew as he finishes his role as Language Assistant and Limited Authority Teacher in Penina o Tāmaki. Andrew has been part of our Tāmaki School whānau for two years, beginning as a Learning Assistant in English Medium before bringing his strengths in Gagana Sāmoa to Penina o Tāmaki when we established our Sāmoan bilingual class.



Andrew has contributed in many ways, particularly through his strengths in Samoan dance and language, coaching a range of sports, supporting House events, and providing a calm, steady presence in our playground and on afternoon patrols. Thank you, Matua Andrew, for your service to our kura and the contribution you have made to our tamariki. We wish you all the very best

Upcoming events

- Niue Language Week Assembly: Friday 23 October at 2pm, all are welcome to join us.
- Tāmaki Primary School 75th Diamond Jubilee Registrations: Register here <https://bit.ly/TPS75Years>
- **Labour Day Holiday: School will be closed for the public holiday on Monday 26 October.**
- Book Week and Book Character Dress-Up Day: Week Three is Book Week, and we will hold our Book Character Dress-Up Assembly on Thursday 29 October at 12 pm. We warmly invite whānau to join us as we celebrate our love of books and reading, while remembering Whaea Janine Morran, who remains a special part of our Tāmaki School whānau.
- Tāmaki Primary School 75th Diamond Jubilee School tours: Thursday 5 November. Visit between 10am - 2pm and 3:30pm - 6:30pm
- Tāmaki Primary School 75th Diamond Jubilee School Cultural Festival: Friday 6 November 12pm – 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us on the school field.
- Tāmaki Primary School 75th Diamond Jubilee Lunch: Saturday 7 November 12pm – 3pm in the school hall. Tickets are \$30 per person and registration is required: <https://bit.ly/TPS75Years>
- Te Whānau Kahukura Leads Whole School Assembly: Friday 13 November at 2pm
- Haerenga ki Periwehia Marae: On Saturday 14 November, friends, former classmates, staff and whānau from Te Puna Wairua will travel to Whangārei to join Jason Wharerau's whānau for the unveiling of his headstone. This will be a special opportunity to remember Jason and stand alongside his whānau as we honour his memory. Further details will be shared with those attending.
- Te Kōtukutuku Cultural Festival 2026: On Saturday 14 November, our Tongan and Samoan Cultural Groups will perform at the Ruapōtaka Marae community event. Mrs Tafea and Mrs Afoa-Leiataua will provide an update to parents soon.
- Leo Moana Leads Whole School Assembly: Friday 20 November at 2pm
- Te Puna Wairua Leads Whole School Assembly: Friday 27 November at 2pm
- Whole School Prizegiving: On Thursday 10 December at 9:30am we will present our class awards. Whaea Sharon will contact the parents of students receiving awards closer to the event.
- Senior Prizegiving: On Friday 11 December at 9:30am we will present our Year 7 and 8 Awards, Year 8 Graduation Certificates, and we will announce our Student Leaders for 2027.
- Year 8s Dine and Dance: Monday 14 December at 5pm - 7:30pm
- Tāmaki School's Big Day In: Tuesday 15 December 9am - 2:30pm
- Last Day of School for 2026: Wednesday 16 December 2026, school closes at 12pm
- Tāmaki Music School Registrations: Please come to the school hall to register for FREE weekly guitar, recorder, flute, clarinet, and violin lessons and instrument loan. Lessons are every Saturday morning during term time. Registrations are going to be held on Saturday 30 January 2027 from 9am - 11:30am. Registrations are only held in-person, please come to the hall on that date to register.
- First Day of School for 2027: Tuesday 2 February 2027. Pōwhiri to welcome new students, staff and whānau starts at 9:15am. You are welcome to join us as we start our new school year.

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2027 Classes Expression of Interest

Kia ora e te whānau

To prepare for 2027, we are gathering parent/caregiver interest for full immersion, bilingual, and English medium classes for their children. Please complete the expression of interest form below and return it to school as soon as possible, preferably before Friday 30 October 2026.

My name:	
Phone number:	

My children's names:

Names of children starting school in 2027:

✓ Please tick the option you prefer. If you do not respond, your child/ren will remain in their current pathway.

Te Puna Wairua Rumaki Reo Years 1-8	Talamuka-'a-Tonga Tongan bilingual Years 1-8	Penina o Tāmaki Samoan bilingual Years TBC	Te Whānau Kahukura English Medium Years 1-8
Learning is through te reo Māori.	Learning is through Lea Faka-Tonga and in English	Learning is through Gagana Samoa and in English	Learning is primarily through English.

Please return this form to the office as soon as possible.

Ngā mihi,
Carol Leota
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