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Term 1 Week 11 Newsletter: Rāpare 9 ō Paengawhāwhā | Wednesday 9 April 2025

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Attendance Update – Term One Weeks 8–11

Thank you for your continued support in getting students to school each day. Here's a quick look at how our attendance has been tracking over the past few weeks:

Week Eight Term One	Monday 17 March 89% attendance	Tuesday 18 March 96% attendance	Wednesday 19 March 94% attendance	Thursday 20 March 96% attendance	Friday 21 March 96% attendance
Week Nine Term One	Monday 24 March 92% attendance	Tuesday 25 March 92% attendance	Wednesday 26 March 95% attendance	Thursday 27 March 95% attendance	Friday 28 March 93% attendance
Week Ten Term One	Monday 31 March 86% attendance	Tuesday 1 April 92% attendance	Wednesday 2 April 89% attendance	Thursday 3 April 87% attendance	Friday 4 April 65% attendance
Week Eleven Term One	Monday 7 April 93% attendance	Tuesday 8 April 90% attendance	Wednesday 9 April 92% attendance	Thursday 10 April Aim for 100%	Friday 11 April Teacher Only Day

Strong Attendance: In Weeks 8 and 9, our school averaged 93–94% attendance, which is fantastic! This shows that families are prioritising school and learning. Remember though, our goal is more than 94% attendance school-wide.

Drop in Week 10: In Week 10, we saw a noticeable dip — especially on Friday, 4 April, when attendance dropped to just 65%. That means more than 1 in 3 students were away. Whānau need to have a plan in place so children can still attend school even if it rains.

Improvement in Week 11 (so far!): In Week 11, we're seeing attendance bounce back with 93%, 90% and 92% on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Let's keep it going all the way to the end of the term!





Practical Tips for Wet Weather

During the wet Autumn and Winter seasons, it is important that parents and whānau are prepared for the weather, and provide the necessary rain gear so that children can continue to attend school, even if it rains. Keep a raincoat, gum boots, and umbrella ready so your children can feel comfortable and protected, and still get to school if it rains.

We understand that rainy days can feel like a challenge, but regular school attendance is important for your child's learning.

Sickness

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky. Health guidance to support you to decide is available on the Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand's <u>website</u>. If you are still unsure, get in touch with us and let's work together to support your child.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact me so we can work together.



Term Two Pōwhiri

On Monday 28 April 2025, at 9:20 am we will welcome our new students, whānau and staff to Tāmaki Primary School with a pōwhiri in the school hall. You are invited to be a part of welcoming the students and families who have joined us since our Term One pōwhiri. Pōwhiri dress code applies for the grown ups, and school uniform for students.



Tupu Māia Year 7 & 8 Girls

In Term Two, we are partnering with the Warriors Community Foundation to deliver Tupu Māia, a wellbeing and empowerment programme designed specifically for intermediate-aged girls at Tāmaki Primary School. Underpinned by Te Whare Tapa Whā, Tupu Māia fosters confidence, self-esteem, and a love of sport and movement, encouraging girls to remain active and engaged with their peers. The programme's holistic approach embraces the four pillars of wellbeing—taha tinana (physical), taha hinengaro (mental and emotional), taha wairua (spiritual), and taha whānau (family and social)—to create a balanced and supportive environment that promotes resilience and positive self-identity.

The programme includes sessions led by community activators who guide the girls through a series of activities that focus on mental, physical and emotional wellbeing and fostering a sense of community. Tupu Māia is aligned with the Warriors Community Foundation's commitment to tackling social issues through community-based initiatives that build mental health awareness, resilience, and essential life skills.

Sports

In Term Two, the Tāmaki Cluster Sports are Football, Rugby League and Ki-o-rahi. One of the criteria for selection for sports teams is regular attendance, that is, attending school more than 94% of the time. On Thursday 10 April 2025 we will hold our trials for the next tournament, which is Football at Madills Farm for Years 3 & 4, 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 teams. Your child needs to be present on the day of the trials, to be selected for the team.

Upcoming events

Staff Only Days: On Friday 11 April 2025 and Friday 30 May 2025 Tāmaki Primary School will be closed for Staff Only Days for professional learning and development for the refreshed mathematics curriculum.

School Holidays: Tāmaki Primary School closes for the school holidays on Friday 11 April. We open again on Monday 28 April for Term Two.

Give it a Go! Sports Afternoon at Marist: Sport Auckland led event on Wednesday 30 April - see the flyer below.



Structured Literacy Home School Partnership Meeting: Wednesday 7 May, 4:30 - 5:30 pm in the hall. Join us and learn all about the changes to teaching and learning in Reading, and how you can support your child with this learning at home.

School Board hui: Wednesday 28 May, Wednesday 2 July, Wednesday 13 August, Wednesday 17 September, Wednesday 5 November and Wednesday 10 December 2025 @ 8 am in the boardroom. School board meetings are open to the public. If you would like to join us at any of these board meetings, please contact our Presiding Member Mr Kamaka Tarawa at k.tarawa@tamakiprimary.school.nz.

Thank you all for your continued support for our amazing learners, it is appreciated.

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