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Term 2 Week 3 Newsletter: Rāapa 14 ō Haratua | Wednesday 14 May 2025

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

Bullying-Free Tāmaki

At our school, we are deeply committed to creating a safe, happy, and respectful environment where every learner feels they belong. Like all schools across the country, we face the ongoing challenge of addressing **bullying** — both in person and online, at school and in the community. It is a complex issue that affects many young people, and it takes a whole-community effort to respond.

We want to acknowledge and thank our incredible staff, who are working tirelessly every day to prevent bullying and to support students in making positive choices. Our teachers and learning assistants go above and beyond — not just in their classrooms, but also as mentors, guiding and supporting those who need help learning how to be kind and respectful to others.

We are especially grateful for the way our staff show manaakitanga — care and compassion — to all our learners: those who are still learning how to treat others with kindness, and those who are brave enough to be upstanders, standing up for what's right.

Together, with your ongoing support, we are building a culture where kindness is valued, voices are heard, and everyone feels safe to learn and grow.



Pink Shirt Day – This Friday!

This Friday is **Pink Shirt Day** – a special day where we stand together to say NO to bullying and YES to kindness, respect, and being a good friend.

What can we do?

- **Wear something pink** to show you stand against bullying.
- **Be kind** – include others, use kind words, and speak up if you see someone being treated unfairly.
- **Be proud** to stand up for what's right.

Let's fill our school with pink and show that we're a whānau that cares! Just a reminder though, no face-paint.

Attendance Update – Term Two Weeks 1-3

Daily attendance continues to be a priority at Tāmaki Primary School. Thank you parents for your continued support in getting your children to school each day. Attendance has been dropping school-wide this term, though. A reminder that our daily attendance target is more than 94%.

Week One Term Two	Monday 28 April 87% attendance	Tuesday 29 April 91% attendance	Wednesday 30 April 93% attendance	Thursday 1 May 94% attendance	Friday 2 May 88% attendance
Week Two Term Two	Monday 5 May 83% attendance	Tuesday 6 May 90% attendance	Wednesday 7 May 89% attendance	Thursday 8 May 93% attendance	Friday 9 May 82.5% attendance
Week Three Term Two	Monday 12 May 92.5% attendance	Tuesday 13 May 88% attendance	Wednesday 14 May 89% attendance		

Week One Some good attendance. The best day was Thursday 94% and the lowest day was Monday 87%

Week Two Attendance dropping. The best day was Thursday 93% and the lowest day was Friday 82.5%

Week Three (so far) Our best day was Monday 92.5%.



What does this mean? We need ākonga to come to school every day, especially on Fridays and Mondays. The more we're here, the more we participate, learn and have fun with our friends! **Let's aim for 100% attendance!**

Absences

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

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

Wet Weather? We've Got You Covered – Let's Keep Our Tamariki at School!



Rainy days shouldn't stop our tamariki from coming to school. We know it can be tricky when the weather turns, but learning doesn't pause for the rain — and neither should attendance.

To make things easier, we are selling umbrellas for just \$5 from the school office. A small cost to help make sure your child gets to school, stays dry, and keeps learning every day.

Let's work together to make sure the weather doesn't get in the way of doing what's best for our kids. Rain or shine – school is the place to be.

Sports

For the remainder of Term Two, the Tāmaki Cluster Sports are 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. This term, the Rugby League teams are Year 7&8 Boys and Year 7&8 Girls. The tournament is at Point England Reserve on Wednesday 11th June. We are selling mouthguards for \$5 at the school office. Mouthguards and rugby boots are compulsory for this tournament. No mouthguard - no play.

Upcoming events

Staff Only Days: Friday 30 May 2025 Tāmaki Primary School (and all schools in Glen Innes/Panmure) will be closed for Staff Only Day for professional learning and development for the mathematics curriculum.

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.

King's Birthday: School is closed for this public holiday on Monday 2 June.

Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa | Samoa Language Week 2025: Opening ceremony on Tuesday 3 June at 9:15 am, closing ceremony on Friday 6 June at 12:00 noon. All are welcome to join us.

Matariki: School is closed for this public holiday on Friday 20 June 2025.

Houses Day: TPS celebrates Houses Day on Friday 27 June 2025. Wear your house colours!

Thank you all for your continued support for our hardworking, determined and kind learners, it is appreciated.

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