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Term 2 Week 9 Newsletter: Rātū 24 ō Pipiri | Tuesday 24 June 2025

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

Mānawatia a Matariki!

At Tāmaki Primary School, we are celebrating **Matariki** in many special ways. Last week, we travelled to Edgewater College's Te Tahawai Marae for wānanga with Matua Tūrei, Whaea Ani, Penina o Tāmaki, Room 8, and Talamuka-'a-Tonga. On Thursday, our Te Puna Wairua whānau led a powerful Pō Whakanuia – a celebration full of kai, kotahitanga, and stunning performances from our incredible ākonga. Our whānau loved every moment.

The festivities continued this week - Te Puna Wairua Tuakana and Room 6 went to Te Oro in Glen Innes to take part in Matariki Art Activations with Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust, Tipu E Rea Services and Te Oro.



On Thursday this week, every child will perform in our **Mānawatia a Matariki Assembly**, sharing their learning and talents. Finally, on the first Wednesday after the school holidays, our Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 teams will represent us in the Tāmaki Sports Cluster **Ki-o-rahi tournament**. Noho ora mai i tēnei wā o Matariki.

✨✨✨ Mānawatia a Matariki! ✨✨✨

Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa

Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa 2025 at Tāmaki Primary was a vibrant celebration of language, identity, and community. Led with pride by our bilingual unit, Penina o Tāmaki, and

their faiaoga, Mrs Afoa-Leiataua, the week featured cultural performances, language learning, artefact displays, and an 'ava opening ceremony. This year's theme, "la malu lou sã. Folau i lagimā" - A well-grounded self is a successful self - reminded us all of the importance of grounding our learners in their cultural identity so they can thrive in every area of life. The office foyer came to life with Sāmoan artefacts, including a ceremonial *nifo oti*, and our final celebration assembly featured nearly the entire school in performance.

We were honoured to welcome special guests from Va'atele Consultants - Avikaila Tilialo, and Martha Aseta. Avikaila shared an important message of the importance of our Pacific way of understanding and sharing knowledge through culture, language, values and our traditions. Our deepest thanks also go to Matua Toepomaalii Filemoni for his faith and guidance during the week.

To our whānau, aiga, staff, and wider community: Fa'afetai tele lava for your support, presence, and belief in the power of bilingual education. Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa was a wonderful celebration that affirmed our schoolwide commitment to being a place where our learners' cultures are valued, visible, and celebrated by all.



Attendance Update – Term Two Weeks 4-8

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 Four Term Two	Monday Rāhina 19 May 89% attendance	Tuesday Rātū 20 May 90% attendance	Wednesday Rāapa 21 May 87% attendance	Thursday Rāpare 22 May 95% attendance	Friday Rāmere 23 May 93% attendance
Week Five Term Two	Monday Rāhina 26 May 88% attendance	Tuesday Rātū 27 May 86% attendance	Wednesday Rāapa 28 May 89% attendance	Thursday Rāpare 29 May 87% attendance	Teacher Only Day
Week Six Term Two	King's Birthday Public Holiday	Tuesday Rātū 3 June 78% attendance	Wednesday Rāapa 4 June 88% attendance	Thursday Rāpare 5 June 92% attendance	Friday Rāmere 6 June 92% attendance
Week Seven Term Two	Monday Rāhina 9 June 82% attendance	Tuesday Rātū 10 June 88% attendance	Wednesday Rāapa 11 June 90% attendance	Thursday Rāpare 12 June 92% attendance	Friday Rāmere 13 June 90% attendance
Week Eight Term Two	Monday Rāhina 16 June 89% attendance	Tuesday Rātū 17 June 93% attendance	Wednesday Rāapa 18 June 94% attendance	Thursday Rāpare 19 June 88% attendance	Matariki Public Holiday

Attendance Snapshot – Weeks 4 to 8, Term Two

Thank you for your support with school attendance this term. Our next goal is to lift our daily attendance even higher — especially on Mondays and Fridays.

Here's how you can help:

- Aim for every day: Unless your child is sick, please send them to school.
- Be prepared for weather: Rain or shine, warm or cold, learning happens every day.
- Talk about the importance of school: Help your child understand that showing up matters — for their learning, friendships, and confidence.

Every day counts. Together, we can finish the term strong.

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 in the Winter, 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, warm or cool – school is the place to be.



Sports

The final Tāmaki Cluster Sport for Term Two is 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. The tournament is at Point England Reserve on Wednesday 16 July 2025. Mouthguards are not compulsory, but they are encouraged. We are selling mouthguards for \$5 at the school office. Next term, we have a schoolwide Basketball focus, with lessons every Friday with Auckland Basketball.

Upcoming events

Matariki: Our school is celebrating our Matariki learning on Thursday 26 June at 12 noon. Please join us for this special whole-school assembly.

Mid-Year Reports: This Friday, our mid-year written reports in relation to reading, writing, mathematics and student learning progress and achievement will be sent home. We will follow up these reports with Whānau Learning Conversations in the first week of Term Three.

Houses Day: TPS celebrates Houses Day on Friday 27 June 2025, with a Houses Goose Chase Challenge that starts at 11:45 am. Wear your house colours!

End of Term Two: Term Two finishes on Friday 27 June 2025 at 3:00 pm. It is going to be the most fun day of



the term, make sure you come to school, every day, all the way to the end of the term.

School Board hui: 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.

Start of Term Three: Term Three starts back on Monday 14 July.

Term Three Pōwhiri: At 9:15 am on Monday 14 July 2025, we will welcome new members of our school community to Tāmaki Primary School. We will be in the hall if you would like to join us.


Whānau Learning Conversations: On Thursday 17 July 2025, our school will close at 12 noon for our three way learning conversations. Please make arrangements for the early collection of your child.

Thank you all for your continued support for our active, connected and caring learners, it is appreciated.

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INFORMATION SESSION

Learn more about our upcoming site developments on Larsen Street, Panmure and Torino Street, Point England.

 **Wednesday 25 June, 5pm - 7.30pm**

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Photographs from Vaiaso o le Gagana
Sāmoa Closing Assembly - thank you
Saint Andrew Matautia for these lovely images.

