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Term 4 Week 2 Newsletter: Paraire 17 o Oketopa | Friday 17 October 2025

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Kia ora e te whānau!

It has been wonderful to see our tamariki back at school and ready to learn. We have started the term with a strong focus on quality teaching and learning, every single day.

Today, we were joined by the amazing [Mountain to Sea](#) team, who worked alongside our students to explore the concept of *Kaitiakitanga* – caring for our local awa (river) and *Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa* (the Pacific Ocean). The learning was hands-on, fun, and connected to our place. Next week, our whole school will head out to Tāhuna Tōrea on Tuesday for a school trip to experience *Kaitiakitanga* in action. We will learn more about how to care for *Te Wai o Taiki* and protect the environment that sustains us all. Ngā mihi nui to Matua Paula, the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board and Foundation North for bringing this rich learning experience to our school, and to our pouako and the Mountain to Sea team for helping bring this important learning to life!



Attendance Update

Rāhina	Rātū	Rāapa	Rāpare	Rāmere
Monday 6 Oct 82% attendance	Tuesday 7 October 92% attendance	Wednesday 8 October 93% attendance	Thursday 9 October 93% attendance	Friday 10 October 86% attendance
Monday 13 October 88% attendance	Tuesday 14 October 84% attendance	Wednesday 15 October 91% attendance	Thursday 16 October 89% attendance	Friday 17 October 91% attendance

Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on lifting attendance right across the week. Here is what we are doing together as a kura:

- Looking at patterns:** We are checking our attendance data closely to understand why some days are lower. This helps us find real solutions and offer support to whānau who need it.
- Celebrating the positives:** When classes reach 94% or more for the week, we will celebrate with small rewards and shout-outs at assembly. We recognise the effort it takes to be here every day.
- Working with whānau:** If your child is away, you will get a quick text or call from us or even a door knock — not to check up, but to check in. Sometimes a small bit of help with transport or uniforms can make all the difference.
- Making Mondays matter:** We are adding extra fun and hands-on learning to the start of the week, so tamariki look forward to Mondays as much as Fridays!

Let's keep our tamariki coming to school, on time. Every day matters, every learner counts.





Upcoming Events

Open Morning: On Monday 20 October we will be hosting an Open Morning where you are welcome to come to your child's classroom between 9-11am to participate in your child's learning. Please come.

Whole School Tāhuna Tōrea Trip: Next week on Tuesday, our whole school will visit Tāhuna Tōrea to learn about and show *kaitiakitanga* for Te Wai-o-Taiki (the Tāmaki River). A notice was sent home yesterday. If you need another copy, please see Sharon in the office.

Tāmaki Sports Cluster Touch Tournament: Our Year 5–8 students will be representing Tāmaki Primary at the Cluster Touch Tournament on Wednesday 22 October at the Marist Rugby Club fields. A text message will be sent to parents of participating students with the draw and details about what to bring.

Te Puna Wairua Snorkelling: Our Rumaki Reo is going to Glen Innes Pool & Leisure Centre on Friday 24 October to learn how to snorkel. Exciting! Make sure you are following your Te Puna Wairua Parents Facebook Group for details.

Faahi Tapu he Vagahau Niue: On Friday 24 Oketopa at 2:00 pm, we will celebrate the end of Niue Language Week with a special assembly. Whānau are warmly invited to join us.

School Board Hui: Our School Board will meet on Wednesday 5 November and Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 8:00 am in the Boardroom. Board meetings are open to the public. If you would like to attend, please contact our Presiding Member at pfakalata@tamakiprimary.school.nz.

New Enrolments: Do you know a child who will start school between now and the end of the year? Or whānau who are interested in Rumaki Reo, Tongan Bilingual, or Samoan Bilingual education for 2026? We also welcome new enrolments in English Medium. Please encourage families to visit the office to pre-enrol. All are welcome at Tāmaki Primary.

Ngā mihi nui for your support of our kura, our hardworking staff, and our vibrant, thoughtful, and confident learners. Your manaaki means a great deal to us.

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Tumuaki | Principal





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Re: Notification of STRIKE Action - Thursday 23 October 2025

Kia ora e te whānau,

You may have heard that members of the NZEI Te Riu Roa Union have voted to take strike action on Thursday 23 October 2025. Most of our teachers, support staff and myself are members of the NZEI. The decision to strike was not an easy one for us.

Why are we striking?

NZEI Te Riu Roa members are standing together because we believe our students deserve better. We are asking the Government for things like:

- More support for learners - a teacher aide in EVERY classroom.
- Fair value for all school staff - recognising the important work they do.
- Keeping great teachers and staff in schools - so our children get the best education possible.

NZEI Te Riu Roa Union members across the country are giving up a day's pay to make this stand. We believe it will make a big difference to the learning and wellbeing of all tamariki.

What this means for you?

On Thursday 23 October, Tāmaki Primary School will be closed for instruction as the Board has determined that normal instruction cannot be provided during the strike, and for student safety reasons, the school will be officially closed for instruction. We will offer limited supervision for tamariki whose whānau may need support on the day. This acknowledges the collective action of our staff, prioritises student safety, and upholds our responsibility to manaaki our wider community.

We understand that strike action may cause inconvenience, and we truly appreciate your support. If this does create a serious problem for your whānau and you need support for child supervision on the day, please contact Sharon Williamson at admin@tamakiprimary.school.nz or 0800 527 6345 as soon as possible, so we can talk about how we can help.

Thank you for standing with us as we work for a better future for our students, staff, and school community.

Ngā mihi

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2025/2026 Enrolments

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Special characteristics

- Te Puna Wairua Year 1-8 full immersion te reo Māori Rumaki Reo unit (we accept out of zone enrolments for this unit)
- Talamuka-'a-Tonga Year 1-8 Tongan unit (we accept out of zone enrolments for this unit)
- Penina o Tāmaki Year 1-6 Samoan bilingual unit (we accept out of zone enrolments for this unit)
- English medium Year 1-8
- Free lunches programme (Ka Ora Ka Ako)
- No school fees or donations
- Free one to one devices for learning at school
- We are accepting pre-enrolments for 2026 now



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