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## Term 2 Week 3 Newsletter: Rāpare 7 ō Mei | Thursday 7 May 2026

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



### Term Two at Tāmaki Primary School

Kia ora e te whānau! Term Two is well underway, and it has been wonderful to see our tamariki settled back into learning, reconnecting with friends, and engaging positively across the kura.

There is a strong sense of purpose across our school this term, with exciting learning opportunities, community events, celebrations, and developments ahead. Thank you for the partnership and support you continue to show our kura each day.

### Staff Update

We are pleased to welcome Whaea Ruruhi to our team as the kaiako in Te Puna Wairua Years 6–8 while Kōkā Anahera-Pono is on maternity leave.

We are also excited to share that Kōkā Anahera has welcomed a beautiful baby daughter, Maiea Marino, into the world. We warmly welcome both Ruruhi and baby Maiea into our Tāmaki Primary School whānau.

### Celebrating Mrs Archana Sharma – 22 Years of Service

We are proud to share that Mrs Sharma has won a position at a brand-new school closer to her home.

Over the past 22 years, Mrs Sharma has served Tāmaki Primary School as a classroom teacher, team leader, and deputy principal. She has supported generations of tamariki and has been a trusted and steady presence for staff and whānau alike. Her contribution to our kura has been significant, particularly in curriculum leadership, assessment, pastoral care, and school operations. While we will miss her greatly, we are excited for this next chapter and the opportunities ahead for her and her whānau.

Mrs Sharma's final day at kura will be Friday 22 May. We will hold a farewell assembly at 11:30am to celebrate and acknowledge her years of service. We warmly invite whānau to join us as we thank Mrs Sharma for her dedication to Tāmaki Primary School.

### Attendance Matters

Attendance has started positively in Term Two, with most days sitting above 90%. This is a strong start, and we want to continue building on this momentum together.

In Term One, 71% of our learners attended school at least 90% of the time. This is the strongest attendance result we have had as a kura, and we thank our whānau for supporting this improvement.

Mondays and Fridays continue to be the days where attendance drops the most. These days matter just as much as every other school day. Mondays help set children up for success for the week ahead, while Fridays are important for completing learning, routines, and connections.

We are also noticing a pattern where some absences on Mondays and Fridays are being supported from home. While this can feel easier in the moment, these absences quickly add up and can impact learning progress, confidence, and relationships at school. *If your child is well, every school day matters.*

If your whānau is experiencing challenges affecting attendance, please reach out. We are here to help. We have a nurse onsite every Monday and a Social Worker available Mondays and Tuesdays to support our community.



### TALAMUKA-'A-TONGA Fundraising

TALAMUKA-'A-TONGA will be hosting a series of fundraisers throughout the term. They are preparing for the Back to the Roots school tour to the Kingdom of Tonga in the July school holidays. This is an incredible opportunity for our learners to strengthen language, culture, identity, and connections to kāinga and whakapapa.

This Friday 8 May, TALAMUKA-'A-TONGA will be selling delicious baked treats and hot Milo as part of their fundraiser.

Available for purchase:

- Choc brownie slices – \$2
- Choc banana cake slices – \$3
- Pani keke – \$2 each
- Choc chip cookies – \$2
- Small cup of Milo – \$2



Payments can be made to the: Tāmaki Primary School Talamuka-'a-Tonga Back to the Roots Account [12-3109-0012391-02](https://www.nzta.govt.nz/12-3109-0012391-02). Please include your child's name as the reference. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts.



### Upcoming Events

**Whole School Assembly:** Friday 8 May | 2:00pm–2:45pm. Led by TALAMUKA-'A-TONGA. All are welcome.

**Te Puna Wairua Haerenga ki Ihumātao:** Wenerei 11 Maehe | 9:00am–3:00pm.

**Ngā Tapuwae o ngā Tūpuna:** Learners will explore the rich history and stories of Tāmaki through a guided hiko and learning experience with Explore Tāmaki facilitator Thomas Rawiri. Each class at Tāmaki Primary School will take part in learning that explores the history of Tāmaki from the beginning of time through to today. This is a powerful opportunity for our tamariki to deepen their understanding of the people, stories, whenua, and whakapapa of the place we call home. Further details will be shared with whānau soon.

**Year 7–8 Technology at Tāmaki College:** Weekly on Thursdays. The bus departs from Tripoli Road at 9:00am. Please ensure students arrive on time.

**School Board Hui:** School Board meetings are open to the public. If

you would like to attend, please contact our Presiding Member Paula Fakalata at [pfakalata@tamakiprimary.school.nz](mailto:pfakalata@tamakiprimary.school.nz)

**Staff Only Day:** Friday 25 July 2026. School will be closed for professional learning and development focused on the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics curriculum.

### Celebrating the Strength of Our Tāmaki Community

A strong kura is built through the collective effort of people who care deeply about children, community, and each other.

To our staff, thank you for the professionalism, care, and commitment you bring every day. The impact of your work reaches far beyond the classroom, and our tamariki are better because of you.

To our whānau, thank you for the trust, partnership, and manaakitanga you continue to show our kura. We are strongest when we work together.

I also want to acknowledge our Tāmaki Primary School Board for their leadership, stewardship, and ongoing commitment to ensuring our kura continues to thrive. Thank you for the care and thoughtful governance you bring in service of our learners, staff, and wider community.

Together, we continue to build a kura that our tamariki can be proud of. Wishing everyone a positive and restful remainder of the week, and a Happy Mothers' Day with those you love.

Carol Leota  
Tumuaki | Principal