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## Term 2 Week 10 Newsletter: Rāmere 26 ō Pipiri | Friday 26 June 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



Term Two is nearly complete, with just one week to go before the school holidays. It has been wonderful to see our teachers and leaders providing authentic learning experiences for our tamariki, both in the classroom and beyond. Thank you to our whānau for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. These opportunities are only possible because of the strong relationships we share as a school community.

One of the highlights this term is that our Talamuka-'a-Tonga Back to the Roots tour group will soon be travelling to Tonga. During their visit, students will spend time in local schools, deepen their understanding of Tongan language and culture, connect with their heritage, and strengthen the relationships between our school and communities in Tonga. We wish our students, staff and whānau travelling a safe and enriching journey.

As we approach the end of the term, there is still plenty happening across the school. We look forward to celebrating our learners' achievements together before everyone enjoys a well-earned break.

### Staff Update

E harikoa ana mātou ki te pōwhiri i a Whaea Sharee ki tō mātou tīma hei kaiako mō Te Puna Wairua Pēpi (Tau 0-1). Kei te tipu haere a Te Puna Wairua. E harikoa ana mātou ki te whai mai i tētahi kaiako whai wheako ki tō mātou tīma rumaki.

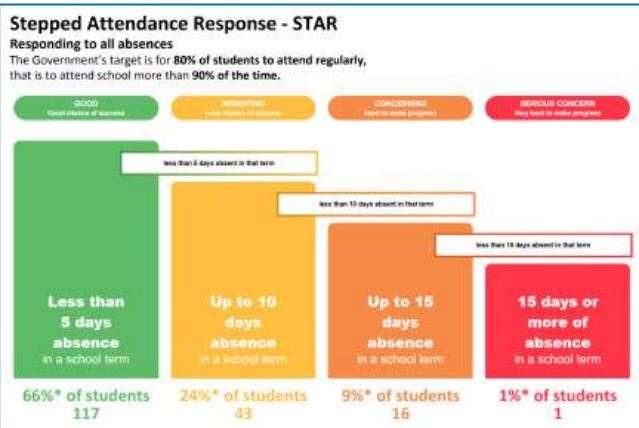
We are also excited to share that Mrs Mackenzie has welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Alexander Johnathan, into the world. We warmly welcome both Whaea Sharee and baby Alexander into our Tāmaki Primary School whānau.



### Attendance Matters

Attendance has continued to improve throughout Term 2, and we want to thank our whānau for making school a priority. So far this term, 66% of our students missed fewer than five days of school, giving them the best opportunity to succeed in their learning. A further 24% of students missed fewer than 10 days. Most encouraging of all, only one student missed 15 or more days this term.

Regular attendance makes a real difference. Thank you for working alongside us to give our tamariki the best possible start. We look forward to seeing everyone back, ready to learn, on the first day of Term 3.



### Upcoming Events

**Last Day of Term Two:** On Friday 3 July we will finish school for the two week school holiday break. Make sure your children attend every day, as we will continue with teaching and learning all the way to the end of the term.

**First Day of Term Three & School Pōwhiri:** On Monday 20 July we will start Term Three with our whole school pōwhiri. If you have started at Tāmaki Primary School from 21 April 2026 onwards, this pōwhiri is for you. Nau mai.

**Year 7-8 Technology at Tāmaki College:** Weekly on Thursdays. The bus departs from Tripoli Road at 9:00am.

**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

**Staff Only Day:** Friday 25 September 2026. **Please note that this was wrongly recorded as July in the last newsletter.** School will be closed for professional learning and development focused on the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics curriculum on Friday 25 September.

### Celebrating Learning

This term has been filled with authentic learning experiences that have challenged, inspired and connected our tamariki.

#### Trees for Survival

Our students have made a lasting contribution to our environment through the Trees for Survival programme, planting an incredible 930 native trees alongside community partners. We are proud of the way they showed perseverance, teamwork and kaitiakitanga while helping restore our local environment.



Together, we grew and planted 930 native plants!

A huge thank you to Mrs Grady, whānau, Trees for Survival, Ventia, the Rotary Club of Remuera, and our hosts at Umupuia Marae for making this experience possible. Opportunities like these help our tamariki develop a deep connection to the whenua while learning the importance of caring for our environment for future generations.

#### Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa



A heartfelt thank you to our Penina o Tāmaki whānau for leading our school-wide celebrations of Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa. Through beautiful performances, language, culture and hospitality, our tamariki reminded us of the importance of celebrating identity and heritage. Fa'afetai tele lava to everyone who helped make this a special week for our school community.

#### Student Leaders

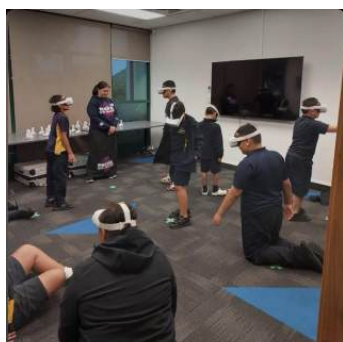
Our Student Leaders have represented Tāmaki Primary School with pride this term, taking part in the National Young Leaders Day Conference, leading our Pink Shirt Day activities, and supporting PALS (Promoting Active Learning in Schools). Through these opportunities, they have continued to grow their confidence, leadership skills and commitment to making a positive difference in our school community.



A special congratulations to **Anthony, Te Whānau Manukura**, who was presented with his Student Leader badge and jacket at assembly today in recognition of his outstanding attitude and values, service to school and sports leadership throughout 2026. We are delighted to officially welcome Anthony to our Student Leaders team and look forward to seeing his leadership continue to grow.

#### Leo Moana and Pacific Kids Learning

Our Leo Moana Pacific bilingual students enjoyed a rich learning experience at Manukau Institute of Technology, taking part in the Pacific Kids' Learning Virtual Reality experience. Using VR technology, students explored new learning in an engaging and interactive way while building their confidence, curiosity and digital skills.



Penina o Tāmaki learner Hayden summed up the learning perfectly: *"It was so much fun! I loved the VR glasses because I felt like I was swimming in Samoa."*

It was a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki to connect with Pacific cultures through innovative technology and experience learning beyond the classroom.





### In The Footsteps of our Ancestors

This term, our students have taken part in *Ngā Tapuwae o Ngā Tipuna*, a place-based learning journey exploring the rich history, stories and significance of Maungarei and our local area. Through hikoi, storytelling and hands-on learning, our tamariki have deepened their understanding of the whenua, strengthened their connection to mana whenua, and developed a greater sense of identity and belonging. We are grateful to Explore Tāmaki and Matua Thomas Rawiri for sharing their knowledge and helping bring our local history to life.



### Talamuka-'a-Tonga

Our Talamuka-'a-Tonga students have spent the term preparing for their Back to the Roots educational journey through a rich inquiry into Tongan language, culture, history and identity. Their learning has included exploring their ancestral connections, researching significant places, and preparing questions and activities for visits to schools and communities in Tonga. During the school holidays, students will extend this learning through authentic cultural experiences, connecting with local students, visiting places of historical and cultural significance, and bringing their classroom learning to life in the Kingdom of Tonga. We congratulate our students, whānau and staff on their outstanding fundraising efforts, which have made this unique learning opportunity possible.



As we head into the final week of Term Two, I would like to thank our staff for their unwavering commitment to providing rich and meaningful learning experiences for our tamariki. Thank you also to our whānau, School Board, volunteers and community partners for the many ways you support our school each day. Your partnership makes a real difference to the success of our learners.

We look forward to another exciting week of learning before a well-earned holiday break.<sup>3</sup>

Ngā manaakitanga,

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