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Term 3 Week 2 Newsletter: Rāmere 31 ō Hurae | Friday 31 July 2026

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



Welcome to Term Three at Tāmaki School, our Years 0–8 full primary school.

Welcome back to Term Three. It has been wonderful to see our tamariki return to school, reconnect with their friends and teachers, and settle back into learning. A special welcome to the new students and whānau who have joined Tāmaki School this term. We are delighted you are here and look forward to getting to know you as part of our school community.

This term promises many exciting opportunities. We will celebrate Cook Islands Language Week, Uike Lea Faka-Tonga, Filipino Languages Week and Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, continue our environmental learning through Trees for Survival, support our Year 7 and 8 learners at Technology, and cheer on our students participating in AIMS Games and many other sporting and cultural events.

Every day at Tāmaki School provides opportunities for our tamariki to learn, grow and flourish. We value the partnership we share with our whānau because when home and school work together, our learners thrive.

I look forward to another successful term as we continue to live our school motto, Whāia te ara tika | Pursue the right path.

Staff Update

This term we are pleased to welcome back Kōkā Anahera, who will be teaching in Te Puna Wairua each Monday while supporting release time for our kaiako. We are delighted to have her back with us and know our tamariki will enjoy learning alongside her.



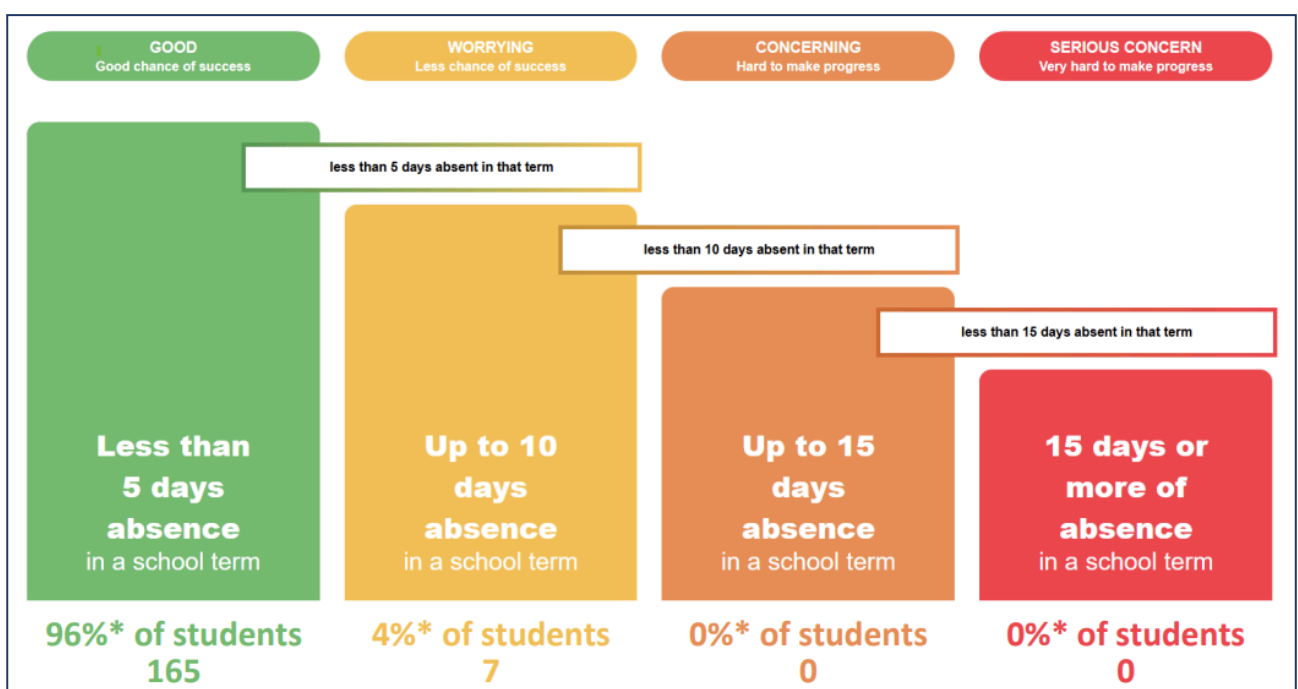
Attendance Matters

Every day at school matters. So far this term, our attendance has been lower than we would like. Winter illnesses have understandably contributed to this. We appreciate that there will always be occasions when children are genuinely unwell.

We are also noticing an increasing number of learners arriving significantly late to school, sometimes up to 90 minutes after the school day begins, and others being collected 30 minutes to two hours before the end of the school day. This means children are missing important literacy, mathematics, te reo rangatira, pāngarau and inquiry learning that cannot always be easily replaced.

School begins promptly at 9.00am and finishes at 3.00pm. Wherever possible, please arrange medical appointments, family commitments and other events outside of school hours so that your child can participate in the full learning programme each day.

Every hour of learning counts. By working together to ensure children arrive on time and stay for the full school day, we can give every tamaiti the best opportunity to succeed. Thank you for your ongoing support.





'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani | Monday 3 August to Friday 7 August

We are looking forward to celebrating Cook Islands Language Week with workshops, performances, cultural activities, an opening ceremony on Monday 3 August at 9.20am in the school hall, and a whole-school celebration assembly at 2.00pm on Friday. We warmly invite our whānau and community to join us for these celebrations.

Our Cook Islands learners and their whānau play an important role in helping us celebrate the language, culture and identity of ngā motu o Kūki Airani.

Twenty-three of our learners whakapapa to ngā motu o Kūki Airani, and we are proud to play our part in growing and strengthening te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani, culture and identity for our Tamariki o te Moana.

Student-Led Learning Conversations Tuesday 4 August

School closes at 12.00 noon to allow Student-Led Learning Conversations to take place from 12.30pm to 5.30pm. We encourage every family to attend and celebrate their child's learning.

Upcoming Events

Year 7–8 Technology at Tāmaki College:

Weekly on Thursdays. The bus departs from the Tripoli Road shops 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

Last Day of Term Three:

On Thursday 24 September we will finish school at 3:00pm for the September 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.

Staff Only Day:

Friday 25 September 2026. School will be closed for professional learning and development focused on the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics curriculum on Friday 25 September.



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One of the greatest strengths of Tāmaki School is the rich diversity of our community. This term, we look forward to celebrating the many languages, cultures and identities that make our school such a special place to learn.

We are looking forward to another wonderful term of learning, celebrating and growing together. Thank you for your continued support of Tāmaki School. We look forward to welcoming many of you into school over the coming weeks for Cook Islands Language Week and Student-Led Learning Conversations.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Carol Leota
Tumuaki | Principal

FOUR LANGUAGE PATHWAYS

**Te Puna
Wairua**

Rumaki Reo

Years 1-8

**Talamuka-
'a-Tonga**

Tongan Bilingual

Years 1-8

**Penina
o Tāmaki**

Samoan Bilingual

Years 1-6

**Te Whānau
Kahukura**

English Medium

Years 1-8

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