



PŪKEKO TAHI NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO TERM 4

Kia ora whānau and welcome to our last term of the year!

Term 4 is a busy and fun term with lots of great things on the calendar.

We welcome two new cohorts of students to Pūkeko Tahī – the first in week one, and the second in week 6.



TEACHER SCHEDULE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Courtney	Courtney	Courtney	Courtney	Courtney
Teina	Teina	Teina	Teina (Kelise every other week)	Teina
Sally	Sally	Kelsie	Sally	Sally
Jordan	Jordan	Jordan	Jordan	Jordan

We have CRT every second week – for these days, the students will have their CRT teachers. Kelsie Ross works part time in our class, she covers one day a week for Sally and every other Thursday for Teina, Our amazing ILA Jordan is with us every day! She supports us with small groups, and general classroom teaching and learning.



WHAT IS ON THIS TERM?

Term 4 we start to head into summer, so students need to wear a hat at outside play time. **No hat = No play.**

 TERM 4 UPCOMING EVENTS 	
Date	What's On
6 October	First Day of Term 4
6 October	Pōwhiri for new students and families - 9.00am
15-16 October	Tūi Rua Camp
20-23 October	Walk or Wheels Week / Kids on Bikes
24 October	Staff Only Day - school closed
27 October	Labour Day Public Holiday - school closed
8 November	Hospice Yard Clean
17 November	Tūi Tahī Day Camp
24-26 November	Kāhu Camp
3-4 December	Hui-ā-whānau (parent-student-teacher meetings)
10 December	Christmas in the Park (5.00pm)
15 December	Year 6 Leavers' Dinner
16 December	Last Day of Term 4 (12.45pm finish)



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DROP OFFS

With the increase in numbers of students in Pūkeko Tahī, we know that drop off time will be very busy in the mornings. We kindly ask that you are mindful of this and make your drop offs as smooth and quick as possible.

Drop off time is from 8.20am to 8.40am

If you know your child has difficulty with transitions in the morning, please do a quick “kiss and drop” style drop off to a teacher – they will assist your child in doing their morning jobs and support their transition. It can also be helpful to make sure you are arriving earlier in the morning to allow them time to settle before whānau time, as arriving later can be really disruptive when we are trying to start our school day.

If your child is experiencing a hard drop off time and you need support with leaving, please do not hesitate to ask one of us to help you.

We have cuddlies in the library area that we encourage the kids to take if they need something to assist them with settling in the morning.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

PICK UP

Afternoon whānau time is also a very busy time in our class.

We love having parents and whānau join us for whānau time, however you know your children best, and if you know they struggle to focus or make good choices when you are watching, please kindly wait outside to allow us to finish our day calmly.

WHANAU TIME DO'S

- Do come and sit on the mat or a chair nearby
- Do join in with the activity that is happening
- Do remind your child of expectations when listening/joining in
- Do respect that the teacher is teaching
- Do arrive after 2.20pm

WHANAU TIME DONT'S

- Don't have a conversation with other adults during whānau time (wait outside if you would like to catch up with someone)
- Don't stand in the walkways and doorways
- Don't chat/distract your child - this is still learning time

ARRIVING ON TIME

If for any reason you are going to be late, you need to contact the office as soon as possible. **Pick up time is 2.30pm every day.** If you are not here by 2.35pm we will send your child to wait for you at the office. We often have meetings after school and cannot be here to supervise late students.

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LUNCHBOXES

During our day, we have 3 eating times: **healthy snack**, **lunch**, and **afternoon tea**. Please ensure that there is enough food in your child's lunchbox to fuel them through the busy school day. For our healthy snack time we encourage the children to eat one or two small options of fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese, or crackers.



OUR LEARNING THIS TERM:

Storyways

This term, our storyways story is "The Three Little Pigs". We will be exploring many fun learning areas relating to this story.

Movement

As a part of our movement program, the children will participate in PMP once a week, focusing on gross motor skills, core strength, and co-ordination. We will also run a weekly P.E session, focusing on movement skills, co-operation and sportsmanship.

Maths

In addition to our daily mathematics learning of number, we will also be exploring **time**, **fractions**, **statistics**, and **position and orientation**.

SAY HELLO TO OUR CRT TEAM!

These wonderful teachers will be in this term when we have CRT on Tuesdays (**week 2,4,6,8,10**). Our students know them well now and will look forward to seeing them.



BOOK BAGS AND HOME LEARNING

Each student in our class requires a book bag as part of their stationery. These go home Tuesday-Friday with their home learning book inside. Home learning books are added to weekly/fortnightly and will have activities that align with what we are learning in class. Home learning is optional, but we do recommend 5 minutes a few times a week practicing to support their classroom learning.

GET IN TOUCH!

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