



# Kia Ora!



## Welcome back to our Tūi Rua Team – Term 2!

We are really enjoying working in our team with your special tamariki this year. Term 1 was busy getting to know each other, building connections with kaiako and other tamariki and establishing a warm, positive environment. A large focus was also on building independence by looking after their own belongings and ensuring they bring what they need to school each day. Thank you so much for your support with this from home.  
Bring on Term 2!

*“Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro nōnā te ngahere, ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga nōnā te ao.”  
The bird that eats the Miro berry owns the forest, the bird that feasts on knowledge owns the world.*

## Our Tūi Rua Teaching Team



Whaea Ally



Whaea Sarah



Whaea Joanna

## Welcome Jess!



### Whaea Jess

Late last term, we welcomed Whaea Jess into our team. Jess is now working in our Learning Community Monday to Thursday during our middle block for a number of weeks. She teaches Reading and Mathematics groups as an extra teacher to help boost learning in these areas.

Kia ora koutou katoa, ko Jess ahau. I am so excited to be a part of the team at Te Ao Mārama, working with groups of students across the school. I have been teaching for around 13 years across a range of year levels in the Waikato, with a brief stint in the UK. I love helping students to be successful and confident in their learning.

When I'm not teaching I enjoy; being a wedding florist, reading, playing golf (really badly), the gym, and traveling.

I am enjoying working with the amazing kaiako and students here.

Mā te wā



# Our Amazing Support Team!



**Whaea Lucy**  
(Mathematics Support)



**Whaea Hayley**  
(Literacy Support)



**Whaea Deborah**  
(English Language Support)

## Helpful Information

### Reminder: Role of the Whānau Teacher

Your child had been placed within a whānau group for 2024. They will start each day with this kaiako and this teacher is your main point of contact. Please feel free to come and see us before or after school in the Tūi Rua Learning Community if you have any queries or just want to say hello! We are also able to be contacted via email as follows:

[ally@teaomarama.school.nz](mailto:ally@teaomarama.school.nz) [joanna@teaomarama.school.nz](mailto:joanna@teaomarama.school.nz) [sarahs@teaomarama.school.nz](mailto:sarahs@teaomarama.school.nz)

### Home Learning

This term, we are introducing a Tūi Rua Home Learning book. This is to communicate, between home and school, what your child is learning at school, and how you can support them at home (if you choose to or have time). This will include Reading, Spelling and Maths. More information will come out in a separate letter. As a school, we do not set formal homework so this is simply some ideas and suggestions that may or may not work with your family.

### Math at Home - Multiplication and Division

This term, in the first four weeks, we will be focusing on multiplication and related division facts. By the end of Year 4, we hope that all children know and can quickly recall their  $\times 2$ ,  $\times 5$ ,  $\times 10$  and some of their  $\div 3$ . By the end of Year 5, we would also like children to know their  $\times 3$ ,  $\times 4$ ,  $\times 6$  and some other times tables. A great platform for learning these tables is the Hit the Button Programme as children can work on this independently and it's perfect for home learning.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

### Touch Typing

Another focus this term will be on the students learning to touch type. We will be using a free website called <https://www.typingclub.com/>. We encourage students to practise at home as well as at school.



## Book Bags and Devices

Please ensure that your child is bringing their book bag and device (charged) to school every day. Literacy Workshops are happening each day, Monday to Thursday. Without a book bag, your child will not be able to take books home.

## Term 2 Pākiki (Inquiry) Focuses

This term, our main overarching focus will be around a story called, 'The Pedlar of Swaffham'. The Pedlar of Swaffham is a popular legend told in England. It's a story that explores dreams coming true. For our Inquiry (Pākiki Provocations), we will focus on Science (Planet Earth and Beyond) as well as Social Sciences (Economic Activity).

**Science:** Some themes we will cover are our wider world, geographic locations and natural resources, countries, continents and Earth systems of heat and light.

**Social Science:** We will explore England, and schooling now and then. We will also look at the basic human necessities in life such as food, water, shelter, clothing and healthcare.

## Hauora (Health) and P.E. (Physical Education) Focuses

Every fortnight we have an overarching theme that we focus on and then integrate into our learning as well as Physical Education programme. Last term, our focus themes were:

- Approaching and joining in
- Including others
- Being a good winner
- Being a good loser

This term, our focus areas will be:

- Using our WITS (walk away, ignore, talk it out, seek help) when upset by others
- Being positive to self and others
- Giving and receiving compliments
- Negotiating skills
- Suggesting and persuading others

Over a fortnight, we unpack what the skill is, why it's important and delve into the dos and don'ts of actioning a given skill. These skills will be shared on Google Classroom too so that you can also talk through and reinforce these skills for life.



**Information:** For further information about our school, see our Facebook page or visit [www.teaomārama.school.nz](http://www.teaomārama.school.nz)

*We look forward to an amazing Term 2!*  
*Sarah, Ally + Joanna*



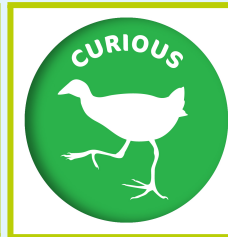




## TERM 2 - 2024



Date	What's On
Monday 29 April	First Day of Term 2 - Pōwhiri welcome for new families
6 - 10 May	New Zealand Sign Language Week
15 & 16 May	Hui-ā-whānau (Student/Parent/Teacher meetings)
13 - 17 May	Pink Week (Anti-Bullying Week)
Friday 17 May	Pink Shirt Day / Wā Ngākau
Fri 31 May	Staff-Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED <i>Community of Learning (all local schools closed)</i>
Mon 3 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 7 June	TAM Has Talent
Fri 28 June	Matariki Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 5th July	Last Day of Term 2



*"He aha te mea nui o te ao?  
What is the most important thing in the world?  
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata"  
It is the people, it is the people, it is the people*

*Māori proverb*

