



Kia Ora!



Welcome back to our Tūi Rua Team - Term 4!

Term 3 was another busy term filled with events such as the disco, Kelly Tartlon's, and our wonderful student teachers, Hannah and Leila.

This coming term, a large focus continues to be on building independence by students looking after their own belongings and ensuring they bring what's needed to school each day. Thank you so much for your continued support with this from home.

**Term 4 sees us taking our children to Lakewood Lodge Camp in Week 6,
Thursday 21st November - Friday 22nd November.**

*"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

Our Support Team



**Whaea Lucy
(Mathematics Support)**



**Whaea Hayley
(Literacy Support)**



**Whaea Deborah
(English Language Support)**



Key Dates

Term 4 Dates	
Date	What's On
14 October	First Day of Term 4
14 October	Pōwhiri for new students and families - 9.00am
22 October	Parent Info Evening - Digital Citizenship (John Parsons)
25 October	Staff Only Day - <i>school closed</i>
28 October	Labour Day Public Holiday - <i>school closed</i>
29 October - 1 November	Scholastic Book Fair
1 November	Nearest & Dearest Day (9.00-11.00am)
4-6 November	Kāhu Camp - Tōtara Springs
15 November	Tūi Tahi Day Camp - Lakewood Lodge
21-22 November	Tūi Rua Camp - Lakewood Lodge
27-28 November	Hui-ā-whānau (parent-student-teacher meetings)
4 December	Christmas in the Park (5.00pm)
13 December	Last Day of Term 4 (12.45pm finish)

Helpful Information

Lakewood Lodge Camp

Thank you for all completing the safety and permission forms. We have received all the forms we need.
Another thank you for all the camp donations already made.

Remember your final payments need to be made by **Friday 8th November**.

If for whatever reason you and your family find the cost of the trip and camp difficult this year, please do not hesitate to get in contact as arrangements can be made.

We do have the Manaaki Support Fund available for families that need it ([camp website](#)).

More information about this is shared on our. For any further information, please visit our [class google site](#)

Parent Information Evening - Week 2

On **Thursday 24th October**, we will be holding a Parent Information Evening in **Tūi Rua at 5pm**. This will be a great opportunity to learn about our camp, activities, organisation, etc. There will also be a chance at the end of the presentation to ask questions.

We ask that all camp parent helpers please attend so we can introduce you, but also to meet after the presentation and share further information with you.

Reminder: Role of the Whānau Teacher

Your child has 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 joanna@teaomarama.school.nz sarahs@teaomarama.school.nz

Reminder: Home Learning

We will continue to use our Tūi Rua Home Learning book and will add to this most weeks. 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. 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.

Mathematics at Home

Please continue to support your child to learn multiplication and related division facts. By the end of Year 4, we hope that all children know and can quickly recall their x2, x5, x10 and some of their x 3. By the end of Year 5, we would also like children to also know their x 3, x 4, x 6 and some other times tables.

Children also need to know their basic addition and subtraction facts up to 20.

A great platform for learning all basic facts 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>

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. No bookbag, no reader.

Term 4 Pākiki (Inquiry) Focuses

This term, our main overarching focus will be around a story called, 'Freedom Bird'. This story is set in a forest where a man is hunting. The hunter becomes frustrated at a bird who loves to sing. The message in the story is that if you don't like something it doesn't mean you should hurt it.

This story lends itself to learning about New Zealand native birds, traditional Māori hunting, light, sound, movement, and force. The main focus for Inquiry learning will be around the Curriculum areas of Science, Social Science and Technology.

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. Some themes will be repeated every term so we can continue to build on these skills:

- Honesty
- Dealing with fights and arguments
- Being resilient
- Suggesting and persuading
- Respecting other people's opinions.

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.

Information: For further information about our school, see our Facebook page or visit

www.teaomarama.school.nz

We look forward to an amazing Term 4!

Sarah, Ally + Joanna



"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

