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Term 4 Week 2 Newsletter: Rāmere 25 Oketopa 2024 | Friday 25 October 2024

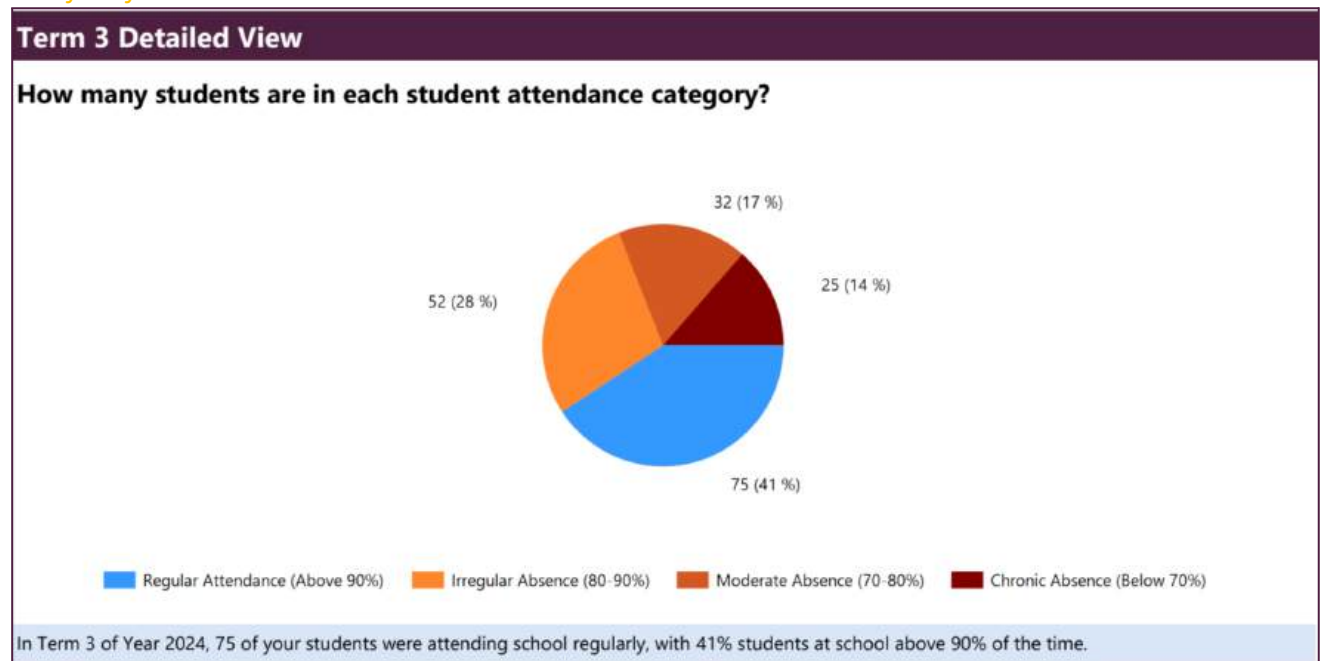
Tēnā koutou, Mālō 'e tau lava, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Ayubowan, Salam.

Welcome back to our final term for 2024.

In Term Four, we focus on quality teaching and learning. Every moment matters, and our teachers and leaders are working to support our learners to make good learning progress right to the end of the school year. This term, we also have our kapahaka roopu performing at Ruapotaka Marae's Te Kotuku Festival, school athletics, prize-giving, graduation, and end-of-year celebrations.

We look forward to sharing these important occasions with you.

Every Day Matters



The Ministry of Education collected and analysed our Term Three attendance data. As you can see, **41% of our learners attended school regularly**. Regular attendance means missing fewer than five days across a term. Well done to these children and their whānau.

In Term Three, there were too many days of absence for far too many students at Tāmaki Primary School. When we looked into reasons why 59% of our school does not have regular attendance, more than half of the time the reasons for absence were unexplained or unjustified (for example: family holiday during term time, uniform in the wash, shopping with parents). Within the chronic absence group, twenty-five children missed more than three weeks of school in term three.

Coming to school every day is important for our children to develop skills for lifelong learning.

There's a clear connection between coming to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Higher levels of educational achievement can mean better health, higher incomes, better job stability, and more participation in communities. This all makes our Tāmaki community stronger and more connected.

Making sure our children attend school regularly is a priority for us all.



Rumaki Reo and Dual Languages at Tāmaki Primary School

Thank you to our community for your responses to the expressions of interest for full immersion, bilingual, and enrichment classes for your children. The responses showed that our community values the opportunity to strengthen language, culture and identity through their children's learning in school.

We continue to grow in **Te Puna Wairua**, our Rumaki Reo. Spaces for tamariki and their whānau willing to engage in partnership and grow reo at home and at school are also available. If you would like to learn more about securing a place for your child in the unit, please contact Whaea Lee as soon as possible.

Talamuka-'a-Tonga, our Tongan bilingual unit, will continue with students in Years 4-8 in 2025. Mrs Tafea is working to build connections with Tongan language early childhood centres within our community. There is still the opportunity for Talamuka-'a-Tonga to have a Year 1-3 class, and we will keep you updated on this.

Our **Samoan parent community** responded, confirming their desire for a Samoan Language enrichment class opportunity for 2025. We are still determining numbers and staffing at this stage and will let you know the outcome shortly.

Pre-enrolments for 2025

If you have a child turning five years old between 1 November 2024 and 18 December 2025, please will you come to school as soon as possible to complete an enrolment form. This will help us to plan and prepare for the new school year. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming events

Labour Day Holiday: Monday 28 October - School is closed for this public holiday.

Touch Tournament Years 5-8: Wednesday 30 October at Marist Rugby Club. The games run from 9:30-2:00 pm. Please come and support our athletes.

Te Puna Wairua Whānau Hui: Monday 4 November at 3.30 pm. If your child is in Te Puna Wairua, you need to attend this meeting. Ngā mihi.

Teacher Only Day: The Minister of Education Erica Sanford directed us to take a teacher-only day for professional learning and development that focuses on education priorities. We will close for our teacher-only day on Monday 18 November 2024.

School Board hui: Wednesday 20 November @ 8 am in the boardroom. School board meetings are open to the public. If you would like to join us at the next board meeting, please contact our Presiding Member Mr Kamaka Tarawa at k.tarawa@tamakiprimary.school.nz.

Athletics Day: Friday 22 November from 9:00 am. Join us for a fun day of run, jump, throw, walk and wheel at Tāmaki Primary School. Wear your house colours and a sunhat.

Te Puna Wairua Haerenga ki Waitakere: Wednesday 5 December our Te Puna Wairua whānau will travel to the Waitakere Ranges to engage in a day of rich learning. Details to follow.

Year 1-8 Class Awards: Wednesday 11 December at 1:00 pm. Our annual celebration of achievement, effort, excellence and our school values.

Year 8 Graduation and Awards: Thursday 12 December at 1:00 pm. A celebration of the learning journey of our Year 8 graduates for 2024.

Enjoy your long weekend, look after yourself and those you love. Make sure you come to school on Tuesday everyone! Mauri ora e te whānau.

Carol Leota

Tumuaki | Principal

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Tāmaki Primary School Term Four Lunch Menu

Odd weeks

- Monday - Butter chicken / Beef stew
- Tuesday - Teriyaki panko chicken on rice
- Wednesday - Chicken burger
- Thursday - Mince on mash
- Friday - Bacon mac and cheese

Even weeks

- Monday - Honey soy chicken fried noodles
- Tuesday - Teriyaki chicken sushi
- Wednesday - Cheeseburger
- Thursday Loaded wedges with tomato salsa /
Chicken and wedges with tomato salsa
- Friday - Chicken parmesan pasta



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Tāmaki Primary School Board Casual Vacancy

Friday 25 October 2024

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Kia ora e te whānau

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Tāmaki Primary School Board for an elected parent member/representative.

The Board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the School roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent by 3 pm Wednesday 27 November 2024 to:

Mr Kamaka Tarawa
Presiding Member
Tāmaki Primary School Board
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Ngā manaakitanga,

Mr Kamaka Tarawa
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