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## Term 4 Week 6 Newsletter: Rāmere 22 Noema 2024 | Friday 22 November 2024

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### Kia ora e te whānau

As we race ahead to the end of the school year, teaching and learning continues. Every day matters for student attendance, engagement and achievement. As well as quality teaching and learning, we are making sure that school is **fun** too!

We have been challenged with some unhelpful behaviours from a very small number of students over the last week in particular. **The School Board, Senior Leadership Team, Teachers and Support Staff** are committed to creating conditions where those who need additional support, get it, and where all of our children are *learning* in a safe environment.

We encourage you to reach out to the school in the first instance if you have concerns, we are committed to supporting all of our learners to follow the right path.

### Learning, every day.

Wednesday this week was the BEST day for attendance that we have had all term. Last Wednesday, we had 86% attendance schoolwide. **This Wednesday, we had 95% attendance schoolwide.** AMAZING! Our goal for attendance is 95% every day. We have shown that we can do it! Can we reach 95% every day in Week 7? It is definitely worth an ice-block treat if we do! Thank you to our whānau for sending their children to school, every day. We appreciate your communication when your child is absent, and your commitment to our attendance targets.

### Pre-enrolments for 2025

If you have a child turning five years old between 23 November 2024 and 18 December 2024, 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.

### Changes

This year, we were fortunate to receive additional support from the Ministry of Education | Te Mahau that allowed us to employ three extra teachers, over and above our staffing entitlement. That funding has come to an end, and it means that the three teachers who were employed on fixed-term contracts for this year, are moving onto new roles in 2025. Mrs Kaur who leads Sustainability schoolwide, and teaches in Room 8, Mr Nitesh Singh who teaches in Room 6, and Ms Kanchan who teaches in Room 3 are moving onto new schools at the end of this year. In addition, Mrs Sood who leads Travelwise schoolwide, and teaches in Room 9 is moving back to Pakuranga Intermediate School. We are so proud of them for the work they continue to do in making a positive difference at Tāmaki Primary School, and for the difference they will continue to make in education as they start their new adventures in teaching. We will farewell them at our end of term assembly. Wednesday 18 December 2024 at 11:00 am. You are most welcome to join us.

### Transition to Year 8

Transition out of Year 8 to Year 9 is a space that can be filled with excitement for what is to come, but also anxiety about the unknown. We are working with the Social Worker in Schools, Victoria Anderson to deliver a programme that aims to support our young people navigate this time and strategies for change. In addition, we have had students attend Auckland Girls Grammar, St Paul's College and Tāmaki College's orientation days. In Week 8, One Tree Hill College holds their orientation day. You **MUST** have your Year 8 son/daughter enrolled in high school/college by Friday 29 November 2024. We have sent our emails and enrolment forms, please see Mrs Sharma or myself **URGENTLY** if you need support.

### Upcoming events

**Tāmaki Primary School Appreciation Morning Tea:** On Tuesday 26 November at 10:45 am we are holding our annual appreciation morning team to thank those who have gone over and above to support our tamariki and staff at TPS. Your support is greatly appreciated.



**Mrs Moala's Retirement Celebration:** Our dear Mrs Loleini Moala is retiring! Please join us for her celebration assembly, to be held on Thursday 28 November at 11:45 am in the school hall.

**Te Puna Wairua Haerenga ki Manukau:** Friday 29 November our Te Puna Wairua whānau will travel to the Manukau to engage in a day of rich learning. Details are in the permission slip shared with you.

**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.

**Year 8 Dine and Dance:** 16 December at 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm

**Blg Day In:** 17 December

**School Board hui:** Wednesday 18 December @ 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](mailto:k.tarawa@tamakiprimary.school.nz).

**End of Year:** On Wednesday 18 December at 11:00 am we will hold our final whole-school assembly for the year. We will acknowledge whānau who are leaving our kura at the end of this year. You are welcome to join in the hall for this event.

Enjoy your weekend, see you Monday.

Carol Leota

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**2025 Enrolments**

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We are accepting new enrolments now.

**Special characteristics**

- Talamuka-'a-Tonga Year 1-8 dual language (bilingual) Tongan unit (we accept out of zone enrolments for this unit)
- Te Puna Wairua Year 1-8 full immersion te reo Māori unit
- Vasega Samoa Year 3-6 dual language (enrichment) Samoan unit starting 30 January 2025
- English medium Year 1-8 (zoned)
- Free lunches programme (Ka Ora Ka Ako)
- No school fees or donations
- Free stationery in 2025
- Free one to one devices for learning at school

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