

# Tikipunga Primary School

**Kia taki manawa ai te aronga wawata, te ekenga hoki o pae tawhiti**  
**Respecting aspirations, walking together, achieving our goals**

**PANUI 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

## From Whaea Judy:

Kia ora Whānau

Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome back to kura for 2026.

It has been an incredibly busy and positive start to the year. It was a beautiful morning on Wednesday for our Pōwhiri. It was a privilege to officially welcome all our new tamariki and their whānau into the Tikipunga community, and just as lovely to reconnect with our returning families.

### Our 2026 Learning Journey

This year, our curriculum is designed to help our students grow as thinkers, creators, and proud members of our community. Here is a "sneak peek" at the themes we will be exploring:

#### Term 1 Tūrangawaewae:

Ko wai au? Who am I? We are focusing on identity, health, and our connection to this place.

#### Term 2 Maramataka Māori

Planet Earth & Beyond. Exploring the Māori lunar calendar and how it connects us to the environment.

#### Term 3 Everyone's a Scientist!

Physical & Material World. Hands-on experiments to discover how our world works.

#### Term 4 Diversity: Difference is Richness

The Arts. Celebrating our unique voices through Dance, Drama, and Music.

### Reminders for Whānau

- Sun Safety: As we are in the height of summer, please ensure tamariki have their hats every day.
- Water only: We only drink water at kura, please bring a drink bottle to school.
- Open Door Policy: Our values of Whanaungatanga mean our doors are always open. If you have questions about the new curriculum or how your child is settling in, please come for a kōrero.

### TEACHER ONLY DAY

Staff will be undertaking Mathematics professional learning on 16 March. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth together.

Ngā mihi

Whaea Judy  
Acting Principal

## IMPORTANT KURA DATES:

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Senior Splash THS

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

#2 Camp Hui

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

WPSS Swimming Championship

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March –**

Senior Camp

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Maths PLD

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Good Friday



## OUR DETAILS:

Acting Principal:

Judy Panapa

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0800 845 477

Email:

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Office Hours:

8.00am—3.30pm

## 2026 TERM DATES:

### **Term 1**

2 February – 2 April

### **Term 2**

20 April – 3 July

### **Term 3**

20 July – 25 September

### **Term 4**

12 October – 14 December

## SCHOOL HOURS:

**School Begins 8.30am**

Morning Tea

10.30am—11am

Lunch

1.00pm—1.30pm

**School Finishes 2.30pm**

## GATES

Please remember that our gates are closed during the day for the safety of our students.

## ABSENCES:

Please let us know your child is absent before 9.30am.

0800 845 477

After this time, you will receive a text from the school. It is important for us to have great communication regarding absences.

## HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?

**Please let Whaea Lena know so she can keep the records up to date. This really helps if we need to get in touch.**