

# 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



### OUR DETAILS:

Acting Principal:

Judy Panapa

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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.

### 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	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths PLD
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday