Tikipunga Primary School

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

PĀNUI 15th OCTOBER 2026

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to Term 4!
We hope everyone has had a restful break and is ready for what will be a busy and exciting 9-week term.

Term 4 Curriculum Focus
This term, our curriculum focus across the kura is Diversity: Difference is Richness. We will be exploring this theme through the Arts – Dance, Drama and Music, providing our tamariki with opportunities to express themselves creatively, celebrate difference and recognise the richness that diversity brings to our kura and our wider community.

Celebrating Attendance
A huge ka pai to the 137 students who were acknowledged for achieving 90% or higher attendance during Term 3! This is a fantastic achievement, particularly given the sickness that affected many of our whānau and the wider community during the term.
Regular attendance makes a real difference to learning and achievement.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 4?
Water Safety – Sport Northland
Later in the term, Sport Northland Water Safe will be supporting our swimming sessions in and around our school pool. This is a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki to build their water confidence and develop important water safety skills.

School Photos – 4 & 5 November
School photos will be taken on 4 and 5 November. Order forms have already been sent home, so please check your child's school bag if you haven't seen yours yet.

Life Education – 23 November–1 December
Yes, Harold is coming! We are excited to welcome Harold and Whaea Nadine from Life Education to our kura from 23 November to 1 December.

Year 6 Graduation – 9 December
Junior Prizegiving – 10 December
Senior Prizegiving – 11 December

Times for Year 6 graduation and prizegiving will be confirmed and advised closer to the time.

Community Consultation
We appreciate you taking the time to complete this form – see attached.

We are looking forward to a wonderful final term of 2026 and celebrating all that our tamariki have
achieved throughout the year.

Ngā mihi nui

Whaea Judy

IMPORTANT KURA DATES:
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OUR DETAILS:
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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:

Tuesday 20th October	Board Meeting
Monday 26th October	Labour Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Tuesday 27th October	Northland Rippa - Year 3 & 4
Thursday 5th November	Adventure Race Challenge THS
Thursday 19th November	Road Patrol Pool Day
Wednesday 25th November	Middles Surf Trip
Wednesday 25th November	Juniors Kiwi North Trip
Thursday 26th November	Juniors Kiwi North Trip
Tuesday 1st December	Middles Marine Reserve Trip
Wednesday 2nd December	WPSSA Athletics
Friday 4th December	Junior & Middles Colour Run
Monday 14th December	Last Day of Term 4







It's that time of year again!! **SCHOOL PHOTOS are coming up in the first week of November.**
The dates set aside for these are:

November 5th: Class Photos
November 6th: Individual/Sibling/Family Photos
Family photos are taken first thing in the morning – others are done during the school day

Order forms were sent home with Students earlier this week. They are also available at the office.

As usual, orders come back to the office with payment (CASH ONLY unless you arrange payment directly with the photographer).

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO THE PHOTOS BEING TAKEN

Get those tamariki practicing their smiles!!
Whaea Lena

Help your child be safer around water.
Scan the QR code to discover Water Skills for Life, what your child is learning, and how you can support them.





TIKI PRIMARY SHIRTS & JACKETS are now available at Bethells Uniforms in the Strand Arcade.

These uniforms were sourced from the Uniform Hub after it closed down, so a limited range of sizes is now available in-store, or on the website (with after-pay available).

A full range of sizes will be available after King's Birthday weekend, and Bethells will continue to be our uniform supplier from then.

The link to take you straight to our uniforms on the website is:

https://www.bethellsuniforms.co.nz/product-category/tikipunga-primary-school/

Bethells Uniforms
Uniform specialists for all groups and individuals
The Strand Shopping Centre
1441 Cameron St, Whangarei 0110

Tikipunga Primary School
Whānau Consultation – Strategic Plan 2027–2029

Classroom number: _____

This form is anonymous. Please do not include your name.

Kia ora e te whānau

We would really value hearing your hopes and aspirations for your tamariki.

We want to know more than what you want your child to achieve at school. What do you want for your child as they grow, learn and move into their future?

We want to ensure our priorities reflect the aspirations of our tamariki, whānau and community.

Please share your thoughts in the spaces below and return this form to your child's classroom teacher.

1. What do you hope your child will know, be able to do and experience by the time they leave Tikipunga?
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2. What values, qualities and strengths do you want your child to develop as they grow?
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3. What opportunities and experiences would you like our kura to provide for your child?
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4. What are your hopes and aspirations for your child's future?
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We appreciate you taking the time to help shape the future of our kura.

Whaea Judy