Tikipunga Primary School

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

PĀNUI 10th NOVEMBER 2026

Kia ora koutou

We are officially halfway through Term 4 already! It is hard to believe how quickly the term is moving, and there is plenty happening as we head towards the end of another busy year.

Hearing from our whānau – shaping our future

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts and aspirations through our recent whānau consultation survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and will help guide our kura's strategic planning for the future. Some strong themes emerged from your responses:

Strong foundations in learning: Whānau want tamariki to leave Tikipunga as confident, independent readers, writers and mathematicians, well-prepared for their next learning journey at intermediate school.

Te Ao Māori and cultural identity: There is a desire for continued learning in te reo Māori and tikanga across the school, alongside marae visits, camps and local cultural experiences that nurture pride in whakapapa and identity.

Wellbeing, values and resilience: Manaakitanga, respect, kindness, honesty, emotional regulation and confidence were highlighted as important qualities. Whānau want tamariki to grow into resilient, independent individuals who know their worth.

Rich experiences and opportunities: Whānau value practical life skills such as gardening and growing food, alongside creative opportunities in dance, drama, art, media, leadership, camps, trips and sport.

Aspirations for the future: We want our tamariki to pursue their dreams, develop independence, build positive friendships and make a meaningful contribution to their whānau and wider community.

These themes provide a strong foundation for our future direction. It is encouraging to see the importance whānau place on a well-rounded education that balances academic achievement, cultural identity, wellbeing and opportunities for every tamaiti to discover their strengths and potential.

Thank you for helping us shape the future of Tikipunga Primary School.

Check our important dates and add the upcoming celebrations to your calendars. We look forward to celebrating the achievements, growth and successes of our tamariki with you all.

Ngā mihi nui

Judy Panapa
Acting Tumuaki

IMPORTANT KURA DATES: **(continued next page)**

Wednesday 9th December – Year 6 Graduation
6pm, Library Space, Tikipunga Primary
Thursday 10th December – Junior Prizegiving
9.15am, Library Space, Tikipunga Primary
Friday 11th December – Senior and Middle School Prizegiving
10.30am, Tikipunga High School – Waimirirangi Auditorium

OUR DETAILS:

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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 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







DRAGONFLY SPRINGS OPEN DAY

SAT 21 NOV

Help us celebrate the formation of Dragonfly Springs Wetland Sanctuary Trust

• OPENING CEREMONY • STALLS
• MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS

Learn about Dragonfly Springs, bring a picnic, explore the sanctuary!

47 Raumati Crescent
Onerahi, Whangarei

DRAGONFLY SPRINGS
Wetland Sanctuary

www.dragonflysprings.co.nz

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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
14/41 Cameron St. Whangarei 0110

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.



Christmas Carols on Heritage Park

FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER, 2026 AT 6PM

Sing along with members of Whangārei Choral and friends on Heritage Park plus have extra fun in the third year of this special event. Take a moments break from the pre-Christmas bustle in a beautiful historic setting.

All welcome, arrive early if you wish to picnic, carols start at 6.30pm
Koha appreciated.

Glorat Homestead Grounds at Heritage Park. Gate 2, 500 SH14, Maunu Whangārei

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