

TE PUNA NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI



TERM 3
2025

Welcome to Term 3 2025 in the Te Puna Team!

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS:

Week 3: Vanuatu Language Week
Week 4: Cook Islands Language Week
Week 5: Te Tuhi Art Gallery Workshops (in school)
Week 6: Poetry/Speech Recitals In Class; Tongan Language Week
Week 7: Poetry/Speech Recital Finals Friday 29th August 9.15 am
Week 8: NZ Chinese Language Week
Week 9:
Week 10: School Photos; Te wiki o te reo Māori (Māori Language Week)

We always love and appreciate any whānau support for our events. If you or your family would be keen to help, bring your expertise or experiences, PLEASE get in touch with your child's teacher!

Poetry/Speech Recitals

Our tamariki will be taking part in the Te Puna Poetry and Speech Recitals from Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 August.

- Years 0–2 will memorise and perform a poem in class.
- Year 3s will prepare and present a short speech based on a special photo.

Please support your child to practise at home. Poem choices and Year 3 speech writing should be completed by 1 August (Week 3).

Finalists will perform at our Team Finals in the hall on Friday 29 August at 9:15am, with parents invited to attend.



TERM 3 CURRICULUM FOCUS:

- **Literacy:** We continue to use the Better Start Literacy Approach to support our tamariki in reading, writing, and oral language. Keep an eye out for notices on Hero with updates on what your child is learning and how you can support them at home.
- **Numeracy:** During the beginning of this term, students will be working on addition and subtraction. We will then move on to multiplication and division. Alongside developing vital number knowledge to strengthen their mathematical foundation. At home, you can help by practising skip counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. Year 3s can extend this by rote learning their 2, 5, and 10 times tables and skip counting in 3s. We'll also be exploring 2D and 3D shapes as part of our geometry learning.
- **P.E.:** In the first half of the term, we're diving into invasion games—think tag, capture the flag, and more. These activities help build teamwork, positional awareness, holding possession, creating space, and a range of other movement skills. Later in the term, we'll be gearing up for athletics with shot put, discus, long jump, and sprints.
- **Inquiry:** We're launching a new inquiry into Identity and Community, with a special focus on The Arts. We begin by exploring our home, Aotearoa—what makes it unique, from geography and Kiwiana to famous New Zealanders and our place in the world. Later in the term, we'll begin telling our stories through visual arts. We're really excited about what's to come in Term 4... Watch this space!