

TE PUNA NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI



TERM 2
2025

Welcome to Term 2 2025 in the Te Puna Team!

TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS:

Week 2 - Friday May 9 - Mother's Day High Tea Man

Week 3&4 - 12 May-23 May - Life Education Van

Week 3 - Friday May 16 - Pink Shirt Day/Kindness Cookie Day (preceded by Kindness Week)

Week 5 - June 2 - King's Birthday 

Tuesday June 3 - MoE Teacher Only Day

Week 6 - Samoan Language Week 

Week 7 - Monday 9-13 June - Ice Skating Tour

Week 8 - Monday June 16 - School Cross Country

Friday June 20 - Matariki (Matariki school event on Thurs) 

Week 9 - Friday June 27 - Term 2 ends

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!

TERM 2 CURRICULUM FOCUS

- **Numeracy:** This term, our tamariki will be building on their skills in **addition, subtraction, and fractions**, alongside ongoing development of **number knowledge** — a vital foundation for all mathematical learning. At home, you can support your child by practising skip counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. Year 3 students can also focus on rote learning their 2, 5, and 10 times tables, and skip counting in 3s. We'll also be diving into **measurement** later in the term.
- **Literacy:** We're continuing to use the **Better Start Literacy Approach** to support our learners in reading, writing, and oral language. Please keep an eye on your child's Literacy Links book for updates on what they're learning and how you can support them at home (including Reading Eggs!). **Writing** this term will link to our inquiry, focusing on explanation and instructional texts where appropriate.
- **P.E:** Our focus in PE is on developing **big ball skills** — passing, kicking, and bouncing — and using those skills in games like basketball, netball, and football. Later in the term, we'll begin preparing for our annual Cross Country event. Get those running shoes ready!
- **Inquiry:** Our inquiry focus is on the **Scientific Process**, especially through 'Fair Testing'. We'll be conducting experiments where students will learn to make hypotheses, test ideas, and draw conclusions. We'll also continue to link in other curriculum areas where relevant. **Learning Through Play** remains a strong part of our day, with provocations designed to deepen understanding and spark curiosity across the curriculum.



Home Learning in Te Puna - What to Expect

- **Reading Eggs** - are well known, engaging online programmes and will be used to support learning in Te Puna this year. Activities will be assigned weekly based on learning in the class to allow for consolidation at home. When this is completed they are directed to other lessons based on their progress.
- **Guided Reading Books** - children need to bring their book bag to school in order to bring their reading book home. They may have 2-3 books a week sent home as we often work with a text for more than 1 day. Sometimes your child may have a 'fun fact' glued into their literacy links book in lieu of a guided reading book. Please remember to look here first if your child says they have no book to read. Children should be reading their guided reading book each night and a adult signature in their reading log to acknowledge this has been done. A BSLA Reading Whānau information sheet will be shared each week with a focus on new vocabulary from our Shared Reading text and the focus sounds and focus words, this will be shared digitally on Hero. They also have ideas for fun ways you can support practicing these target words and sounds.
- **Literacy Links Book**- Poems will be glued in to the front of this book on a Friday for your child to read and enjoy together. A Reading Log will be glued in to the back of this book to be signed daily and checked by your child's teacher during the week.

REMINDERS:

- **Uniform:** Please remember to name ALL items of uniform. This makes it much easier for items to be returned to our tamariki. Hats are required in Term 1 and 4.
- **Bookbags:** It is essential that children bring their bookbag to school EVERY DAY. Without this, they are unable to bring home readers, library books and important notices with information regarding learning and upcoming events. Research shows that children are at an advantage when reading to whānau at home. Thanks for your support!

Communication Channels

- Please see your child's **Kaitiaki teacher** first. In most cases they will be best placed to answer your question or query.
- We have an expectation at school that emails will be answered within a 24 hour window, this excludes the weekend - please understand the pressures on our staff
- Please email your child's Kaitiaki teacher to make an appointment if you would like to speak with them - they are unable to meet before or after school without prior arrangement.
- **Hero** - notices/permissions for trips, reminders etc - this is also where we share your child's reports, where you can let us know when your child is absent and pay for school costs
- **Facebook Groups** - sharing of learning/team reminders
- **Kindo** - not a communication channel but app for purchasing mostly fundraising things eg sausage sizzles or order lunches (please make sure you have updated your child's class for 2025)

Life Education Caravan/MITEY



This term, we're excited to be learning about health and wellbeing through two wonderful programmes at school. The Life Education Caravan will be visiting us, bringing Harold the Giraffe along to help teach tamariki about making healthy choices, looking after our bodies, and building strong friendships. Harold's fun, interactive sessions have been a highlight for many!

We're also continuing our MITEY journey, a mental health programme developed by the Sir John Kirwan Foundation. Our first unit, Kākano, introduces children to the idea of being a friend to themselves and others. Through stories, discussions, and activities, we're helping tamariki learn how to understand their emotions, show kindness, and build resilience. Both of these programmes are supporting us to make wellbeing a natural, important part of learning and life at school.



We appreciate the ongoing support with your child's learning. If there is anything that we can help with, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards, Te Puna Iti- Sarah and Gloria
Te Puna 1 - Jazz, Katja and Shannon
Te Puna 2 - Alisha, Krysten and Jasmine
Assistant Principal - Karien Fourie

MEET THE TEACHER

Whaea Gloria

INTRODUCTION

Kia ora, whānau! Ko Whaea Gloria tōku ingoa, and I'm thrilled to be joining your tamariki on their learning journey. I'll be teaching in Te Puna Iti and am really looking forward to getting to know each of the children and building strong, positive relationships with my new class.

ABOUT ME

experience: 10 years (in E.C.E and schools)
family: 2 tamariki- Adira and Grimaldo
hobbies: Camping, and spending time with family

FAVORITES

food: salty and tangy flavours
place: Beach
book: Story & self help
Music: old bollywood songs



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