

TERM CALENDAR

June

- 23 Student Council Meeting
- 24 ERO discussion with TPI about COVID Response
- 25 Jenny and Younni last day at TPI
- 30 Full Day Learning Conferences

July

- 1 Learning Conferences after School
- 1 Leadership Wananga for Te Puke Principals in PAC
- 2 TPI School Cross Country
- 3 Latimer Assembly 8.50am
- 3 Matariki Assembly 11.40am
- 3 Last day Term 2
- 20 First day of Term 3

REMINDER

Year 7 students who have not returned their Boostrix Vaccination form – this needs to be done ASAP please. Thank you.

HEALTH SURVEY – THANKS

We value and appreciate all of you who completed the survey for us. Generally, the consensus was supportive of the current content but there was a couple of excellent suggestions and things for us to consider going forward. Many thanks to you if you did this for us.

FIRST NEWSLETTER POST COVID

Here we are back to our normal newsletter format. These will continue to be printed in hard copy for school bags, placed on our website and available on the Skool Loop App as well.

Hopefully we will not go back into any kind of Level 3 or 4 again so no more bulletins about COVID.

What an experience aye?

COVID played havoc with our lives, jobs, health, wellbeing, income, resources, education, celebrations, whānau events, sports, travel and much more.

I think it has also reminded us what is important -

He Tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

After a couple of weeks of tentative return to schooling we are now back in full force.

All our people are back, all events are back and we are getting in the groove again.

SETTLING BACK IN POST LOCKDOWN

We are mindful that we have all experienced a level of trauma during the past 3 months. Some whānau more than others, with varying impacts now being felt as a result of the lockdown weeks.

We have a multitude of supports in and around a number of students and whānau as we support our people to manage the resulting stress of COVID and the ongoing complications to lives.

We are very well supported by our local social agencies, our school SWIS Anna Voss and our learning support coordinator Amanda Arthur.

If we can offer you or your child further support, please contact with us when you feel it is needed.

FAREWELL TO JENNY AND YOUNNI OUR KOREAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

This week we say goodbye to two of our International students who will return to Korea due to the overall global effects of COVID.

Jenny has been with us for over a year and Younni, her sister joined us in 2020.

We have enjoyed having you girls with us at TPI and in Expressive, you have shared many aspects of your personalities and culture with us and we will miss you. We wish you and your family all the best as you travel back home to Korea.

BEHAVIOUR AT SCHOOL THIS PAST WEEK

The first few weeks back at school, our crew were calm, settled and almost 'reset' in terms of values, kindness, respect and behaviour.

This past week however, we have experienced a range of negative, rude and disrespectful actions and responses.

We are very mindful of the circumstances of the past few months and as said before, putting a vast range of support in for many students.

Much of the negative behaviour in the past week seems to be as a result of students not demonstrating good choices, using bad language towards each other and at teachers, disrespecting the privilege of bus transport, fighting and showing a lack of empathy for others.

We are working as a team to re-establish our routines and clear expectations, enabling our learners to feel safe within these and know the right way to behave in our context.

Having said that – there are non-negotiables that we must draw a line in the sand over and cannot tolerate in a school context or on school buses.

Please, take a moment to have a korero with your child about our values, kindness, respect, managing self and empathy for others.

The positives we learned from COVID must not be lost in the craziness of adolescence and busy lives.

A significant contributor to some of this negative behaviour is 'gaming'. This seems to be a negative hangover from lockdown. Kids are tired, some of the games being played are R18 and totally inappropriate content for our kids. Hence, they are cranky, oppositional and being non-compliant.

Please parents, turn off the game, turn off and remove the WIFI at night time as you go to bed, take back control and ensure our learners are getting enough sleep.

POST COVID STAFF SURVEY

We have undertaken a survey of our Team to discover what we all LOVED about lockdown, what we found CHALLENGING, what we have LEARNED during that time, what we would like to MAINTAIN and what would it TAKE to do this.

I have already said how proud I was of our Team and the way they managed the whole learning from home experience and I think we all loved the balance we had in our lives over this time.

We all showed clearly that we can work from home and achieve great things so one of the aspects I am encouraging our Team to maintain is working **at school** from 8am – 4pm daily and leaving in daylight to go home, be with their own kids, walk the dog and cook dinner before turning on the laptop again later to complete **mahi at home**.

There will be some exceptions to this of course but generally, it will help the wairua and well-being of our Team if we can keep this up.

HEALTHY, FREE LUNCHES IN SCHOOLS

Exciting news! TPI is one of a few local schools being invited to join the national pilot for free, healthy lunches from Term 4 2020 and through 2021.

There is some work to be done to invite tenderers and select a supplier to provide these lunches. We are just finding out all the info from the MOE and then we can provide more detail.

LEARNING CONFERENCES – TUESDAY 30 JUNE

We have Learning Conferences next week with a full day on Tuesday 30 June and after school on Wednesday 1 July.

If you are not yet booked in online, please get this done this week or ring the office to book you in. This is the only mid-year reporting we are doing this year with no written reports being completed.

Staff will be meeting with students and their whānau from 8am till 8pm on the Tuesday. We have asked for those learners who can stay home and be supervised learning at home to please do this. We will cater for those who must be at school on this day because all adults are at work but we must have your return slip returned to your teacher this week so we plan for the right numbers.

SPORT BACK UP AND RUNNING

It's fantastic to have sport back! Rugby, Netball and Hockey Academies are all underway with weekly training sessions happening. Basketball comp, hockey comp and soon netball will join them starting in July. Winter weather has put a bit of damper on the season start but all in all, we are stoked to be back training and playing.

ERO REVIEW 2020

TPI was due for its triennial review from the ERO team in 2020. All usual reviews for the year have been postponed. ERO is instead holding discussion with us about COVID and the educational response, how we found the experience and learnings we have made.

TPI CROSS COUNTRY

This is being held Thursday 2 July from 11.50am on our school grounds. Whānau are invited to come along and support their children as they participate or compete in this event. Please encourage your child to attend school on this day and participate to their best ability, no matter what speed, and earn some points for their house. Some of us are tortoises and some are hares but we all get there in the end.

TPI CHOIR

This activity was started by Miss Steinmann after we returned post lockdown. Anyone who wants to join Choir should come along Friday period 4 in the PAC to participate in singing for enjoyment. A wide range of genre is covered and this is an opportunity for students who love music and singing to join with others who do too.

LATIMER ASSEMBLY

As you know, we adjusted the Latimer award criteria for 2020 to ensure we would be on track to achieve all levels.

The first Latimer assembly is Friday 3 July at 8.50am. You are invited to attend and see your child be presented their Bronze bar if they are a recipient. There should be quite a few!

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

This time of year marks a traditional time of celebration for Māori with the start to the new year, preparation for planting time and the emergence of the cluster of stars known as Pleiades.

Every Learning Centre is learning about Matariki through the radio lessons and an assembly is being held on Friday 3 July at 11.40am to showcase an item or aspect of learning during this time.

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Expressive students working alongside children from Te Puke Kindy. Jenny, Younni, Amber, Zelia and Madeleine.

Showcasing some of our students amazing artwork. Clever Mrs Coates in the Art room. Amazing to have her skill set back at TPI! Post COVID lockdown bubble reflections and butterflies.



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