



# Koru Pānui



Talofa, Mālō e lelei, Bula, Kia Orana, and Kia ora everyone!

Koru Hub begins Term 2 with an exciting adventure across the Pacific, exploring the vibrant traditions, legendary stories and arts of Samoa, Tonga, the Cook Islands, and Fiji. This cultural journey flows into our school-wide Visual Arts inquiry, where ākonga will develop their artistic skills by looking closely at the textures and shapes of our local environment. By translating the beauty of our own backyard into unique creations, our tamariki will be preparing for a spectacular Art Show on parent-teacher night. We can't wait for you to walk through our transformed gallery space and see our local landscape brought to life through the eyes of our students!

## Dates

### APRIL

27th - Anzac Day  
(observed)  
29th - Autism  
Awareness Day

### MAY

1st - Triathlon Assembly  
13th - Pātaka Trip Rms  
1,19  
14th - Pātaka Trip Rms  
17,18  
15th - Pink Shirt Day

### JUNE

1st - King's Birthday  
2nd - Mihi Whakataua  
9:15am  
29th - Reports sent  
home

### JULY

1st,2nd Learning  
Conferences  
3rd - Term 2 ends 3pm



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## What's happening in term 2?

### Maths

We will revisit and build on Term 1 learning about place value. Students will explore addition and subtraction in greater depth, before moving onto multiplication and division. We'll also introduce fractions. Through hands-on activities and problem solving, students will continue strengthening their number sense and confidence with mathematical operations.

### Literacy

Our daily programme includes engaging activities like spelling and reading through the iDeal platform. Students will practice correct letter formation and apply sounds to be able to both read and write. Targeted reading groups and daily writing sessions support every learner's progress, helping to build confident, capable readers and writers.

### Kaupapa Māori

This term, students are mastering daily classroom te reo Māori! We are practicing common instructions like *titiro* (look) and *whakarongo* (listen), identifying school objects, and asking questions like "*He aha tēnei?*" (What is this?) to build our growing vocabulary. We will also be learning about Matariki.

### Excursion

In Week 4, Koru are visiting **Pātaka** for an exciting Pasifika Printing workshop! This hands-on excursion explores traditional patterns and artistic techniques. If you can help accompany us on Wednesday, May 13 (Rms 1, 19) or Thursday, May 14 (Rms 17, 18) please contact your classroom teacher. We'd love your support!

### Reduce Waste

Let's work together to reduce soft plastic waste from school lunches! We encourage families to sign up to the school lunch programme to help minimise packaging waste. If you pack lunch at home, try a "nude food" lunch box—take the food out of wrappings and dispose of them at home. Small changes make a big difference for our environment!

### Homework

We strongly encourage daily reading at home to reinforce our hard work at kura! Record what is read in reading logs for prizes. Consistent reading is key to developing excellent reading skills. A daily 10-15 minute stint on **StepsWeb** will really help your child rocket in reading, writing and spelling!

**The best way to contact us is via e-mail.**

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