TERM 4
Week 8

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NGUTUNUI NEWS

LEARNING & GROWING TOGETHER
AKO TAHI ME TE TIPU TAHI

Kia ora e te whānau,
There's a real buzz around school as our tamariki practice their lines and songs for the end-of-year show. With athletics this week, prizegiving next week and some welcome upgrades about to get underway, there's plenty happening as we head into the final weeks of term.

Athletics and Kāwhia Moana
Well done to our Kererū tamariki who headed to Pāterangi School for Junior Athletics. After weeks of practising their skills, it was lovely to see them give the events a go and cheer each other on. Thank you to Pāterangi School for hosting such a fun day.
Our Ngutunui representatives also did us proud at the Lower Waipā Athletics Championships, with some achieving personal bests and others earning top placings. A big thank you to the whānau who helped out and cheered from the sidelines. Your support makes these days possible.
This Thursday 3 December, Tui heads to Kāwhia School for the Kāwhia Moana interschool athletics. All the best, Tui! Give it your best and keep cheering each other on.

End-of-Year Show and Prizegiving
Our tamariki are busy learning their lines, practising their songs and getting ready to take the stage. We're looking forward to bringing everyone together to enjoy the show and celebrate our students' achievements and growth throughout the year.

School Reports
School reports will go home at the end of term. Students have completed their end-of-year assessments, and we're waiting for the SMART results. Teachers will use those results alongside classroom observations, student work and other assessments to make informed judgements about how each child is progressing against the expectations for their year level.
This year's reports will look different from previous years. The new curriculum has changed what is taught and when students are expected to learn it, and we're using new assessments. Because the expectations and assessments have shifted, a result in this year's report can't be directly compared with a result from a previous year. As you read your child's report, look for what they can do now and what they're working towards next.



Upgrades Around Our School
Over the next month, the Te Iti Kahurangi team will be on site to upgrade heat pumps, replace carpet in non-teaching spaces, and repair or replace doors, windows and exterior cladding where needed. Carpeting in our teaching spaces was completed in 2025.
These are welcome improvements for our small school. It'll be a busy site over the coming weeks and into the holiday break. Please take extra care around work areas and follow any signs when you're on site.

SunSmart and Swimming Reminders
Please make sure your child brings a sunhat, swimming togs and a towel each day for the rest of term. Putting sunscreen on before school helps children start the day protected. Please remind them to reapply it during the day, especially after swimming. Naming hats, togs and towels helps us get them back to the right people.

Safe Drop-Off and Pick-Up
For the safety of our tamariki, all drop-offs and pick-ups must take place at the Pekanui Road car park. Ngutunui Road is a busy road, and the car park on that side is used by the school bus.
At pick-up, please stand where staff can see you or walk down the path to meet your child. We'll keep children at the top of the path until we can see the adult collecting them. Thank you for helping us keep this routine safe.

Māra Kai Community Garden
Our new māra kai is really taking shape, and we can't wait to see it finished and get growing! A huge thank you to Matua Sam, who has put in countless hours behind the scenes and out in the garden to get it to where it is today. We're so grateful for the time, hard work and care he's put into creating a space our whole school community can enjoy. Thank you to the tamariki who have rolled up their sleeves and worked alongside him. It's been lovely to see you take pride in what you're building together. And a special thank you to Annaiah for water-blasting the fence. It's come up like new!
There is still a way to go but we look forward to utilising this magical space for our school and community.
If you are able to help this project in anyway please let us know.



Meri Kirihimete!
Thank you for the many ways you've supported our tamariki this year, from helping at events and cheering from the sidelines to practising show lines at home. We look forward to seeing you at the show and prizegiving. As Christmas approaches, we wish all our Ngutunui whānau a joyful Christmas and a safe, restful summer break with the people you love.