



TAIRANGI SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Tairangi School Closed Thursday 23 Oct

On Friday last week I shared the concerns of the New Zealand Pacific Principal's Association on 3 News about rushed changes to our New Zealand curriculum.

We have been working all year to follow MOE instructions to implement the English and Maths curriculum. On Monday 20 Oct the final versions of the Maths and English curriculum were released and sadly the Maths curriculum has significant changes. This means work in schools will need to be redone. There are also more rushed changes coming with Science resources being sent out to schools for use in 2026, before we have a curriculum. We are expecting a draft before the end of the year, but we won't have a finished science curriculum until 2027.

Minister Stanford...please listen and slow down.

2026 Enrolments

Please let us know now if you have a young person starting in 2026. This helps us manage classes and supports your child to have a great start to school, including visits.

Newsletter Week 3 Term 4 2025



Room 5 had an exciting experience at Capital E where they produced their own live broadcast using film production equipment. Meanwhile Room 7 brought the legend of Whataitai and Ngake, the taniwha of the Wellington Harbour, to life in the media last Monday. Students chose preset taniwha, added movement and narration and produced an engaging, animated retelling of this powerful harbour story.

News and Updates

Homework Club

15 Oct- 26 Weds Nov

Looking Ahead

23 Oct Strike School closure

27- 31 Oct Tokelau Lang Week

28 Oct Junior Ballet Workshops

3-7 Nov School Athletics

4 Nov BoT Meeting

6 Nov Junior Ballet trip

7 Nov Powhiri

11 Nov Cluster Athletics

13 Nov Juniors Capital E Trip

14 Nov Blue Light Disco!

18 Nov Yr 5-6 Pedal Ready Training

19 Nov Road Patrollers Celebration

26 Nov School Lawn Bowls

28 Nov Yr 8 College Transition Visit

5 Dec Language Classes Ake Runga

9 Dec Aotea Transition Visit, Reports Go Home

10 Dec Play Trailer Sports Day

11 Dec Leavers Assembly and Dinner

12 Dec Last Day of School

2025 Term Dates

Term 4: Mon 6 Oct - Fri 12 Dec

27 Oct Labour Day

Staff Only Days Mon 15 -Tue 16 Dec

2026 Term Dates

Office open Thurs 29 and Fri 30 Jan

Term 1 Mon 2 Feb - Thurs 2 April

Term 2 Mon 20 April - 3 July

Term 3 Mon 20 July - Fri 25 Sept

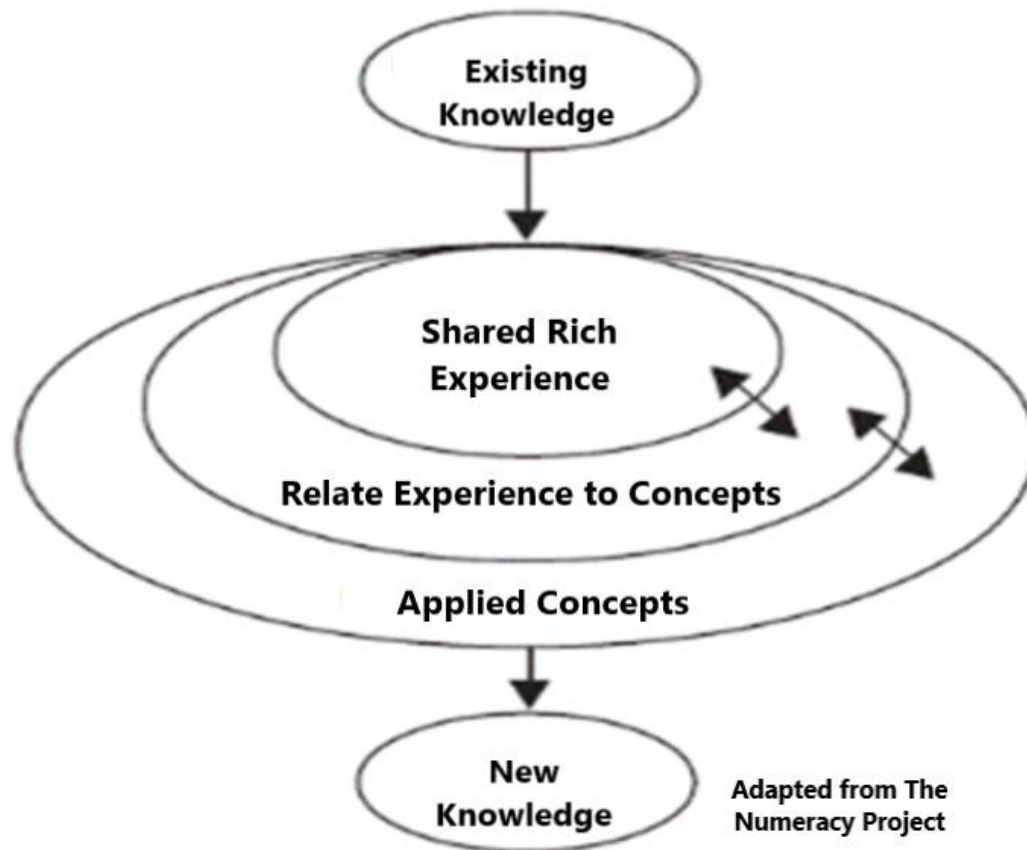
Term 4 Mon 12 Oct - Fri 11 Dec

To access any of our school Policies or Procedures the [School Policy Index](#) is the best way to navigate and find what you need.

Our school [Curriculum Policy](#) details our learning programmes and commitments.

What does our school curriculum look like?

Tairangi School Experience Based Curriculum



We can't assume all kids have had the same life experiences to bring to their learning. That's why we provide many opportunities to learn in a hands on way first and let kids lead who know more than their friends.

We start with Magic Monday, where every child has a hands on learning experience. This is where we hear new language and connect it to what is happening around us.

After the activity, we then talk and write about what happened, what we saw, why it happened and make connections between new information and what it looks like in real life.

We can then talk and write about where else we might see this and make connections between the concepts we have learnt and the wider world around us.

Finally we are equipped with new learning and knowledge to apply to our learning across a range of contexts and future Magic Monday experiences.

What is this process important? It helps kids take abstract ideas and concepts and see them in action for greater depth of understanding and for long term memory retention.