



# Tipu Newsletter

Term 4 2024

## Dates to remember:

### Labour Day

Monday 28 October

### Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 29 October

### Gymnastics at Bruce Pullman (3x Wednesday Sessions)

Between Wednesday 20 November  
and Wednesday 11 December

### 2025 Class Visits

Friday 13 December -  
Tuesday 18 December

### End of Year Reports

Monday 16 December

### Tipu End of Year Prizegiving

Wednesday 18 December @ 9.15am

### End of Term 4

Friday 20 December @ 12.30pm



Kia ora whaanau, and welcome to our last term of 2024. Last week we welcomed our second to last group of tamariki for the year. Welcome to all new children and particularly whaanau new to our kura!

This term we get to celebrate the amazing learning that has happened over the year with our prize giving and end of year reports later in the term. We also begin looking forward to their next year at Conifer Grove School, with visits to familiarise themselves with their new class ahead of the Christmas break.

Learning is a collaborative effort between home and school, and good communication remains a key factor for success. Please reach out to your classroom teacher if you have any questions, or need support with your child. Teachers can be emailed as below or caught briefly before/after school each day. Meetings can be organised on request, and if you need further support you can contact the pedagogical leader.

We look forward to a great final term for 2024 with our aakonga.

Naaku noa,  
Tipu Team

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## Attendance

Regular attendance at school is important for your child's well-being and learning. If your child is sick and cannot attend, please contact us before 9.00am to advise us of this absence. We are required to report unexplained absences as truancy.

Phone: 09 299-7490 | **Freephone: 0800 CGCALL** (242255) | Email: [admin@cgschool.ac.nz](mailto:admin@cgschool.ac.nz)

You can also report absences on the school website: [www.conifergrove.school.nz](http://www.conifergrove.school.nz) (click on 'Contact Us' and then 'Absences') or via the Skool Loop App.

# Reminders

## Hats:

In Term 4 all Tipu students require a named red school bucket hat for outside play.



## Toys:

Children should not bring toys or other special objects to school.



## Lunches:

Healthy lunchboxes are encouraged with easy to eat items. Please pack a teaspoon if children have yoghurt or jellied fruit.

## Drinks:

Please note we are a **water only** school - juice is not a suitable drink for school. A named water bottle is particularly helpful in summer.

## School Uniform:

Please name **all** items of clothing with your child's name. Shoes should be black sandals or shoes with black socks.

Nail polish or makeup are not allowed to be worn at school. **No jewellery** other than one pair of studs or cultural taonga are appropriate. Please note earrings must be studs due to health and safety reasons.

# Learning Focus

## Conceptual Curriculum 2024:

**'Identity is shaped by relationships, connections and environment.'**

Having explored how dance and music can support our understanding of identity during Term 3, during Term 4 we will be looking at how people can hold different **perspectives** on the world and how we can listen to the views and thoughts of others. We are exploring our sense of empathy and how we can recognise emotions in ourselves and our friends through the **Social Sciences** curriculum.

Later in the term we aim to explore the **Technology** curriculum through the design process, using what we have learnt about recognising the emotions of others to create and refine play experiences and games for our peers and children joining our school from early childhood centres.

## Literacy:

We continue to develop our understanding of language through the Little Learners Love Literacy programme. This structured approach teaches new sounds through different stages and uses these sounds to build words in Reading and Writing. Our school library is also open from 3.15pm - 4.00pm each Wednesday for families to borrow books to support a love of reading at home.

## Mathematics:

We continue to develop early number knowledge, particularly focussed between 0-20, and the skills to solve basic mathematical problem.

## Physical Education:

This term our classes will continue to participate in lessons from the Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP), focusing on building coordination, skills and reflexes important for early learning. We are supporting this with sessions on fundamental movement skills with Counties Manukau sport, and our gymnastics sessions later in the term.

*He waka eke noa ki te pae tawhiti - Paddle the waka together to reach new horizons*