

# TE PUNA NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI



TERM 1  
2025

## Welcome to Term 1 2025 in the Te Puna Team!

### TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Week 4:** Teacher Only Day - Friday 28 February  
Te Puna 2 Library

**Week 5:** Whānau Connect Conferences - Wed/Thurs  
Te Puna 1 Library

**Week 6:** House Spirit Day - Friday  
Te Puna 2 Library

**Week 7:** Non-Uniform Day - Friday - Pataka Kai Collection  
Te Puna 1 Library

**Week 8:** Te Puna 2 Library

**Week 9:** Te Puna 2 Library

**Week 10:** Last day of Term 1 - Friday 11 April

We always love and appreciate any whānau support for our events.

If you or your family would be keen to help, bring your expertise or experiences, PLEASE get in touch with your child's teacher!

### TERM 1 CURRICULUM FOCUS:

- **Literacy and Numeracy:** We have new English (for Years 0-6) and Maths (for Years 0-8) curricula this year. Our teachers are learning - Please note teachers only got access to these documents at the end of 2024 and the Ministry of Education is providing some Professional Learning for the maths curriculum. Our first of these days is February 28 - Teacher Only Day. We spent time before school started familiarising ourselves with the content. We have also been provided with maths resources including workbooks, teachers are learning how to use these also.
- **Literacy:** We use the **Better Start Literacy Approach** to support our tamariki in Reading, Writing and Oral Language. Keep an eye out for notices in students' Literacy Links book regarding what your child is learning and how you can support them at home.
- **P.E:** We are lucky to be working with Counties Manukau Sport on a **Fundamental Movement Skills** programme. The FMS programme will be a 30 min session per week over 6 weeks. There will be a focus on balance, hop, jump, throw and catch and lastly skip. Later in the term, we will move into Athletics skills - discus, shot put, long jump and sprints.
- **Inquiry:** Weeks 1 - 5 see us focus on **Whakawhanaungatanga** as we get to know each other. The second half of the term we will take part in the 'Get Firewise' programme provided by FENZ. We also continue our focus on **Learning Through Play** and using our 'shared picture books' as motivation for play provocations.

## Home Learning in Te Puna - What to Expect

- **Reading Eggs** - are well known, engaging online programmes and will be used to support learning in Te Puna this year. Activities will be assigned weekly based on learning in the class to allow for consolidation at home. When this is completed they are directed to other lessons based on their progress.
- **Oxford Maths** - will be coming online, in the meantime a ministry maths handout will come home with your child for ideas of how you can support their maths learning.
- **Guided Reading Books** - children need to bring their book bag to school in order to bring their reading book home. They may have 2-3 books a week sent home as we often work with a text for more than 1 day. Sometimes your child may have a 'fun fact' glued into their literacy links book in lieu of a guided reading book. Please remember to look here first if your child says they have no book to read. Children should be reading their guided reading book each night and a adult signature in their reading log to acknowledge this has been done. A BSLA Reading Whānau information sheet will be shared each week with a focus on new vocabulary from our Shared Reading text and the focus sounds and focus words, this will be shared digitally on Hero. They also have ideas for fun ways you can support practicing these target words and sounds.
- **Literacy Links Book**- Poems will be glued in to the front of this book on a Friday for your child to read and enjoy together. A Reading Log will be glued in to the back of this book to be signed daily and checked by your child's teacher during the week.

### REMINDERS:

- **Uniform:** Please remember to name ALL items of uniform. This makes it much easier for items to be returned to our tamariki. Hats are required in Term 1 and 4.
- **Bookbags:** It is essential that children bring their bookbag to school EVERY DAY. Without this, they are unable to bring home readers, library books and important notices with information regarding learning and upcoming events. Research shows that children are at an advantage when reading to whānau at home. Thanks for your support!

## Communication Channels

- Please see your child's **Kaitiaki teacher** first. In most cases they will be best placed to answer your question or query.
- We have an expectation at school that emails will be answered within a 24 hour window, this excludes the weekend - please understand the pressures on our staff
- Please email your child's Kaitiaki teacher to make an appointment if you would like to speak with them - they are unable to meet before or after school without prior arrangement.
- **Hero** - notices/permissions for trips, reminders etc - this is also where we share your child's reports, where you can let us know when your child is absent and pay for school costs
- **Facebook Groups** - sharing of learning/team reminders
- **Kindo** - not a communication channel but app for purchasing mostly fundraising things eg sausage sizzles or order lunches (please make sure you have updated your child's class for 2025)

## Get Firewise

This term, Te Puna will be working on a Get Firewise unit. The students will learn some fire-safe behaviours. They will practise what to do to get out FAST if there is a fire in a building they are in.

During this Get Firewise unit, your child or children will bring home your copy of a Get Firewise Family Book. We encourage you to read the story with your child or children and involve all your family or whānau in making your home fire-safe. We also encourage you to practise what to do if a fire starts anywhere in your house.



We appreciate the ongoing support with your child's learning. If there is anything that we can help with, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards, Te Puna Iti- Sarah

Te Puna 1 - Jazz, Katja and Shannon

Te Puna 2 - Alisha, Krysten and Jasmine

# Meet the Te Puna Iti & Te Puna Team 2025



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# MEET THE TEACHER

*Whaea Jasmine*

## INTRODUCTION

Kia ora, Namaste, Nī hāo, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava whanau! I am Whaea Jasmine and very excited to work with your tamariki next year. I will be teaching in Te Puna Iti and look forward to building relationships with my new class.

## ABOUT ME

**experience:** 17 years (in E.C.E and schools)

**family:** 2 daughters- Harnoor and Mannat

**hobbies:** Reading, watching movies

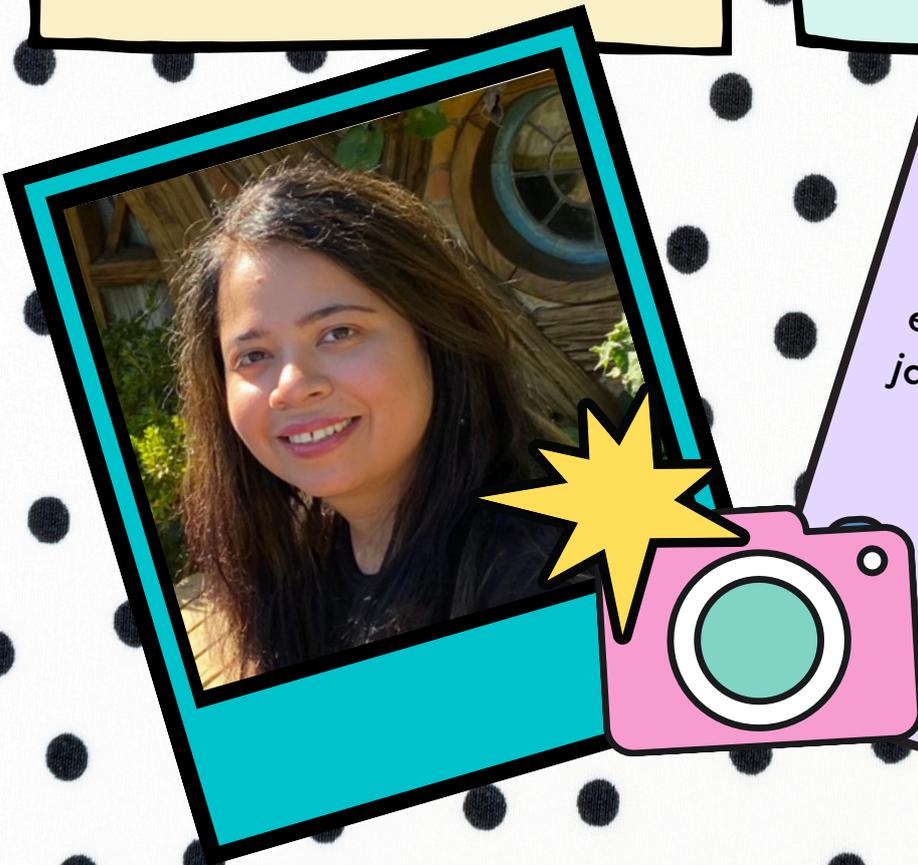
## FAVORITES

**food:** salty and tangy flavours

**place:** Nature

**book:** Biographies

**Music:** Panjabi songs



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# MEET THE TEACHER

*Whaea Jazz*

## INTRODUCTION

Hello, Sat Sri Akal. I am Whaea Jazz and this is my first year in Reremoana and I'm very excited for teaching Year 1 in Te Puna Hub 1. I am looking forward for this teaching and learning journey and building relationships with Whanau and tamariki.

## ABOUT ME

**Experience:** 14 years teaching experience.

**family:** Me and my husband

**hobbies:** Shopping, walking in the nature, dancing, singing.

## FAVORITES

**food:** Any Indian food

**place:** Paris & Japan

**book:** Wings of Fire

**music** Pop & Folk



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# MEET THE TEACHER

Miss S

## INTRODUCTION

Kia ora e te Whānau !!!

My Name is Katja Sixt but the students call me Miss S. I have been at Reremoana for a year and I am teaching Years 2 and 3 in Te Puna Hub 1.

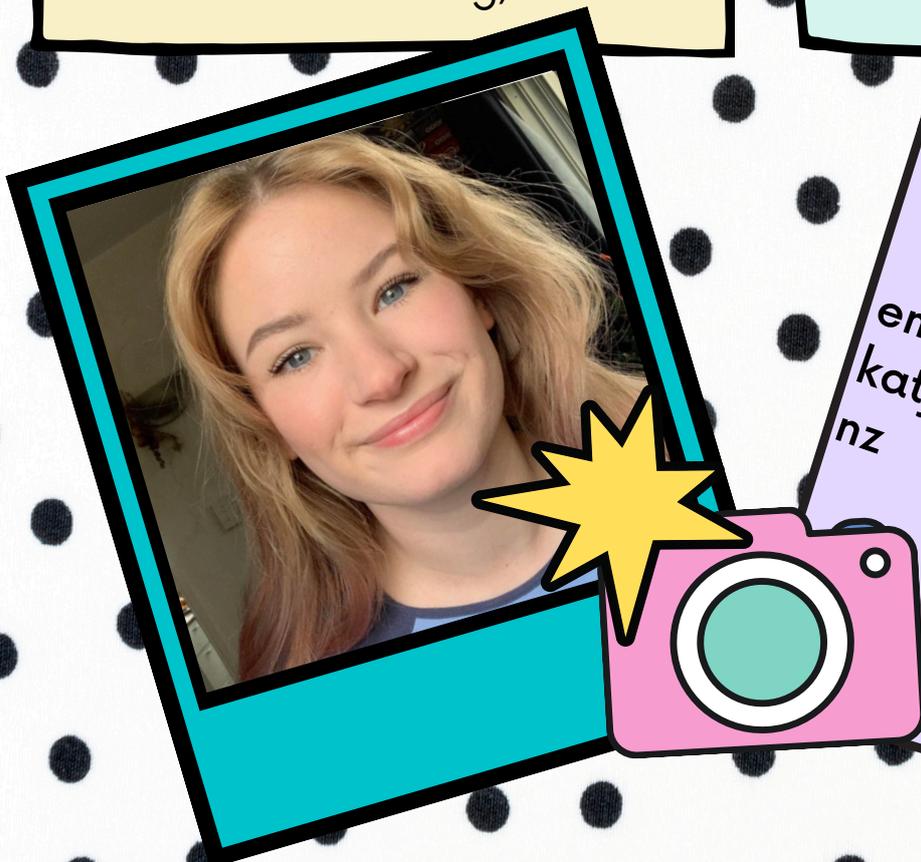
I look forward to working with you this year!

## ABOUT ME

**Family:** Fiance Tim.  
**I like:** Nature  
**Pets:** Hermes the cat  
**Hobbies:** Art, Music,  
baking, dance

## FAVORITES

**food:** Tom Yum soup  
**place:** Vienna, Austria  
**book:** Harry Potter and  
the Prisoner of  
Azkaban



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# MEET THE TEACHER

## Whaea Shannon

### INTRODUCTION

Kia ora e te whānau, I am Whaea Shannon and I am very excited about 2025! This will be my fifth year at Reremoana Kura. I cannot wait to meet my new class and develop those new relationships.

### ABOUT ME

**experience:** 4 years

**family:** husband - Liam

**pets:** no pets

**hobbies:** exercise, boating & tramping

### FAVOURITES

**food:** anything sweet,  
burgers & summer rolls

**place:** Kororāreka/Russell

**book:** Hairy McClary

**music:** NZ Pop



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# MEET THE TEACHER

Whaea Sarah

## INTRODUCTION

Hi! I'm Whaea Sarah, and I am the Hauora Team Leader for the Te Puna Team. I will be teaching Year0/1 in Te Puna Hub Iti. I look forward to working with you all over the year.

## ABOUT ME

**experience:** 20 + years

**family:** parents in England  
partner (Hangea)

**pets:** Hei hei (Chicken)

**hobbies:** rugby and  
crochet

## FAVORITES

**food:** Lu kapa pulu

**place:** Orlando, Florida

**book:** The Gruffalo

**music:** RnB and Country



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# MEET THE TEACHER

*Whaea Krysten*

Kia ora e te whānau. I am very excited about being in Te Puna Hub 2 again. I am going to be teaching Year 2 & 3 as well as holding the Ako Team Leader role within our kura. I'm looking forward to the year ahead!

## ABOUT ME

**experience:** 13 years

**I like:** teaching maths  
and art

**pets:** no pets

**hobbies:** Reading + Hiking

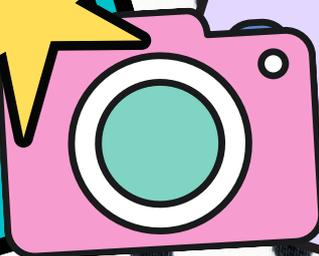
## FAVOURITES

**food:** Chocolate Cake + Pizza

**place:** Prague, Czech Republic

**book:** A Princess Bride

**movie:** Harry Potter Series



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# MEET THE TEACHER

Whaea Alisha

## INTRODUCTION

Kia ora e te whānau. Ko Alisha Hunter tōku ingoa. I am looking forward to teaching in Te Puna Hub 2 again! This year I will be the kaitiaki teacher for a Year 2/3 class. I look forward to getting to know you all.

## ABOUT ME

experience: over 10 years

family: Husband & 2 daughters

pets: 1 dog, 1 cat

hobbies: reading, beach, movies, netball

## FAVORITES

food: chocolate, paua, crayfish

place: beach

colour: turquoise, pink

subject: reading, Māori, Kapa Haka



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