

WELCOME TO TERM 2!

We hope your child is well rested and feeling excited for the start of Term 2.

We are looking forward to more learning, laughter and fun together. Please enjoy reading some updates to keep you informed of what's ahead this term.



TERM 2 - 2024



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TERM 2 LEARNING

WRITING

This term our story is called 'Monkeys and Hats', a fun story with a great message. We will use this to inspire our writing as the students learn more skills to add to their writing toolkits!

P.E.

We will be focusing on large ball skills this term, with a particular focus on the sports, Netball, Touch Rugby and Football. We can't wait to get outside to have some fun!

MATHS

We are continuing to focus on addition and subtraction strategies this term. Later in the term and in Term 3 we will be moving on to multiplication and division. Our strand focus on Friday's this term will be Geometry (shape/transformation) and then Measurement (length/area).

HOME LEARNING

This term Home Learning Books will go home on a Tuesday and be returned every Monday. We will aim to put anything new in them on a Monday afternoon.



READING

We are so proud of the amazing efforts we have seen from all of our tamariki in their reading so far this year. A reminder that readers come home most days - usually 1 or 2 per week, sometimes a book they've read before - if so, this is great for practicing fluency and expression.

Book bags are a MUST for books to be sent home to keep our texts safe.

Thanks for your support with this.

READING AT HOME

Please support us in encouraging your child to read the book that comes home. You may help them with reading this book. Your child may also like to choose books that are of interest to them, which we also encourage.

Ideas for readers at home: In the back of the text you will often find comprehension questions, speed words, heart words and sound practice. A goal for all of our students is improving their reading fluency - the ability to read with speed and accuracy.





HUI-Ā-WHĀNAU WEEK 3

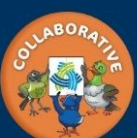
We are really looking forward to seeing you all in Week 3 at our Hui-ā-whānau (parent-student-teacher meetings). Please keep an eye out for when bookings come available for these and book in with your Whānau Teacher.

We really value connecting with you and strengthening our relationships with whānau. Feel free to pop in to our space, or send us an email whenever required :)



MATARIKI NIGHT WALK

Keep an eye out for some amazing art work which will get displayed over the term! We are very lucky to have our fabulous team of release teachers to support us with the 'Arts' and know the tamariki will have so much fun being creative! Stay tuned as to when you can come and walk through our planned 'Matariki Night Walk!' at school!



Important Reminders



When does school officially start?

You are welcome to arrive at school from 8am and can be in our learning space with your teachers from 8:20 am onwards for an 8.40am start. Remember to listen out for the 'birds singing' as this is your welcome to come inside.

Please remind your child to hang their bag on a hook and bring their book bag inside every morning.

How is the day structured?

8:00 - Children welcome on site from 8am (**unsupervised**)
 8:20 - Families and students welcome in learning spaces
 8:40 - Whānau Time
 9:00 - Block 1 (and Snack Time)
 10:35 - Outside play (whole school)
 11:00 - Block 2 (starting with Morning Tea)
 12:45 - Outside play (whole school)
 1:25 - Block 3 (starting with Lunch)
 2:20 - Whānau Time
 2:30 - Finish



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On arrival at school each day...

- * Hang your bag on the hooks outside the classroom
- * Bring your book bag inside and put it in your whānau teachers box
- * Check-in and complete any morning jobs
- * Choose to stay inside and play quietly or go outside and play on the playground
- * When the music calls, come back to class to start your day!



Clothing

We recommend that you start packing a named jumper or jacket as it is now getting colder in the mornings.



Please remember to keep a change of clothes inside your bag in case you get wet or dirty during the day.



Whānau Time

It is important for your children to arrive at school by 8.40am so they can be a part of this 'connection' time. You are welcome to join them for Whānau Time at the start or end of the day. You may choose to stay for the first 15 minutes of the school day or come early and sit in for the last 10 minutes of the day. You may even come to both!



Treats at school

We already have a birthday ritual in place so that your child has the opportunity to have their moment and be celebrated. Therefore, please refrain from bringing in any lollies or treats to share. We do have serious food allergies in our class and need to keep our tamariki safe. Thanks for your understanding.



Stationery Reminder



Stationery lists are loaded on [Officemax Site](#)

1. Select our school
 2. Select your child's learning space
 3. Select their teacher
- EG: Kererū Rua (Year 2/3) - Sarah, Abby or Carly

When you receive your stationery, you can simply bring it all into your Whānau Teacher to sort it out!

If you wish to, you may like to name their book bag and books with just their name (using a permanent marker or label) but there is no need to name pencils etc.

If you wish to cover their books, this is fine too! Just bring them in as soon as you can.

What do I need to bring to school each day?

- A lunch box packed with a healthy snack, morning tea and lunch - plenty of food to fuel you!
- A water bottle
- A named jacket/jumper
- A book bag
- A change of named, spare clothing in a wet bag - to be kept in your child's bag daily
- A big smile and positive attitude! 😊



Toys:

A reminder please that we **cannot have** any sort of toys coming into school at all. This helps support your child in staying focused during learning time. We really appreciate your support with this.