

Mānuka News



Term 2 2021 ★ Rooms 6, 7, 8 and 9

Welcome Back!

We have loved hearing all the stories about what the students have been up to over the term break. They have come back with lots of energy, ready for another wonderful term of learning!

Whakatauki (Maori Proverb)

Our Whakatauki this term is **Pai tu, Pai hinga, Haere tonu, kia kaha** which is all about developing a growth mindset and resilience. The literal meaning is 'good to stand, good to fall, keep going, stay strong'. We aim for the children to develop an understanding that to learn we need to work hard and persevere, even when it is challenging.

Curriculum

Inquiry - This term we are celebrating the different cultures represented in our team. We will share what is special about us and learn more about Maori culture and practices. We will explore art from around the world.

Keeping Ourselves Safe:

During weeks 3 - 5 each class will complete the KOS programme, focussing on personal safety.

Literacy - Guided reading groups will start again in week 3. Please look in book bags for their reading books. On Fridays, the reading focus is a poem. The poem book will be sent home so your child can share the poem with you.

For writing, the children will be learning about planning, drafting, self-assessing and publishing writing through creative writing myths and legends.

Mathematics - Maths programmes will be based around measurement (length) and geometry (mapping). With the number programme, we will be grouping within the class, based on the needs of the students. We also include problem solving.

Physical Education - The physical education programme includes daily physical activities i.e. relays, circuits and small games. It will also include a focus on dodging and cooperation through invasive games.

Art In Art this term we will be using patterns in shape, lines and colour to create interesting artworks. We will be using techniques from around the world.

School Uniform

It is important that the correct uniform is worn, however we do understand that there may be times when it is necessary for non-regulation items to be worn. An explanatory note would be appreciated.

Any long sleeve tops worn under a t-shirt must be plain navy, white or black.

Please make sure all clothes are named.

School Routines

8:30am - Road patrol begins and students start arriving at school.

8:55am - The bell rings and school starts. The roll is taken at this time. If a student is late then they will need to stop in at the office to receive a late pass.

11:10 - 11:45 - Morning tea break.

1:25 - 2:00 - Lunchtime

2:55 - School ends.

Library Times

The Manuka classes will visit the library each week. Students will need to bring their book bags to be able to issue books. Books are issued for 2 weeks and then they need to be either returned or renewed. The library is also open at lunchtime.

Allergies

Please don't include nuts or peanut butter in your child's lunch as we have a number of children who are allergic to nuts. Thank-you.

Celebrating Birthdays

We like to recognise your child's birthday in the classroom by having their classmates sing Happy Birthday. Please do not send along sweets or cakes to be handed out.

Home Learning

Home learning is completed weekly. We ask that students read their readers to someone at home, and encourage parents and caregivers to read to their children as well.

Each child is asked to complete activities on Mathletics every week. Let us know if they are unable to access a computer at home and we will try to give them some extra time in class.

Spelling words or high frequency words are glued into home learning books every Monday. Our spelling programme is based on developing common sound and blends knowledge. We test the students on Fridays, and they can receive reward stickers for getting them correct.

Important Dates

Weeks 1 and 2 Daily swimming at Northern Arena

Monday 10th May KOS parent session 2pm

Wednesday 12th May Netsafe Parent evening

Week 4-7 Harbour Hockey Session weekly

Friday 4th June Teacher Only Day

Monday 7th June Queen's Birthday Holiday

Thursday 10th June Junior Cross Country

Friday 2nd July Mid Year Report home

Wednesday 7th July Mid Year Conferences

Please read the fortnightly school newsletter for further dates.

Communication

If you have any questions or queries, please contact your classroom teacher in the first instance. If you require further support, Lisa Leggett (team leader), Julie Butler and Jo Patrick (Associate Principals) or Linda Barton (Principal) will be happy to assist. Email is a great way to keep in touch with us.

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