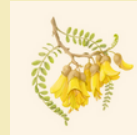




Kōwhai Team



Term 1, 2024 Newsletter

Nau Mai, Haere Mai Welcome

Welcome to Kōwhai. We are excited to get to know you and your child, and have an amazing school year together!

Learning focus

- The Whakataukī (Maori proverb) this term is: 'Manaaki te katoa' which means kindness to all. We will focus on what this looks, feels and sounds like in the Kōwhai team. We want students to care for themselves, each other and the environment.
- We will be exploring our unique characteristics, our similarities and differences, and celebrating these.
- As part of our science learning we will be focusing on the senses and learning to observe and communicate to others what we notice.



Important Dates:



**Wednesday 31 Jan,
1pm- Mihi Whakatau**

Welcome for all new families to the school

Monday 12th Feb

Meet the Teacher Day

Friday 16th Feb

PTA Family picnic event

19-23 February

Swimming at Northern Arena

March 4th

Seaside Senses trip to Long Bay

March 28th

Teacher only day

Communication

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What to bring to school

- A named water bottle every day is essential. Please do not include fizzy or fruit juice in the bottle.
- A sun hat, for protection during playtimes and outdoor learning. These are compulsory in Term 1 and 4.
- A healthy brain snack, morning tea, and lunch. Our school is wrapper free so where possible do not include plastic or packaging.
- Please clearly name uniform items, book bags, jumpers, hats, coats etc.
- Spare clothing in case of accidents, muddy falls, fun water play etc.
- Please do not send nuts or peanut butter sandwiches to school as we have children who are fatally allergic to them.



Home Learning

Home Learning books will be kept in your child's book bag. These contain information to help support your child's learning. Please practise the set of alphabet sounds and "heart words" (irregular spelt high frequency words).

All students have online access to Fast Phonics to help learning at home. Logins and passwords are in Home Learning books.



Waa Hura Discovery Time



Our morning sessions offer open ended play, children have the chance to explore, create, construct and gain understandings in an interest based setting.

As well as supporting our science learning we are offering many activities to support other areas, such as fine and gross motor skills, math, literacy, oral language, social skills, health, and much more.

The school Day

- Classroom doors open at 8:30 a.m. Children settle better if they are early enough to unpack themselves, have a quick goodbye and settle into a play activity.
- School concludes at 2.55 pm. Please wait away from the classroom, by the benches to enable the children to organise their belongings.
- Kōwhai's library day will be Friday mornings.
- Book bags: Please help your child get into the habit of looking after books and returning books in book bags. We are unable to send library books home if your child doesn't have their book bag.

Communication

Parents are always welcome to discuss any concerns they may have about their child's well-being or progress. We are happy to receive emails. Sometimes things can be discussed or clarified after school, however if you require longer it is advisable to make an appointment. We aim to provide a happy, secure caring environment with each child actively involved in the learning process.