



# Team Kōwhai 2025 | Term 1



## Meet the 2025 Team



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#### **Communication**

Parents are always welcome to discuss any aspects of their child's well-being or progress. We are happy to receive emails and will reply to them as soon as possible. Sometimes things can be discussed quickly before or after school; however, if you require longer, it is advisable to make an appointment. We aim to provide a happy, secure, and caring environment.

## **Important Dates**

### **6th February**

Waitangi Day

### **24th-28th February**

Swimming Lessons at Northern Arena

### **31st March**

Teacher Only Day

### **11th April**

Last Day of Term 1

### **Progress Reports**

All new students will receive a progress report once they have attended school for 6 weeks.

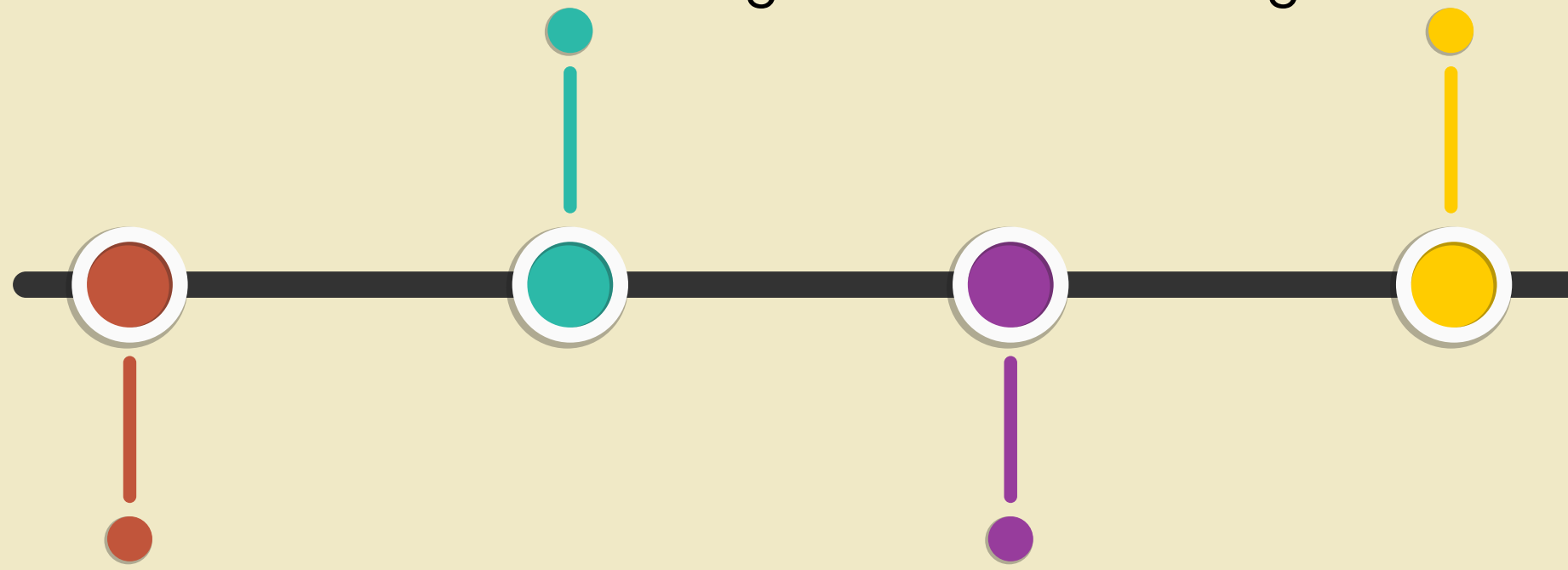
## **What to bring to school**

- A named water bottle at school every day is essential. Please do not include fizzy or fruit juice in the bottle.
- A sun hat is 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. We also ask that children have 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.

# The Normal School Day

School **concludes at 2.55 pm**. Please wait away from the classroom, by the blue benches, to enable the children to organise their belongings.

11:10 – 11:45 Morning Tea



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.

12:45–1:30 Lunch

## Home Learning

- Home Learning books will be kept in your child's book bag and will start coming home in week 3. These will contain information to help you support your child's learning.
- Please focus on practising reading and writing the set of alphabet sounds and "heart" words.
- All students have online access to Reading Eggs. Logins and passwords are in the Home Learning books.
- Kōwhai's library day will be Monday.
- 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.

## Parent Help

We welcome parent help in a variety of ways. If you have some spare time and would like to help out in your child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher.

## Term 1 Learning Focus

- In term 1 we want the children to develop a clear understanding of what is a learning focused classroom. We want students to learn by working hard; to persevere; to care for themselves, each other and our environment.
- Our Waa Hura (Discovery Learning) focus this term will be the topic 'Me and You'. This topic will cover identifying how we are unique, relating to each other and managing our feelings.

## Waa Hura (Discovery Learning)

Our afternoon sessions offer open ended play. Children will have the chance to explore, create, construct and gain understandings of the world around them in an interest based setting. As well as supporting our science learning we offer many activities to support other areas, such as fine and gross motor skills, questioning, cooperation, communication, senses, and much more.