



Team Kōwhai Newsletter

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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

Friday 2 May

PTA Light up the playground

12 May – 16 May

Road safety week

Friday 16 May

Pink Shirt Day

Thursday May 22

Class and portrait photo day

26 May – 30 May

Book week (Book Parade Friday)

Monday 2 June

Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 10 June

Cross-Country

Thursday 19, June

Matariki Assembly, Reports go home

Friday, 20 June

Matariki (Public Holiday)

25 June – 26 June

Parent Interviews

Friday, 27 June

End of Term 2, Donut day

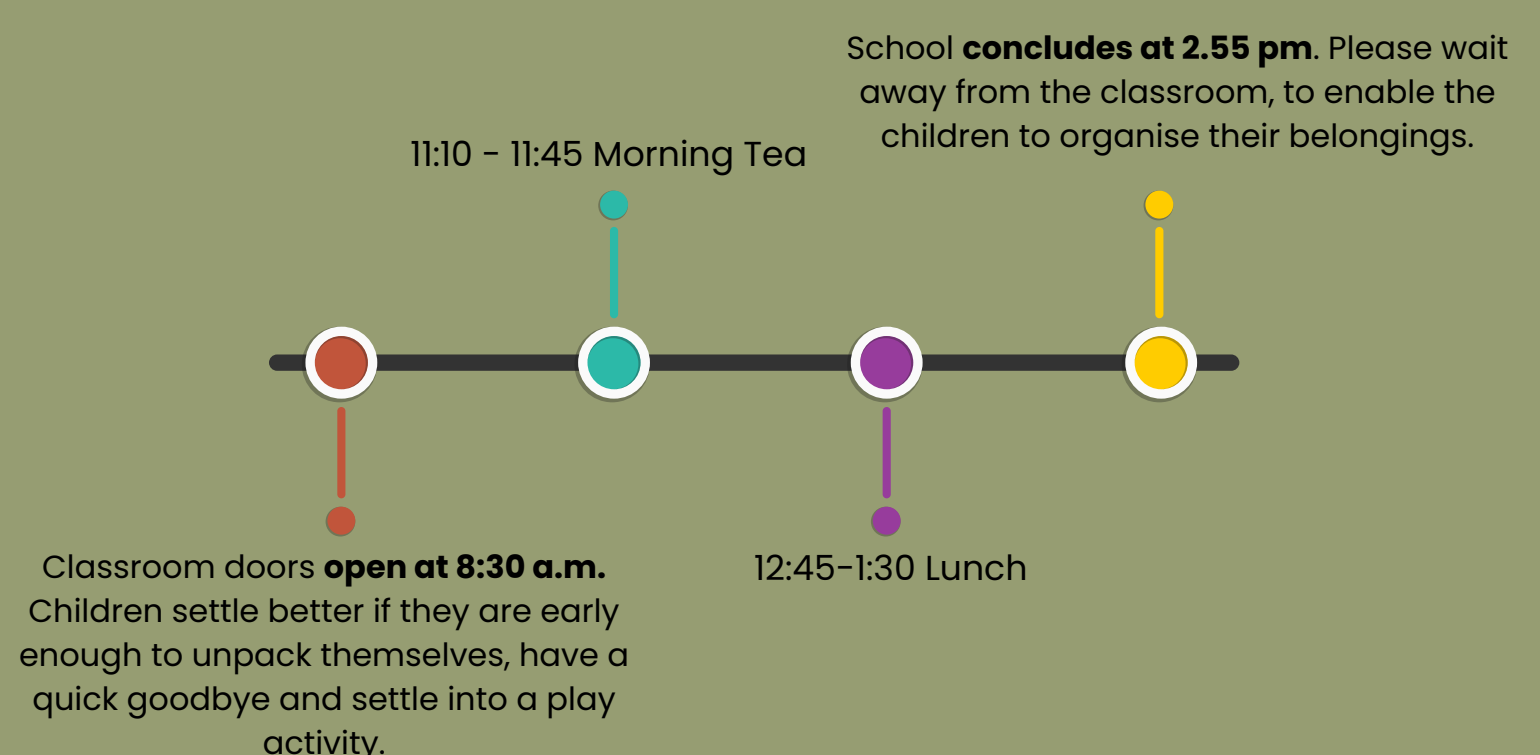
Monday 14 July

Start of Term 3

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



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.

Home Learning

- Home Learning books will be kept in your child’s book bag. These 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 is 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.

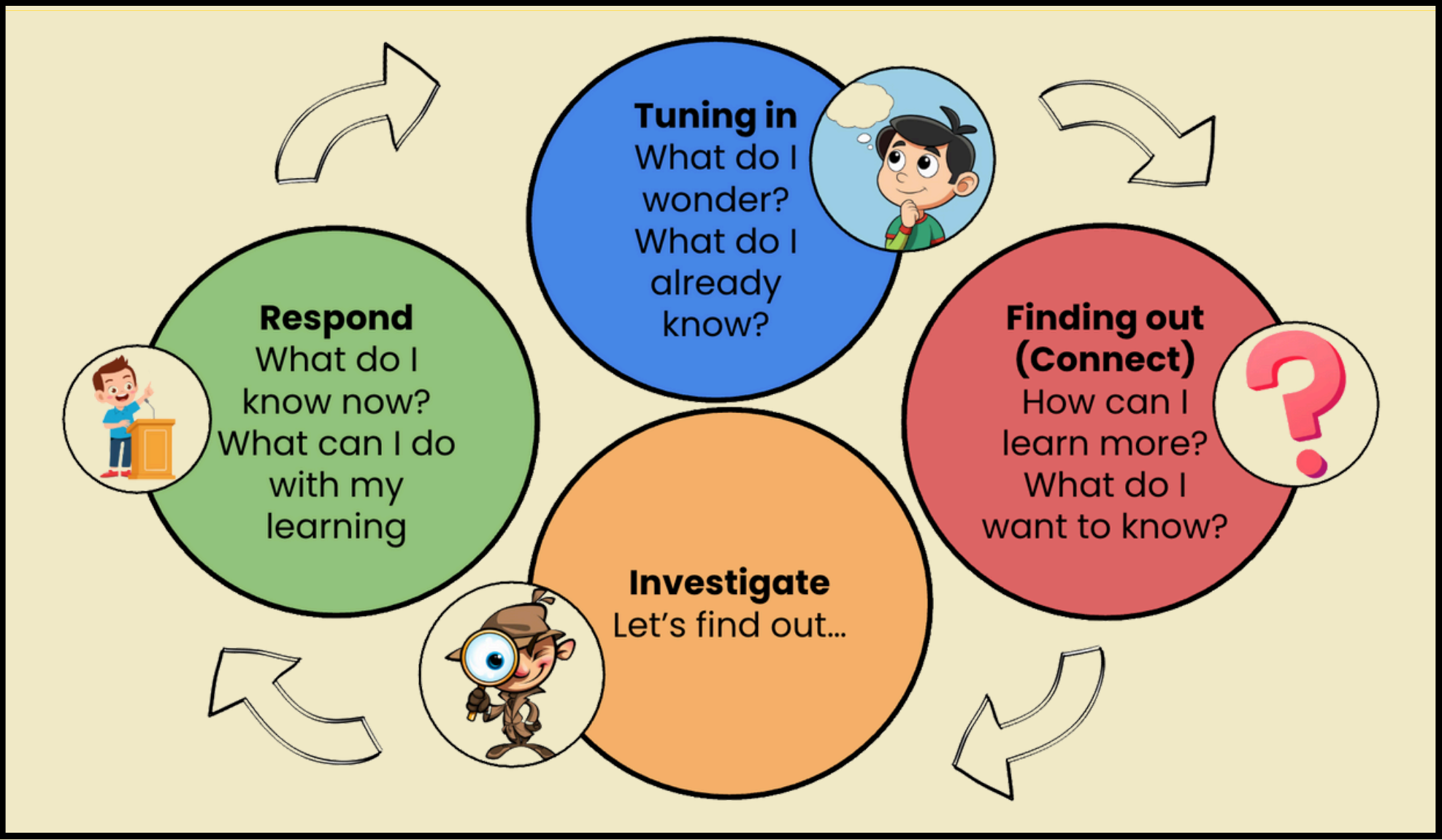
Term 2 Learning Focus

Our Waa Hura (Discovery Learning) focus this term is the topic: ‘How things happened in the past’. This topic explores the central idea that everyone comes from different places, and that’s what makes us special.

Within this, we will focus on the following key ideas:

- Understanding where I am from
- Exploring the cultures within Team Kōwhai
- Learning how people share traditions to express who they are and where they come from

Last year, Team Kōwhai hosted a very successful Matariki Storytelling Evening, where families were invited to share stories and legends from their culture. We are hoping to host this event again this year and will communicate the date once it has been confirmed.



The ‘Inquiry Cycle’
We are curious thinkers! During Waa Hura, we will be following this Inquiry Cycle. This process allows children to take ownership of their learning while still providing structure. Throughout this process, we will ask questions, explore ideas, and discover new things. We start by wondering about something, then find out more by looking, listening, and asking. We investigate our wonderings through directed learning guided by the teachers. Finally, we share what we have learned and celebrate our achievements!

Term 2 Specialisation Timetable (Every Wednesday)

	Room 2	Room 3	Room 23 (Kiwi)	Room 23 (Tūi)
Block 1	Music	Drama	Poetry	Te Reo Māori
Block 2	Te Reo Māori	Music	Drama	Poetry
Block 3	Poetry	Te Reo Māori	Music	Drama