

Term 1, Week 2 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers - Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa

***He taonga te mokopuna, kia whāngaia,
kia tipu, kia rea***

A child is a treasure, to be nurtured, to grow, to flourish



A big welcome back to all our staff, students and to all our new families. I trust you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break.

We have had an exciting start to the new year with Brosnans (Construction firm) beginning work on the junior block. When this has been completed, they will move to the admin block. We will have regular updates on building progress at our school assembly which we will post on our Facebook page.

We have also had work on our new bike track, and we are excited to get children using it when the grass seed has taken.

We are really looking forward to working with whānau to support our tamariki learning journeys. This year we have two syndicate groups Orongorongo (Senior syndicate) and Remutaka (Junior syndicate).

We are very fortunate to have Sid Koia relieving in the senior syndicate for term 1. We will be advertising for a senior teacher this term.

We welcome the following new students and their whānau to our school: Kiwi, Landell-Atama, Riah, Gerald, Milah, Michael, Sara, Atlas, Lincoln, and Theo.

Swimming:

Our school swimming programme starts next week Monday 19 February for the senior syndicate at the Wainuiomata Pool.

The junior syndicate will be swimming at Huia Pool later in the year – more details to come nearer the time.

This year we are continuing to teach the Water Skills for Life programme which is endorsed by Swimming New Zealand and the Ministry of Education. Included at the end of this newsletter is a list of the skills teachers will be working through with their students.



Learning to swim and developing increasing water confidence is part of our Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

We expect all children to bring their togs and participate every day. If your child is unable to swim on a particular day, please provide a written note for their teacher.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts this week. Breakfast Club was very popular last year and was only possible with the help we received from parents and staff.

We are also asking for parents to help with this - If you can help in the morning (8:15am to 9:00am) please let Marlene in the office know.



Touch Payment Term 1 2024

Teams are being made up on Tuesday – payment would be appreciated ASAP – Thank you.

School Trip to Remutaka Forest Park – Thursday 15 February

On Thursday 15 February the whole school will be visiting Remutaka Forest Park.

Four fun activities are planned for the day – swimming, dam building, games and a bush walk.

Whanau are invited to come for the day and adult supervisors are required. A separate newsletter went home last week. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Sun Safe:

The wearing of sunhats outside when at school is compulsory during Terms 1 and 4. **All** children and staff are required to wear a sun hat when playing and / or working outside. Although students are allowed to wear caps, we strongly encourage them to wear wide brimmed hats as per Cancer Society guidelines.

We also encourage children to take responsibility for protecting themselves in the sun by wearing appropriate clothing that covers the parts of the body that may get burnt and by using sunscreen. School sunhats are available from the school office for \$10.00.

Children should also be bringing a drink bottle every day as well.



Road Patrol

A huge thank you to all our road patrol helpers - your support is greatly appreciated. We still need adults to supervise the road patrol children from 8:25am to 9:00am some mornings before school and 2:50pm to 3:05pm. If you can help, please contact Luke Hudson at the school.

Children's Stationery:

Classroom stationery lists and all stationery needs are available at the office. Please ensure your children have all their stationery as soon as possible.



Happy Birthday

Best wishes to these students whose birthday is this week: Mia, Jaden and Amelia.

Listed below is our full staff with their roles and room numbers.

Principal: Allison Burdon

Deputy Principal: Luke Hudson

Assistant Principal / SENCo: Sam Sanders

Kaumatua

Mama Mate

Orongorongo Syndicate

- Room 3 - Dyneeka Hendry (Acting senior leaders)
- Room 4 - Sid Koia - Years 4 - 6
- Room 5 - Serena Tahu - Years 4 - 6
- Room 6 - Deb Neho - Years 4 – 6
- Brenda Williams

Remutaka Syndicate

- Room 7 - Kylie Chapman (Senior Leader) – New Entrants/Year 1
- Room 8 - NE Entrant class to be opened later in the year.
- Room 9 - Teresa Curran – Year 2 & 3 (Teresa's class will be working in room 2 while the building work is being completed)
- Room 10 – Laura Thomson – Year 2 & 3 (Laura's class will be working in room 1 while the building work is being completed)
- Room 11 - Paige Foster – Year 2 & 3 (Paige's class will be working in the library while the building work is being completed)
- Room 12 - Amy Hema – Year 1 (Amy's class will be working in room 8 while the building work is being completed)

Mutukaroa Teacher: Sam Sanders

Teacher Release:

- Irene Noedl
- Pat Johnston

Support Staff:

Janet Low – Executive Assistant

Marlene Bell – Receptionist

Alison Nicholas – Classroom Support / Library

Debra Adams – Classroom Support

Suz Gibb – Classroom Support

Rebecca Whitehead – Classroom Support

Sheryl Oliver – Classroom Support

Kahlia Hammington – Classroom Support / Enviro

Donna Jensen – Classroom Support

Dawn Tilo – Classroom Support

Annie Marnewick – Classroom Support

Daniel Jones – Caretaker

Our School Day

Bell times are as follows:

- Block 1 - 9:00am - 11:00am (Brain break at 10:00am)
- Play Break - 11:00am - 11:20am
- Lunchtime – 11:20am – 11:30am
- Block 2 - 11:30am - 1:00pm
- Play Break - 1:00pm - 1:40pm
- Snack time - 1:40pm - 1:50pm
- Block 3 - 1:50pm – 3:00pm

It is important that your child arrives at school on time as learning begins from 9:00am

Healthy School Lunches

We are really excited with our new lunch suppliers for this year. We have the following lunch suppliers for the year:

- Monday – Subway (Hot meal)
- Tuesday – Subway
- Wednesday – Pita Pit (Hot meal)
- Thursday – Pita Pit
- Friday – Pita Pit (Hot meal)

2024 School Dates

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Monday 5 February– Friday 12 April	Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September	Monday 14 October– Thursday 19 December
<i>Waitangi Day 6/2</i> <i>Easter holidays are in the holidays</i>	<i>ANZAC - 25/4</i> <i>Queen's Birthday 5/6</i> <i>Matariki holiday is in the holidays</i>		<i>Labour Day 25/10</i>
92 half days	96 half days	100 half days	96 half days
TOTAL – 386 half days			



Water Skills for Life Programme

It is now accepted that learning to swim in isolation is not enough to save a life and that water safety skills should form the basis of aquatic education.

About

Water Skills for Life was developed for children in Years 1 - 8 to learn water safety. Based on 27 core skills, establishes broad fundamental competencies for life-long water safety.

Children learn these skills with Water Skills for Life

Water safety and awareness skills

- Recognise an emergency for yourself or others. Know who to call for help and how.
- Know, understand, and respect water safety rules, hazards and risks around the home, farm and around pools.
- Know, understand, and respect water safety rules, hazards, and risk in natural environments such as at the beach, offshore, river or lake.
- Know, understand, and respect water safety rules, hazards, and risks for water activities such as swimming, water sports and boating.
- Know how and why to make safe decisions for yourself and others.
- Know how to recognise hypothermia and how to treat it.

Getting in and out of the water

- Get in and out of the water safely in any environment.
- Perform this sequence with a buddy watching: check the depth of the water, check that the area is safe, jump into deep water, float on back for 1 minute to control breathing, return to edge and exit.

Going under the water - Submersion

- Get under water, open eyes, and control breathing.
- Pick up an object from under the water.
- Dive from a horizontal position in the water and move underwater for a slow count to five.

Floating on the water - Personal Buoyancy

- Float, then regain feet.
- Control breathing while floating on back for at least 1 minute.
- Scull head-first and/or scull feet first for at least 3 minutes
- Tread water for at least 3 minutes in deep water.
- Perform this sequence in deep water: correctly fit a lifejacket then tread water, scull, float, or a mixture for 3 minutes while controlling breathing. Then return to edge and get out of the water.
- Perform this sequence for five minutes: signal for help while treading water, sculling, floating, or a mixture, and while controlling breathing.

Rolling and turning in the water - Orientation

- Horizontal rotation (front to back and back to front)
- Horizontal to vertical rotation and vice versa (front or back to upright and return)
- Vertical rotation (half rotation and full rotation) around the body's vertical axis

What to do in an emergency - Safety of self and others

- Float and signal for help with and without a flotation aid.
- Do a reach rescue and a throw rescue with a buddy.
- Perform this sequence: correctly fit a lifejacket, do a step entry into deep water, float in the H.E.L.P. position, then with a couple of buddies or a group form a huddle, return to edge, and get out.

Moving through the water - Propulsion

- Move 15m non-stop, using any form of propulsion.
- Move through the water environments of all kinds (currents, waves, depth – in situ or simulated)
- Move 50m and/or 3 minutes non-stop, confidently, and competently – using any form of propulsion on their side, front, back, or a mixture.
- Move 100m and/or 5 minutes non-stop, confidently, and competently – using any form of propulsion on their side, front, back, or a mixture.



Important Dates

- Thursday 15th Feb – Remutaka Forest Park
- Friday 16th Feb – School Assembly / Start of Total Touch
- Monday 19th Feb – Snr Swimming Starts / Ulalei Monday Football

Hei konei ra - Kind regards

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