



Tātahi Year 2 Syndicate Term 3 2018

Welcome back to school for Term 3

Tena koutou whanau. Tātahi 2 teachers have been working hard during the holidays planning an exciting term of learning and fun for all our learners.

Learning Through Play:

Each Friday morning from 9.15 we run Learning Through Play sessions. This exciting activity-based programme provides students opportunities to explore curriculum learning and key competency development, in a fun, challenging, student-directed, authentic context. Learning Through Play is a vehicle for extending oral language, developing social skills, exploring science, building inquiry skills, encouraging ICT skills, bringing arts into the classroom and so much more. You are most welcome to visit and be part of the fun.

We look forward to an amazing term with your little learners!

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School begins at 8:55 am.

Children are welcome to class from 8.30am. Prior to this teacher's are preparing for the day and may not be in the classroom to supervise your child.



30 Jul-3 Aug— Cook Island Language Week

Thurs 9 Aug - Parent Conferences—school closing at 2pm

13-17 Aug - NZ Maths Week

20 - 22 Aug— Class Photos

21 Aug - Primary Cricket

10-15 Sept— Maori Language Week

28 Sept - Last day of Term 3.

Kapa Haka:

This term, each Monday at 11am our children will be learning a number of waiata at Kapa Haka with Rangī Halbert. Kapa haka provides a learning environment that celebrates Māori culture and what it means to be Māori. It another way to celebrate NZs uniqueness in our world.

Winter Clothing and Footwear

As we continue in the winter months please ensure that your child /children are clothed appropriately. We would suggest that they wear layers of clothes to enable them to keep cool in our classrooms, while at the same time having adequate warm clothing for play outside. The children also need a coat or jacket at school every day to keep them warm while in the playground. Sunhats are not required at school again until Term 4. Please ensure your children wear appropriate footwear i.e. footwear they can manage by themselves, as they will be taking their shoes off and putting them on again several times each day. If your child wears shoes with laces, it is important that they can tie their own shoes to maintain independence and safety. Feel free to send slippers to school for your child to wear inside. Please ensure ALL clothing is named.



We are looking forward to having our library back in business in about three weeks.

Our times are:

Room 23—Friday 11-11.45

Room 24—Thursday 9.45-10.30

Room 26—Wednesday 2.15-3.00



Contact details

If you need to get in touch, our emails are
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English

Writing

The children will:

- Write spontaneously to record personal experiences; write on a variety of topics and write a recount of events, write stories and poems.

Oral Language

The children will:

- Listen to and respond to others.
- Talk about personal experiences.
- Learn what good speakers and listeners do.

Reading

The children will:

- Select a range of texts and read for enjoyment.
- Select a range of texts and read to gather information.
- Use meaning, structure and visual information to gain understanding from a text.
- Use simple punctuation consistently.



Mathematics

Our numeracy focus in Term 3 is addition and subtraction strategies, as well as early multiplication. We will be learning effective strategies to add and subtract, and quick skip counting. This term we will also learn more about fractions, as well as statistics by gathering data, sorting and displaying results. Later in the term we will be working on measuring volumes, areas and temperatures. So it is a busy term developing our Mathematics skills.



Health and PE

Big Idea: Be physically active and be challenged

This term we will be practising our jumping, landing and balance. We will be creating movement sequences to increase our fitness. We encourage your child to wear sneakers to school to keep their feet well supported.

Home Learning

You can help your child's learning every day, by supporting, encouraging them and being excited by their learning. Each day your child will come home with either a guided reader which they have read with their teacher or with an independent book. Please fill in or sign their yellow reading log so that we can celebrate their number of nights reading.

As Dr Seuss said:

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more things that you learn,
the more places you will go.
--Dr. Seuss**

Each Monday children will bring home spelling words to learn. These words come from either Essential Spelling Lists or from their writing. On Fridays students will have a spelling quiz. Please remind your little learner to bring their spelling notebook back to school on Fridays :)

Topic

Be the Best You Can Be!

Context: Citizenship

This term Tātahi 2 will be learning about 'What makes a good citizen' through our school values. We will be discussing their importance within our school community.

Our School Values

C.R.E.S.T.

Cooperation

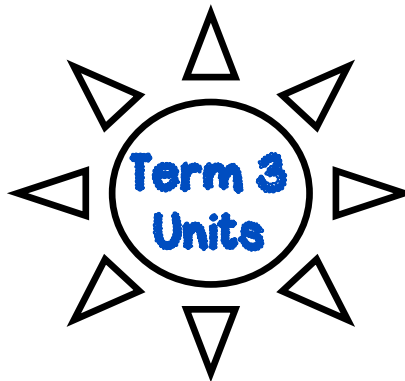
Respect

Excellence

Self-Management

Tolerance

Our students will develop skills and learn that belonging to groups are important for all people. They will also explore the different roles and responsibilities as part of their participation in groups. We will learn that we can all make a difference in our community.



Syndicate Assemblies

Tātahi 2 love to celebrate great learning. Every fortnight from Thursday, 2 August at 2.15 we will hold our Syndicate Assemblies. The first one will be hosted and held in Room 24. After that our assemblies will be held in our school hall. Check Seesaw for any changes.

