



# Term 1 Newsletter 2020

## Nga Kukari

*We are ready to have a great year!*



Kia Ora and welcome to Term 1. We have had a very busy start to the term, with lots of exciting new friendships being made and new classrooms being explored. It was wonderful to catch up and share a beautiful evening together at our School Picnic. It was also lovely to see our gorgeous children having class and individual photos. We can not wait to see them printed!

Over the next few weeks, teachers will continue to build relationships and get to know the children in their rooms. During this time we will be supporting children to learn new routines, expectations, and how to express their emotions.

Our Learning Conversations, to be held Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd March, are an ideal time to communicate with your child's teacher about any social and/or academic needs you feel will help them settle into their new rooms. It is also a really

important time for whanau/parents to make connections with their child's teacher. Please see your classroom teacher if you are having trouble booking a time. We look forward to seeing you.



Term dates: 4th February - 9th April 2020.

## Sunhats

With Term 1 being a summer term, we require students to wear a Tawhai School hat. Teachers name each child's hat and monitor that they are wearing them in the playground.

Please check with your child that they have a sun hat at school. New hats can be purchased from the office.

## Upcoming Events:



- PTSG- Stock Clearance Stall Fundraiser (selling chippies etc) **28th February 2020**
- Learning Conversations **2nd & 3rd March 2020**
- PTSG- Pizza Lunch Fundraiser: **13th March 2020**
- Teacher Only Day: **27th March 2020.**



## Curriculum Coverage:

**Key competencies:** are the capabilities people have, and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future. This term we will be focusing on “Communication”.

**Alert:** We will continue to support children to identify how they are feeling, are their “engines” high, just right, low? How can they change their emotions to suit the environment they are in? All emotions are ok, however we need to understand the best way to express them and the impact they have on ourselves and others.

**Integrated Inquiry:** This term we will be encouraging our children to think about what is “precious” to them. We will be exploring what we think “precious” means and sharing with each other what is precious to us. This is a wonderful way to explore different cultures, places and history.

Please support your child’s learning by sharing what is precious to you and your family/whanau.

**Literacy:** We will be continuing to explore literacy each day in the classroom. Please encourage and support your child learning to read and write by sharing stories with them, listening to them read, and encouraging them to share their ideas (by talking or writing). Your child should be bringing home a reading book most nights.

Please see your classroom teacher if you have any questions

relating to your child's reading/writing progress.

**Numeracy:** Numeracy is another daily focus in our classroom. Children are supported to understand Maths concepts and strategies. Where possible we try to make the connection to Maths in everyday life. Please support your child at home to increase their knowledge and skill by counting with them, cooking with them, and discussing word problems with them. Some students have Mathematics activities and some will have Maths in their homework books.

Please see your classroom teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's progress.

**Te Reo/Kura Ahurea:** This term we are going to continue to learn about Myths & Legends and simple phrases. We are also very excited to learn and share our Mihi. Your Mihi tells the story of the place and the people you belong to.

Matua Whitiri will work with the children on a Thursday morning. This is a wonderful time to learn waiata (songs), vocabulary and Maori traditions. If you would like to come and participate in a session, please contact your child's teacher and they will let you know the time the class attends.



### **Mutukaroa:**

It is always a pleasure to share your child's progress with you. Lynley Poole will be in contact with families/whanau regarding Term 1 meetings. If you have any questions regarding your meeting time please do not hesitate to contact Lynley or Kelly in the office.

## Some important reminders:

- **Arrival at school:** The ideal time for your child to be at school is between 8:30am and 8:45am. We have a lot of children arrive earlier than 8:30am which is a concern in regards to their supervision. Teachers are not required to be in their classrooms until 8:30am, prior to that they may be touching base with colleagues, in meetings or getting themselves organised for the day. If you need to send your child to school earlier, please contact Kelly Club for supervised care - Vanessa Chatfield, Mobile: 0274 185131
- **After school:** Teachers will release children as close to 3pm as possible. However, sometimes classrooms can run a little over time, which results in the class being released a little later. We realise that children often have after-school activities so we do try to keep these occasions to a minimum. Please see your classroom teacher if you need to discuss after school arrangements.
- **Spare clothes:** Please ensure you have a change of clothes, or two, in your child's bag in case they need them. We do not have any spare clothes in the office.
- **Messages for your children:** Please ensure your child knows in advance about after school arrangements. Obviously there will be times when you need to get an urgent message through to your child, but I am sure you can understand how difficult it can be for Kelly to field and follow up the many phone calls she gets at the end of the day.

## Keeping in Touch

Please remember that your child's classroom teacher is happy to talk with you about your child. Please contact your child's teacher about the best time to communicate. If you send an email, please be aware that it may not be answered during the day. There is an expectation that all emails will be replied to within 24 hours.

Kind Regards, Nga Kukari Team



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