



## Term 2 Newsletter 2022

### Nga Kukari



A big welcome back to all of our returning tamariki and to our new whanau who have started at Tawhai School over the last few weeks. It is a pleasure to have you join our wonderful community. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to make contact with your child's classroom teacher.

**Hats:** Tamariki are not required to wear a hat this term.

**Wet Weather:** We are very fortunate to have such beautiful park-like surroundings and now a wonderful canopy. If your child wants to play outside during light rain they need to have a **raincoat and gumboots**. They also need a complete **change of clothes**, as Kelly does not have enough spare clothes in the office.



**Guided Reading Books:** We are delighted to see the progress our children are making with their reading. Please ensure that they **bring back** any Tawhai Reading books that they take home the next day. Children need to have a **bookbag** in order to take books home.

### Upcoming Events:



Please keep checking in with Educa, this is where we will post information to you.

- We have already had a successful Wheels day this term and next week we look forward to celebrating “**Pink Shirt Day**” on **Friday 20th May**. Start digging out those pink clothes now 😊 More information to follow.

- We are also looking forward to our **Nga Kukari Cross Country** on the morning of **Monday 16th May**. The children have already been practicing running around the bike track and showing great resilience. This is a fun activity and a nice way to build up some fitness. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you did not receive Cross Country information on Edcua.
- Teacher Only day - **3rd June**
- Queen's Birthday - **6th June**
- Mihi Whakatau, Matariki celebration day - More information to follow - **23rd June**
- Matariki Public Holiday **24th June**
- Last day of Term 2 - **8th July**

## Curriculum Coverage:

**Key competencies/6 C's:** 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 **thinking** - Thinking is about using creative, critical, and metacognitive processes to make sense of information, experiences, and **collaboration** - Working interdependently as a team.

**NPDL integrated Unit:** This term we are continuing to explore our whakatauki for the year: He moana pukepuke ekengia e te waka (A choppy sea can be navigated). Classes are looking at what **navigation** means, how you can navigate and what skills you need to be able to **navigate successfully**. We are really looking forward to seeing where we end up by the end of the term!

**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. Please contact your classroom teacher if you would like more information regarding our Alert Programme.

**Literacy:** We will be continuing to explore literacy each day in the classroom. Please encourage and support your child's 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.

**Numeracy:** Numeracy is another daily focus in our classroom. Children are supported to understand Mathematical concepts and strategies. Where possible we try to make the **connection to Mathematics 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 Mathletics activities to support their learning.



### **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 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:** School finishes at 3.00pm. Please see your classroom teacher if you need to discuss after school arrangements.
- **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 or after 5pm.

Kind Regards, Nga Kukari Team



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