



EMPOWERING OUR CHILDREN TO SUCCEED IN AN EVER CHANGING WORLD
 Hei whakakaha i ngā tamariki kia whaimana i roto i tēnei ao huri noa



Horoeka Hub

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Term 4 Newsletter 2023

OUR VISION
 Empowering our children to flourish in an ever changing world.

2023
Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai

RESPECT Whakaute
OUR VALUES
RESPONSIBILITY Takohanga
RESILIENCE Manawaroa
INTEGRITY Ngākau Pono

OUR GUIDING WHAKATAUKI – Poipoia te kakano, kia puawai – Nurture the seed and it will blossom.

Kia Ora,

It is hard to believe that we have finished our first week back of Term 4. Welcome to all of our new families that have started this term, we are very excited to have you join our School Community and to share your learning journey with you.

This term we have a new inquiry topic. Although we are always keeping safe and learning about safety, we have some exciting plans this term to deepen our understanding of what “being safe” looks like, and how we can make sure we are being “safe”.

Mihi Whakatau:

We will be welcoming all our new whanau to Tawhai with a Mihi Whakatau on Tuesday 24th October at 9:00am. This is a lovely time to come together and share some kai (morning-tea) with each other.

Our Mihi Whakatau is for all tamariki who started school after Week 2 of Term 3, or for anyone else who has not had the opportunity to participate in this welcoming.

Please look out for more information closer to the time, or ask your classroom teacher if you have any questions.



Communication:

Thank you for supporting your child with their home learning. There will be more information this term regarding your child's progress towards their goals sent to you on Educa.

Please keep checking your Educa account for further information regarding [your child's learning or School activities](#). Please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions about their learning or the classroom programme.

Weather: We are very fortunate to have such beautiful park-like surroundings and we like to get our children out and about enjoying nature as much as possible. Please provide a full **change of clothes in your child's bag**, as Kelly does not have enough spare clothes in the office.

Guided Reading Books: It is always so lovely to share books with your child and see how happy and proud they are to take them home. These books cost a substantial amount of money and it is really important we teach our children to respect books. 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.

Term Dates:

- **Mihi Whakatau - Tuesday 24th October, 9:00am**
- **Last Day of Term: Friday 15th December.**

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 are focussing on: [Managing Self](#) Students have the strategies for meeting challenges. They know when to lead, when to follow and when and how to act independently

Inquiry Unit: This term we are continuing to explore our **whakatauki** for the year: **Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai - Nurture the seed and it will blossom.** We will be supporting tamariki to keep **healthy** and **safe**, so I continue to **blossom** and **grow**.

PB4L/Self Regulation: 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 Self Regulation Programme.

Literacy: We will be continuing to explore literacy each day in the classroom. Please encourage and support your child's learning by **reading and writing** with them, listening to them read, and encouraging them to share their ideas (by talking, drawing and/or writing). Your child should be bringing home a reading book most nights and some sight words to learn (reading and or spelling).

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.

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 child's 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 always happy to talk with you about your child and to support you at home. 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,

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