



Koru Pānui



Kia ora Koru whānau! Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kura, welcome back! We hope that you had a fun summer holiday and that you and your children are ready to get back into the routines of kura life.

For these first couple of weeks we we are focused on helping our tamariki settle into their classrooms, and building relationships with each other and their new kaiako.

We look forward to meeting you on 'Meet the Teacher' evening on February 12. However, you are more than welcome to pop by and catch up with us before then. As you are your child's first teachers, we value the opportunity to talk face to face with you. Aside from that, the best way to keep in touch with your classroom teacher is via Hero.



Dates

FEBRUARY

3rd - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am

6th - Waitangi Day

12th - Meet the teacher

4:30pm - 6:00pm

18th - Waikanae Pool Trip

MARCH

17th - School Photo Day

21st - Teacher Only Day

APRIL

5th - School Triathlon Titahi Bay Beach pp 7th April

9th - School Cross Country

11th - Triathlon Assembly 9:15am



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What's happening in term 1?

Maths

For the first few weeks we will be using Math as a way to get to know your tamariki! We will collect data, make surveys, and learn how to read information from a graph. Over the rest of the term we will learn how to read, say and represent numbers in different ways e.g. 15 = 1 ten and 5 ones and we will begin to learn a range of strategies for solving number problems.

Literacy

Our focus is building a strong foundation in literacy. We will work on phonological awareness, correct letter formation, and systematically teaching sounds and how to use them for reading and writing. Tamariki will have daily opportunities to write and read, both shared and independently. Writers' Workshop will be a weekly chance to be a creative author!

Kaupapa Māori

Our focus will be on developing vocabulary to be able to greet others, introduce ourselves, our whanau and friends. We will begin to learn about pepeha and prepare to be able to introduce ourselves by sharing our pepeha or kōrero tuakiri (a way for non-Māori to share their identity). We will continue to learn commands and instructions.

Inquiry

Our mini inquiry is 'Toitū te Tiriti'. Koru will investigate the partners of te tiriti, their backgrounds and what happened when their worlds collided. Our grand inquiry is Aotearoa Histories: Unity & Belonging. Koru will investigate our place within Porirua, understanding our local community and our responsibilities as local citizens.

P.E.

Term 1 is a huge term for P.E! We have our school triathlon and cross country in the latter part of the term. To prepare for this, we will be focusing on improving our skills on the bikes, and our running fitness. We will also be playing cooperative games to help us develop our new classroom relationships and our interpersonal skills, vital for kura and life.

Sun Smart

Term 1 is a SunSmart term. Please apply sunscreen before school. Make sure your child brings a clearly labelled hat that can stay in the classroom.

Our school rule is:
No hat, no play!



The best way to contact us is via Hero.

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