

Junior Syndicate Newsletter Term 2, 2021



Kia ora Whānau,

The first week back of Term 2 at school has flown by and the students have settled back in really well. We have been enjoying their energy and enthusiasm for learning!

Reminders

Children need to arrive at school between the times of 8:30am – 8:50am. The children are encouraged to unpack their own bags to build independence. They will need to bring in their water bottle and book bag into the classroom.

Learning Through Play

The children are always excited to begin the day with Learning Through Play, and this will continue each day this term. For those parents new to Learning Through Play, it is a pedagogical approach where play is the valued mode of learning, where children can explore, experiment, discover, practise learned skills and solve problems in imaginative and playful ways. If you have any further questions around this please ask your classroom teacher.

What's Happening This Term?

This term, we are focussing on Matariki. This will be explored through Learning Through Play, literacy, mathematics, the arts, and science, and woven throughout a range of other learning areas. We are planning a trip to the city gallery and will be in touch closer to the time with further details. We have a range of whole-school Matariki celebration events planned for Week 9 of this term, and information will come out about this later in the school-wide newsletter.

Home Learning

Our home learning consists of supporting your child to practise their reading at home. It is important for the children to be reading the texts sent home for around 5 -15 minutes each day, which could be after school or in the morning before school. The texts will be familiar texts that they can read independently, as the home learning reading is expected to be a positive time to enjoy books together. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like any guidance with this. We are more than happy to help.

Library Books

The children will be visiting the library with their class once a week on the following days:

Harakeke/Room 5 - Tuesday

Ti Kouka/Room 6 - Wednesday

Ngaio/Room 8 - Thursday

Please ensure books are brought back each week so new books can be issued.

Cross Country

We are currently training for our cross country race. The School Cross Country will be held on Tuesday the 18th May. It is important that children wear clothing and shoes suitable for running long distances to school as we are practising the course each day at the moment.

We are looking forward to the term ahead!

Ngā mihi nui,

Miriam, Nicola and Morgan