



Life Education - 27 Feb - 3rd March

Chantelle and Harold will be visiting our school during this week. Team 1 will be looking at resilience, how our emotions can affect others and what our body and brain need to be healthy.



Family Picnic - Thursday 23rd Feb 4-6m Weather dependent

This will be an informal event for you to meet your child's teacher. There will also be some wellness-based organisations offering information on the back field during this time.

Tabloid Sports Day - Friday 24th Feb

This is a whole school fun day with a range of different activities for children to enjoy. Children will be in house teams on this day.

Swimming Sports - Thursday 9th March

This is an opportunity for your child to show you some of the water skills they have been learning in the pool. More information will follow.

PB4L (Positive Behaviour For Learning) Our school is into it's second year of this programme which is aimed at promoting a sense of pride in our school and students. Throughout the year we will continue to focus on different ways to achieve this.

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TEAM 1 TERM 1 2023

Kia-ora and a huge welcome to you all. We hope that you all had a wonderful relaxing holiday and fun times with your children. We are looking forward to a great year of learning, hopefully with less interruptions than previous years.

This year our team consists of: Mrs Jennie McKeown Rm 1, Ms Melanie Paterson Rm 2, Mrs Ashlee Roache Rm3, Whaea Jen Rm6, Mrs Barbara Woodham (Team Leader) Rm4, Miss Sam Brown Rm 12, Mrs Liz Woods Rm 13 and Whaea Karen Rm 23.



Our school mascots Eric and Erica represent our school values of Excellence, Respect, Integrity, Citizenship and Attitude. Throughout the year we will be talking about what these values look like at our school along with our Top 5 expectations.



This newsletter contains important information so please read it and make note of swimming days, library day and upcoming events.

I am looking forward to partnering with you to help your child succeed at school this year as they continue their learning journey. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
Thank you.



Learning Areas for this term will include . . .



***Swimming** - Our swimming days are Tuesday to Thursday after lunch. As this part of the NZ curriculum please send a note if your child is unable to participate.

School Library: Our library day is Tuesday. Your child will visit on a weekly basis and take a book out. To protect our precious books, if your child does not have a homepack they will be unable to take a library book home.



***Literacy** will be a MAJOR curriculum focus area as good oral language, reading, comprehension and writing skills underpin all other curriculum learning.

This year Team 1 is implementing the Structured Literacy Approach which is aimed at providing children with the skills needed to become successful decoders and spellers.

Each night your child will bring home some form of **reading**. Please listen to them and help them with any tricky words. Please sign their reading log and return this the following day. Thank you for supporting their learning by reading with them.

***Numeracy** - we are continuing with the Numicon approach to mathematics. This well-researched programme includes lots of hands-on learning based on looking for patterns within numbers. Numicon packs can be purchased from the office for \$11.

To help set up good routines please ensure your child is at school **BEFORE 8:45am**. We will be encouraging them to get ready for their learning day before they go to play.



Home packs - please ensure that you child's home pack is in their bag each day - due to the large number of books returning damaged, your child will not be allowed to bring a reader or library book home without one. These can be purchased from the school office.

A named wide brimmed sunhat is compulsory for this term. Children without one may have to stay in the shade. Hats are available for purchase from the office.

Drink bottles: It is important that your child stay hydrated on these hot summer days. Water is the BEST drink for a child's body and brain. There will be a container in the classroom so children will have access to their drink bottle.



Fruit Break: please send your child with a piece of fruit/vege/nuts to have as a healthy brain snack halfway through our morning block. If anyone has any surplus seasonal fruit you could send to school, our children would really appreciate it.



There is a supervised 10 minute eating time at the start of each break. We appreciate your help in providing healthy food options for your child. Please snip the corners of chips/muesli bars etc. to make them easier for your child to open independently.

Please remember to name your child's clothing, shoes, hats as this makes it so much easier to return misplaced items to them.