

Year 1-2 Team Newsletter

Term 3 2021



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to welcome new children and families to Mairangi Bay School and hope you have all had a relaxing break. We would also like to welcome Mrs Diana Benli and Anna Smith to our junior team. Diana will be teaching in Room 9. and Anna will teach Room 8 Monday-Wednesday.

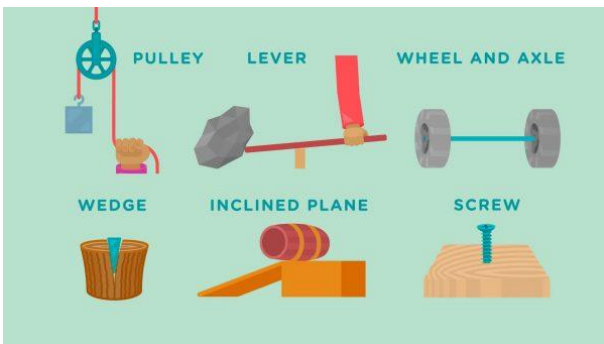
Dates to Remember

2nd September	MOTAT
3rd September	Teacher Only Day
9th September	Student Led Conferences
1st October	Last day of Term 3

Please check Hero for any changes.

Term Overview

This term, we will be working on the following:



Topic/Inquiry – We have spent the first 2 weeks of the term celebrating and learning about the Olympics. Our major topic for this term is **Function**. We will be learning about simple machines and how they work together to create complex machines. We will visit MOTAT later in the term. We will be needing some parent help from each class. Specific information will be sent out closer to the time.

Maths - We will be focusing on measurement for the first 3 weeks. Numeracy will continue throughout the term with a focus on fractions and multiplication for the Year 2 children.

Physical Education

Our Fitness and PE programme for the term will concentrate on PMP, team building games, ball skills and gymnastics.

How Can You Help At Home

As teachers we talk about strategies (how we use ideas or information) and knowledge (automatic responses to basic information required for literacy and numeracy) in terms of learning.

Automatic recognition of letters, sounds, basic words (fish words) are essential knowledge required for literacy skills. In maths, recognition of dice or finger patterns up to 5, then 10, then 20; basic adding and subtracting facts are key number knowledge. Games involving instant recognition of these items can be fun ways for you to help your child at home.

Talk to your child about their home reader either during or after its reading. Discuss the people and their feelings -why would they do that? What else could they have done? Conversations like these help your child to understand the book at a deeper level.

Read to your child. When you read a book to your child you are providing the new vocabulary, concepts and sentence constructions they will be using soon. You are laying this pathway for them to access more easily.

General Information

- Please send children to school with a polar fleece every day.
- Spare clothing is required during the winter terms in case the children get muddy or wet during their break times. These can be left in a plastic bag at the bottom of their school bags.
- We would also like to remind you that footwear is compulsory in the playground in Terms 3. Please ensure your child can take off and put on their shoes independently.
- Thank you for sending your child in the correct uniform, particularly the required socks and shoes. We also request that undershirts are not visible when wearing their polo shirts.
- Please ensure your child is at school by **8.45am** in order to be prepared for the school day.
- If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. It gives them a chance to get better, and not pass on bugs to their peers and teachers.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The mud kitchen is a special and often busy place for our children filled with mud pies and so much more! Should you have any silicone bakeware or plastic measuring cups you no longer require, please consider donating this to our mud kitchen as we find the metal trays begin to rust quickly.

CLASSROOM DONATIONS

Our classes are still looking for construction items and loose parts. These include:

- Cardboard boxes
- Ice cream containers
- Paper towel tubes
- Yoghurt containers (with and without lids)
- Egg cartons
- Shoe boxes
- Food and Home & Garden magazines

If you're renovating, please consider donating any leftover building materials (pipes, wood, nails, carpet offcuts, lino offcuts etc) to our classrooms.

We look forward to helping your child have a happy and rewarding term in this very important period of their learning.

We hope you and your children have a happy and safe term.

The Junior Team

