

Year 1 & 2 Team Newsletter

Term 2 2022

Friday 6th May

Dear Parents and Whanau

Welcome back to another exciting term at Mairangi Bay School. It is wonderful to be able to have parents onsite.

We especially welcome our new children and families to our team and trust you will enjoy your time with us.

Our class organisation is as follows:

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Dates To Remember

Week 3 - May 17th
Week 3 - May 20th

Ko Te Wai (Year 1 only)
Pink Shirt Day

Week 5 - May 30th
Save day 3rd June
Week 5 - May 30th

Cross Country
Ko Te Wai (Year 1 only)

Week 5 - June 2nd

Little Bo Peep mobile farm (onsite)

Week 6 - June 6th
Week 6 - June 8th

Queen's Birthday
Science in a Van

Week 8 - 23rd June
Week 8 - 24th June

Teacher Only day
Matariki Holiday

Week 9 - 27th June
Week 9 - 28th June

Teacher Only day
Ko Te Wai Field Trip (Year 1 only)

Week 10 - 5th July

Ko Te Wai Celebration (Year 1 only)

Learning topics

Science – **Change**

Driving question: How can I change states of matter/material

Key understanding: To make or become different

Reading

Our goal is to provide a reading programme that is enjoyable and offers children a wide range of reading experiences. To meet the diverse needs of students, we use a variety of reading approaches. These include:

Shared reading – reading to and with the children.

Guided reading – instructional reading where students are grouped.

Independent reading – reading for pleasure; library books, magazines, topic books, poems, alphabet books, taped stories, computer books, choosing box books, etc.



Written Language

Each class will operate a daily writing programme based on the learning needs and interests of each group. Children will learn to record their own ideas and gain confidence and independence in their writing and spelling skills.

Phonics

This term, we are beginning a structured phonics programme. It will be 20 minutes Monday-Thursday. This will work alongside our writing and reading programmes.

Maths

All classrooms will cover maths using the Numeracy Project approach which focuses on number knowledge and strategy development. Other maths strands, such as geometry, measurement and statistics will also be covered during the term.

Handwriting – Casey Caterpillar Programme

Handwriting is taught with an emphasis on pencil grip and correct letter formation using appropriate direction, start and end points. It is helpful for home activities to reflect the same format as expected at school. Please encourage the use of lower-case letters unless beginning a name or sentence. Please also encourage your child to use the correct pencil grip. Our Casey Caterpillar handwriting programme helps to reinforce consistent direction, starting point, letter shape and flow.



Physical Education

The Junior team will be focusing on training for Cross Country. Children are welcome to bring running shoes to school in a separate bag.

Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP)

This is a valued regime of activities to ensure the children all have adequate fine and gross motor coordination, balance and strength development required for academic and physical learning. It is a precursor to the formal PE programme. This usually runs from 9-10:40am Monday - Thursday.

If you can help take a group on a regular basis we would love to hear from you.

Child Safety: Signing out & signing in during the school day.

Please ensure you sign your child out and in at the office and let your child's teacher know when you are taking them and when they expect to be returned.

Emails

Sometimes we do not have many opportunities to check emails throughout the school day. If you are wanting to contact us regarding after school or during school pick up,

please touch base with the office to ensure the message is received. Please email your teacher to make a time to meet if you have any concerns. Teachers will always endeavour to check their emails before and /or after school.

Tracking Books

Our tracking books contain many of the tracking sheets that teachers use to assist with planning and teaching the next steps. All of your child's data is kept in this one booklet. The Junior team enjoys sharing these with you. We aim to send them home towards the end of the term so you can see, share and celebrate your child's progress and next learning steps.

Hats and shoes

- This term, hats are not compulsory
- Footwear **must be worn to and from school**. Please ensure your child's shoes are clearly named.
- This term the children are required to wear their winter uniform, however they may bring their sports uniform for Cross Country practise.

Toys at School

Children are not permitted to bring toys to school as they can get lost, broken or misused.

Parent help

We are very interested to hear from those parents that are able to help in and out of the classroom. Please see your child's teacher if you can, we are always grateful for any assistance.

Requests for items from home

Teachers love to recycle. Ice cream containers, newspapers, material, cardboard tubes, wool and cartons are often required. Please check with your classroom teacher for their needs specific to their plans.



General Information

Children are permitted on to the school grounds at 8.30 a.m. each day **after the bell**. We suggest your child is at school by 8.45 a.m. to get organised for the start of school at 8.55 a.m. sKids is available for childcare before 8.30am and after 3pm. Please see our school website for details.

Please remember to check in at the school office if you need to come to school during the day – even to drop off lunches or book bags.

For any child absences, please phone (09) 4788424 (24 hours) or email absences@mairangibay.school.nz or use Hero.

We are looking forward to a great term together!
We hope you and your children have a happy and safe term.

Nga Mihi
Year 1 & 2 Team

