

Manuka NEWSLETTER TERM ONE 2018

To the Parents/Caregivers of the students in Manuka,

Welcome to the Manuka team for 2018. We hope you all have enjoyed a fantastic and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to getting to know the students in our classes and working with them in class, team and school learning programmes. We warmly welcome our new students to the school and trust they will make friends and settle quickly into their new classes.

This year Manuka will consist of three year 2 and 3 classes. Adele Montgomery and Kate Porter in Room 10, Katherine Aitkin in Room 11 and Dianne Mayall in Room 12.

There will be opportunities for students to join a variety of lunchtime and extracurricular activities like sports teams, music groups, and the Enviro group. To help your child settle quickly into class routines could you please ensure they arrive at school after 8.30 am, but before the 8.55 am morning bell. School starts at 8.55 am. The school day finishes at 2.55pm.

Uniform

The school has a compulsory sun hat policy and all students are required to wear an appropriate sun hat when participating in outdoor activities. To be sun safe, students who forget their sun hats will need to stay in a designated shade area. We also encourage students to use sun cream.

Students should be wearing our school uniform with pride. It is important that the correct uniform is worn however we do understand that there may be times when it is necessary for non-regulation items to worn. An explanatory note would be appreciated. Suitable footwear is expected. No boots, jandals, crocs or shoes that are not appropriate for running in. As everyone is wearing our school uniform, please do label all items of clothing.

Lunches

We are a wrapper free school. Please remember to use reusable lunch bags, containers, and wraps instead of gladwrap, and avoid sending food that has a wrapper.

It is very important that lunches **do not include egg or nuts**, as we have students in Manuka team who are highly allergic.

Library

Manuka's library time is Thursday afternoons. Please can everyone make sure to bring their bookbags.

Personal belongings / money

Teachers expect students to look after their possessions and to take responsibility for putting things in the right places. Students should not bring money to school unless it is requested by the teacher/school. Any money sent to school needs to be clearly labeled in an envelope with your child's name, room number and the purpose for the money.

Parent helpers

Parent help is always welcome and there are many tasks that you can do to assist, for example - supervising with trips outside the classroom, coaching or helping with sports teams, putting books away etc. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to help. We do appreciate assistance with school-wide programmes such as Bookworm and sporting events.

Homelearning

Students will receive regular home learning. Home learning may consist of reading, spelling, maths and integrated topic work. Individual class teachers will explain to their students the expectations and routines.

Term One Curriculum

Term one promises to be interesting and exciting. We are very fortunate to be able to continue with the arts and physical education specialisation programme, which involves opportunities for the students to experience dance, te reo, drama and P.E. Te Reo will also be integrated into the daily programme to encourage use in authentic contexts.

Literacy

Literacy skills will be developed through instructional programmes and applied within integrated inquiry contexts. Planning, drafting, self/peer assessing, editing and publishing skills will be developed so students can begin to apply these skills independently. Active listening, speaking clearly, recording legibly and presenting to a high standard will be a focus.

Maths

Maths programmes will be based around statistics (collecting and plotting data) and measurement (time and temperature, length). With the number programme, we will be grouping within the class, based on the needs of the students.

Physical Education

The physical education programme includes daily physical activities i.e. relays, circuits and small games, as well as specialist P.E. sessions, taken by Mrs Douglas. Our swimming programme is at Northern Arena and runs over a two week block, with the students swimming each day.

Inquiry

Our integrated inquiry will be based around the theme 'What is a great learner?', This will be looking at what we need to be the best learner and how to be safe and healthy. This concept will be explored in a range of authentic contexts.

Please feel welcome to pop into the classroom before and after school to view your child's work. There may be times when you wish to discuss your child with us. If we are not immediately available, we will arrange a convenient time to talk. It is very important to have good communication between home and school and we hope you would contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

Our e-mail addresses are -

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Upcoming dates: Term 1, 5 February to 13 April

Year 2 swimming - Monday 26th February to Friday 2nd March (daily).

Year 3 swimming - Monday 5th March to Thursday 15th March (daily).

Goal Setting Conferences - Wednesday 28th February. An opportunity for parents to meet with the teacher to discuss their child's learning and progress and to establish learning goals.

We look forward to an enjoyable year.

Kind regards,

Manuka Teachers.