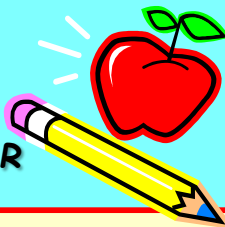


KOWHAI TERM 1 2019 NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to Long Bay Primary

The school day

- Classroom doors open at 8:30 a.m.
- Return book bags, water bottles etc to the correct place.
- Students are not allowed to play on the playground before school starts.
- Learning time starts at 8:55 a.m. and school concludes at 2:55 p.m.



Communication

- Parents are always welcome to come and discuss any concerns they may have about their child's well-being or progress. We aim to provide a happy, secure caring environment with each child actively involved in the learning process.

What to bring to school

- A named water bottle at school every day. Please do not include fizzy drinks or fruit juice in the bottle.
- Our school is wrapper free so where possible do not include plastic or packaging.
- **Please don't send nuts or peanut butter sandwiches to school as we have children who are fatally allergic to them.**
- All uniform items, book bags, hats etc need to be clearly named.
- Sun hats are compulsory in term 1 and 4.

Home Learning

- It is vital that your child read every day.
- Kowhai team visit the library every Friday. Please return the books on time so your child can borrow new books each week.
- Book bags: Please help your child get into the habit of looking after books and returning books in book bags. The book bags protect our class reading books, library books and poetry books.

Learning focus

- In term 1 the children develop a clear understanding of what is a learning-focused classroom.
- We want students to learn by working hard; to persevere; to care for themselves, each other and our environment.

Waa Hura

Our morning sessions offer open ended play, children have the chance to explore, create, construct and gain understandings of the world around them in an interest based setting. As well as supporting our Science learning we are offering many activities to support other areas, such as fine and gross motor skills, questioning, cooperation, communication, senses, and much more.



Parent help

We welcome parent help in a variety of ways, so if you have some spare time and would like to help out in your child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher.

Ngā mihi

Kowhai team class teachers

Room 1 Tracey Hardey

Room 2 Irene Navarro

Room 3 Tarina MacKay

This term's Highlights

Week 4: 25 February to 1 March

We will be attending swimming lessons at Northern Arena every day for the full week.

Friday 29th March

Kelly Tarlton trip

Parent teacher interviews for new entrants

These will be confirmed after week 6, 11 March, once your child has attended school for 6 weeks.

Swimming

Each child has a half an hour swimming lesson at Northern Arena swim school. Children will travel to the pool by bus. Letters have been sent home detailing costs and swimming times. We also ask that you complete an ability questionnaire. Your child will be grouped with reference to the questionnaire and after initial observations by the swimming instructors. If you are able to help with dressing children, please let your child's class teacher know. The questionnaire needs to be completed and returned as soon as possible.