



# Kōwhai Team



## Term 4, 2024 Newsletter

### Nau Mai, Haere Mai

Welcome back to Term 4, and a special welcome to all our new students and families.

#### Learning focus

In Term 4 we recap the school values of kindness, resilience, and creativity. We want students to know, understand and share how they can show these values at Long Bay primary.

#### Inquiry

At the end of Term 3 we began our inquiry into States of Matter and learnt about materials and their different properties. We will continue to investigate different types of materials and explore how matter can change.

#### Literacy

Developing a strong foundation for reading and writing is essential in the early years. Using a structured literacy approach provides this foundation. All students engage in whole class teaching, as well as grouped skill development to meet the learning goals of your child. Students follow a scope and sequence of learning to read and write sounds, words, and when ready they apply these skills at sentence level to read and write.

#### Maths

Applying number knowledge to everyday situations is a key understanding for our students. Whether it be setting the table, adding pocket money, measuring ingredients, or sports, maths is all around us. Please support your child to apply what they know in lots of fun ways. Card games & board games are great at this.



### Important Dates:



**Friday 18th October**

**Mihi Whakatau**

Welcome for all new families to the school

**School Disco**

**Tuesday 29th October**

Teacher only day

**Tuesday 12th August**

Junior school athletics

**Friday 15th November**

Book week parade dress up

**Thursday 21st November**

Festival of the arts 5-7pm

**Wednesday 27th November**

Kōwhai camp day & Old Macdonald farm

**Friday 13th December**

Last day of school

**Newly entered students to school in**

Term 4 receive a progress report once they have attended school for 6 weeks. You will be invited to discuss this report with the teacher.

### Home Learning

Your child's home learning book contains information on the skills that your child is practising. At this young age we ask that you practise these skills by keeping things fun, e.g. eye spy, scrabble, scavenger hunts with sounds, guess the word/number, writing with chalk/sand. We believe in the huge benefits of learning through play and this is most important for your child's developmental age.

Fast phonics logins & passwords are in Home Learning books.

# What to bring to school

- Sunhats are compulsory for Terms 1 and 4 for outdoor activities. If your child has forgotten their hat, they will be asked to play in the shade at play times. Hats can be left at school in the classroom box.
- A named water bottle every day is essential. Please do not include fizzy or fruit juice in the bottle. Please do not send milk, as this is often spilt & leads to smelly carpets.
- A healthy brain snack, morning tea, and lunch. Our school is wrapper free so where possible do not include plastic or packaging.
- Please keep lollies and chocolate as a treat for home, not for eating at school.
- Please clearly name uniform items, book bags, jumpers, hats, coats etc.
- Spare clothing in case of accidents, muddy falls, fun water play etc.
- Please do not send nuts or peanut butter sandwiches to school as we have children who are fatally allergic to them.



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# Waa Hura Discovery Time



Waa Hura sessions offer open ended play, where children have the chance to explore, create, construct and gain understandings in an interest based setting.

These sessions often support our inquiry learning as well other areas, such as fine and gross motor skills, math, literacy, oral language, social skills, health, and much more.

# The school Day

- Classroom doors open at 8:30 a.m. Children settle better if they are early enough to unpack themselves, have a quick goodbye and settle into a play activity.
- School concludes at 2.55 pm. Please wait away from the classroom, by the benches to enable the children to organise their belongings.
- Kōwhai's library day will be Friday mornings.
- Book bags: Please help your child get into the habit of looking after books and returning books in book bags. We are unable to send library books home if your child doesn't have their book bag.



Parents are always welcome to discuss any concerns they may have about their child's well-being or progress. We are happy to receive emails. Sometimes things can be discussed or clarified after school, however if you require longer it is advisable to make an appointment. We aim to provide a happy, secure caring environment with each child actively involved in the learning process.