

## Rooms 5, 6, 7, & 8 Newsletter, Term 1 2023

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Haere mai Whānau! Welcome to Term 1! We have an action packed term ahead of us. Make sure you check out the key messages and dates for this term!

### Big Ideas/Inquiry

This term, we will be thinking about ourselves as learners. Specifically, how we can change our thinking to enable ourselves to take risks in our learning and solve problems we consider difficult. We will also be looking at our local history, exploring the different perspectives of the Treaty of Waitangi, and building our knowledge of ANZAC Day.

### Te Reo Māori

The children will be affirming their knowledge of their *mihi*, and creating their own. We start the day sharing karakia and waiata. We are looking at the history of the Treaty of Waitangi. The children will work together to form their own Classroom Treaty.

### Mathematics

There will be a strong focus on improving our students' basic facts knowledge alongside exploring place value and a range of number strategies. We are exploring Geometry as a strand, which looks at shape, coordinates, and changing shapes using transformation.

### Reading

The students will take part in a range of learning activities and lessons that focus on developing decoding and comprehension strategies. This is applied through a range of fiction and nonfiction texts.

### Writing

Children will explore the power of the words they use. They will work on being descriptive and painting a picture in their audience's head.

### Home Learning

We encourage students to complete home learning. The children will be rewarded if they complete it and return it to their teacher but this is not compulsory.

### Important dates this term

Week 1: Goal Setting (Mon), School Powhiri (Tues), Top Team Day (Fri - Postponed)  
Week 2: Waitangi Day (Mon - No School), Camp - Parent help forms due back (Fri)  
Week 3: Whānau Day/School Hangi (Fri) - Please come along!  
Week 4: Camp Meeting (Tues - 5:15pm in Rm 7)  
Week 5: Camp - See below to find out when each class is going.  
Week 6: Tryathlon (Wed), Teachers only Day (Fri - No School)  
Week 7: Taranaki Anniversary (Mon - No school)  
Week 10: ANZAC Assembly (Wed), Good Friday (Fri - No School)

### Important Notices:

#### Sun Smart

It is that time of the year again! Please encourage your tamariki to be sun smart by bringing a hat and water bottle each day. Sunscreen is provided. If your child needs a specific brand, please ensure they bring it to school to use.

#### Camp

All classes will be going up the mountain to stay a night at Konini Lodge in Week Five. The purpose of the camp is to develop important learning relationships for the students and teachers. It is also a great opportunity to step out of comfort zones and practice the value of resilience. Specific details around camp will be going home in Week One. Classes will participate in two days of fun activities and have one overnight stay.

Room 7: Mon 27th - Tuesday 28th Feb

Room 6: Tuesday 28th - Wednesday 1st Mar

Room 8: Wednesday 1st - Thursday 2nd Mar

Room 5: Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd Mar

#### Police vetting

If you are thinking of helping in the classroom, on camp or school outings, please ensure you are police vetted. Please contact the office ASAP if you wish to attend camps and have not completed a form.

### School Values

To be the best that they can be, our students continuously engage with the school values. We will be having thorough discussions about what these values look like, sound like and feel like. Questions like, "How do these values align with your values at home?" will help to make important connections between home and school.

### Your friendly teachers

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