

# 2019 Mana Syndicate News

## Term 2

### Kia Ora e te Whānau

We hope you all had a lovely relaxing break together over the holidays.  
We are looking forward to the exciting term ahead!

### Important Information

#### Integrated Topic

Light is all around us even in the darkest places. This term Mana is investigating light and colour as part of our integrated science unit. We will look at some of the properties of light and how we get different colours. Experiments will explore reflection and refraction of light and students will also learn about how the eye works.



#### Snack time

Each class has a snack time around 10am to keep our brains ticking. Your child will need a fruit, nut or vegetable snack each day. Please make sure they have something cut up and small so it is quick and easy. For example they can eat a few slices of apple, carrot sticks or a small mandarin.



#### Seesaw

Seesaw is a student-driven digital portfolio that empowers students to independently document and share what they are learning at school. Each class in Mana is using Seesaw to share student learning that is happening in their classroom. It's really exciting for students when they receive feedback on what they share so please check in when you can! You can also link grandparents and wider family to your child's account as well.



#### Water Bottles

Did you know that your brain is over 75% water? Staying hydrated keeps your brain alert. And an alert mind makes learning so much easier!

Please encourage your child to bring a **named** water bottle each day. This can be refilled during the day in classrooms or from our water fountains.

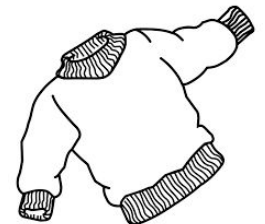


#### Arrival at School

To promote independence, please help tamariki get to kura on time. We have an 8.30 bell which rings to tell tamariki they may put away their belongings and play inside quietly - or they can continue to play outside. The next bell is at 8.55. Arriving before 8.55 gives tamariki time to put their belongings in the correct places themselves, to settle in for the day ahead and important social and oral language time.

#### Clothing

Throughout the year we are often left with numerous bits of clothing. **Please ensure your child's clothes are well labelled** with first and last name to ensure they are returned to you if they are misplaced. With the cooler months coming, it is also very important to dress appropriately for the weather. Children are encouraged to leave their shoes outside of the classroom over the next two terms and are welcome to bring some snuggly socks or slippers for inside the classroom.



#### Change of Clothing

It is also a great idea to have **a change of clothing in your child's school bag**. There is only a very limited supply of clothing in the office for when children have accidents or slip over, so it's good to have their own supply on hand if needed. Thanks!

#### Cross Country

The children will be practising for the school cross country event over the first four weeks of the term. It is important that your child brings appropriate clothing and footwear for this activity. Mana syndicate will be training on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons**. The aim is for everyone to do their best and give

it a go, regardless of placing. The school cross country will be held on **Friday 24th May, 10:30-1pm** at the Plimmerton Domain.

### **Other Physical Education this term**

Large ball skills and games (such as football, rugby, four square, basketball, netball)

Te Reo Kori

Dance and movement (mixture of old and new)

Mana indoor football tournament - weeks 3-4 Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

This term, Year 3 & 4 students have the opportunity to learn netball skills with Miss Kansas during Friday lunchtimes. This is to promote basic netball skills and to get us ready for netball in Y5. Girls **and** boys are welcome!

### **Toys & Valuables**

We encourage children to bring resources to support studies and programmes but **please discourage your child from bringing toys or valuable equipment to school** as we are unable to accept responsibility in the event of breakage or loss.

### **Te Reo Maori**

This term we are looking at te reo Kori (rākau and poi) position (left, right, up, down etc), continuing with numbers and colours and our pepeha/mihi and we'll be celebrating Matariki too! (Aue! Lots of mahi!)

Remember to check out it's Cool to Kōrero in the newsletter each week for some handy kīwaha and kupu to use ki runga i te kainga (at home) too!



### **Homework**

For children in Mana Syndicate homework mainly involves reading and the learning of number knowledge. They may not have a new book everyday and sometimes they will bring home other reading material to share with you.



Number knowledge activities to build and maintain basic facts recall would be great maths practise. Your classroom teacher may send ideas home throughout the year. We encourage you to practise these activities daily, as number knowledge is key to making progress in mathematics.



### **Home Learning Challenges:**

For those that would like more homework The Home Learning Programme is for you. It consists of a set of optional significant home learning challenges for students at each level of the school.

[Y3 Home Learning Challenge](#)

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### **Life Education Truck (Harold the Giraffe) :**

The Life Education truck with their educators will be at school for 3 weeks this term, from week 2 through to the start of week 5. Mana classes will have two sessions based around friendship and what makes a good friend.



### **School Library**

Our school library is available for tamariki to use on a daily basis. Each class has a weekly library time during which they are able to issue a book to bring home to read. Please make sure books are returned the following week.

**Monday - Room 6    Wednesday - Room 1    Thursday - Rooms 2 and 3    Friday - Room 5**

### **Important dates for your diary!**

**Pink Shirt Day:** Friday 17th May

**School Cross Country:** Friday 24th May

**Mid Year Concert:** Week 10

**School Assemblies:** 17 May, 24 June, 5 July

Thank you for your support and we look forward to another fun and successful term.

Kind Regards

The Mana Syndicate Team,  
**Brendon, Andrew, Whaea Emma, Clare & Emma C**