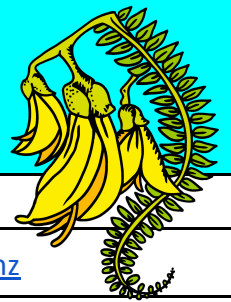


Kōwhai Syndicate News

Term 4 2020

Kia Ora and welcome back to Term 4.
A big welcome to our new students and whānau.



Our Team:

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Important Information

Communication

Communication from school will be sent by email, the school app and is on the website.

Staff are usually available before and after school if you have any questions or queries. We do start teaching at 8.55am.

Please ask or email for an appointment if you need one.

Please do talk to us, we would rather sort out any queries or problems before they become bigger. It is also helpful for us to know of any significant events happening at home that may affect your child at school.

Seesaw

Seesaw is a digital portfolio where we share what your child is learning at school. Children love getting feedback on what they share so please check in when you can!

Please remember up to 10 family members can sign up, there is also an option to translate text in 55 languages.



Arriving at School

It is important that your child is at school on time each day.

Students can be in classrooms from 8.30 - a bell will ring. Before this teachers are preparing for the day.

The first bell rings at 8.55am. Arriving before this bell gives children time to put their belongings in the correct places themselves, and have time to settle in for the day ahead.

The end of the day

At the end of the day we will continue to walk Kōwhai students to the field but please feel free to come up and visit your child's class in the morning.

Homework



Home readers will be sent home in your child's book bags. Please encourage your child to be independent and responsible for their book bag coming back to school each day.

It is important that children understand what they are reading so please talk to them about their book. As children become fluent readers you may notice that the level of book they are reading will stay the same for longer, this is how the levels have been designed. At this stage, reading becomes more about comprehension and extending vocabulary. Celebrate that your child is now reading to learn rather than learning to read.

We encourage you to continue to read to your children as well as listen to them read. Remember - there is no app to replace your lap!

Regularly practising number knowledge is important as this is key to making progress in mathematics.

Snack time

Each class has a snack time around 10am to keep our brains ticking. Your child will need a snack of fruit, nuts or vegetables each day. It may be worth putting this in a separate container.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle each day.



School at Level 1

We are keeping regular hand washing and sanitizing routines.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.



Sun Safety

In terms 1 and 4 students must wear a wide brimmed hat and have covered shoulders when playing or learning outside. Sunscreen is available in classrooms for a top up.

Toys & Valuables

We encourage children to bring resources to support studies and programmes but **please do not bring toys or valuable equipment to school** as we are unable to accept responsibility in the event of breakage or loss.

Lost Property

Please make sure that all clothes, hats and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. Lost property is located in the teacher corridor alongside the office.



How you can help:

- by helping with the making, maintenance and storage of resources
- by accompanying your child's class on trips
- by supporting the Parent Teacher Association
- by sharing your special skills, talents or interests

Please discuss with your child's teacher the most appropriate times for parent help. Parents are reminded that information acquired whilst assisting a class is confidential

Our Learning

This term, our focus is Keeping ourselves safe. This is a programme produced by New Zealand Police to teach children how to keep themselves safe from abuse. It covers 4 key areas.

- *I am unique, He taonga ahau*

- *My body is my own, Nōku tōku tinana*
- *Unwanted behaviour and touch, Kore e hiahitia te whanonga me te pā kino*
- *Adults who help, Ngā kaiāwhina pakeke*

We will be teaching this programme alongside the police school liaison officer and will be inviting you to a Parent information meeting before we start.

Information on the programme can be found [here](#).



Swimming: This term we are swimming in weeks 1 and 2. In week 4 and 5 we will be having lessons with the Easy Swim instructors and in week 9 we will be doing water safety lessons in the school pool. The pool timetable is below.

Maths: In addition to number, we will be learning about time, chance and probability and position. You can help your child by talking about morning, afternoon, evening, the sequence of events throughout the day, o'clock and half past the hour. Using terms like likely, unlikely, possible and impossible will help your child in probability and also using positional language like next to, behind, between etc will help with position.

Kōwhai Celebration- On Tuesday 15th December we will be having an end of year celebration at Aotea Lagoon- more details to follow.

Important dates for your diary

School Assemblies: Friday 9.15am 6th November, 4th December

Kōwhai Photos (excluding room 3): Wednesday 14th October

NZ Shakeout: Thursday 15th October

Pink Shirt Day: Friday 16th October

Mathathon sponsorship forms returned to school: Friday 16th October (test in week 2)

Pōwhiri: Tuesday 20th October

Teacher only day: Friday 23rd October

Teacher only day: Friday 13th November

PTA Great Car Boot Sale: Saturday 21st November

School Fun Fair- Friday 27th November

Kōwhai Celebration- Aotea Lagoon- Tuesday 15th December

Final Leavers Assembly- 11am-12pm Thursday 17th November

Term 4 finishes: 12pm Thursday 17th December

Term 1 2021 starts: 9am Wednesday 3rd February

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a fun and successful term at Plimmerton School.

Kind Regards
The Kōwhai Syndicate Team,
**Kate, Shannon, Jeanelle, Miranda, Natasha,
Yvette and Lisa.**



Swimming timetable 2020 Mana and Kowhai

	Monday 12 & 19 October	Tuesday 13 & 20 October	Wednesday 14 & 21 October	Thursday 15 & 22 October	Friday 16 October
9.00-9.30	Room 3	Room 2	Room 1	Room 3	Room 4
9.30-10.00	Room 5	Room 7	Room 2	Room 5	Room 2
10.00-10.30	Room 6	Room 5	Room 6	Room 4	Room 3
10.30-11.00	Room 4	Room 6	Room 13	Room 10	Room 12
Interval					
11.20-11.50	Room 11	Room 11	Room 11	Room 1	Room 13
11.50-12.20	Room 10	Room 12	Room 4	Room 2	Room 6
12.20-12.50	Room 7	Room 3	Room 7	Room 12	Room 5
Lunchtime					
2:05-2.35	Room 1	Room 13	Room 10	Room 7	Room 1