



2021 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

Mana students will be using the technology cycle to design an outdoor classroom. Students will start by researching outdoor classrooms before thinking of ideas for their own classroom. They will then make tiny models of the outdoor classroom while getting feedback from teachers and other students along the way.



Snack time

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

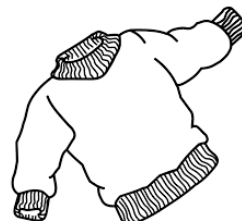


Arrival at School

*To promote independence it is encouraged for your child to be dropped at school on time. The first bell rings at **8.55am**. Arriving before this bell gives tamariki time to put their belongings in the correct places themselves, and to settle in for the day ahead. It also gives them important social and oral language experience.*

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!

Physical Education this term

Cross Country

*The children will be practising for the school cross country event over the first three 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 21st May, 11:40 -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

Mana indoor football tournament - lunchtimes (Days yet to be confirmed) This is an optional activity.

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 will be looking at learning and sharing our pepeha to share information about ourselves. We will also learn about our whānau and how to describe our feelings or emotions.

Don't forget our pōwhiri in week 3 - you are welcome to help greet our new families (manuhiri) with our whānau from Hongoeka.



Homework

For children in Mana Syndicate homework will mainly involve reading their reading book 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 should be simple and fun. 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.

[Mana Home Learning Challenges 2021](#)

School Library

Our library is available for the children 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 the book is returned the following week.

Monday - Room 11 Wednesday - Room 12 & 13 Thursday - Room 10

Important dates for your diary!

Pōwhiri: *Tuesday 18 May, 9.15 (hall)*

School Cross Country: *Friday 21st May*
& **Pink Shirt Day (anti bullying)**

School Assemblies: *28th May, 18th June,*
9th July

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

Kind Regards
The Mana Syndicate Team,
Brendon, Andrew, Whaea Emma, & Kate

