



2020 Mana Syndicate News

Term 3

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

Welcome

A huge welcome to Kate Walker who is joining Mana Syndicate for the rest of the year. Room 12 and all the teachers are excited to have Kate back at Plimmerton School!

Integrated Topic

This term we will be using the technology cycle to try and increase the number of birds around our school. We will be researching about native birds and what they need to survive. Part of this will be a trip to Zealandia where students will be exploring different environmental issues around birds.



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.*

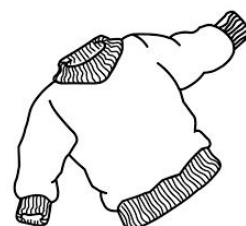


Arrival at School

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 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

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

Te Reo Kori (using rākau and poi)

Jump rope

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 the stories around our manu (birds) in the local area and further afield.

We will also learn how to ask and answer, 'What is this?', (**He aha tēnei?**) or 'What is that?' (**He aha tēnā**) and give the answer, 'This is a ...', (**He ... tēnei**) or 'That is a ...' (**He ... tēnā**).



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 is 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.

[Home Learning Challenges](#)

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 11 Wednesday - Rooms 12 and 13 Thursday - Room 10

Important dates for your diary!

Parent Teacher Interviews: Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th of July.

Zealandia Trip Production: Wednesday (12th) and Thursday (13th) of August.

School Assemblies: Friday 7th July, Friday 28th August, Friday 25th September.

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 & Kate