



2020 Mana Syndicate News

Term 4

Kia Ora 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 - Keeping Ourselves Safe

This term we will be discussing how we can keep ourselves safe both physically and online. The children will be able to express their feelings, learn to make safe decisions, and identify behaviours that make them feel safe and unsafe. Our local community education constable will come in for 1-2 sessions per class throughout the term.

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

Please encourage your child to bring a **named** water bottle each day. This can be refilled during the day. During Raumati (Summer) we need to drink more water to stay hydrated, especially when we have the heat pumps on in classrooms to keep the rooms cool.



Student Arrival at School

As the weather has improved we have noticed more students arriving at school before the school opening time. This is a reminder that school opens for students at 8.30am. When the 8.30 bell rings tamariki may put away their belongings and play inside quietly if wet or outside if it is dry. The next bell is at 8.55. Arriving before 8.55 gives tamariki time to put their belongings in the correct place and settle in for the day ahead.

Physical Education this term

Swimming (weeks 1&2 and then weeks 4&5)
Small ball skills - throwing, catching and hitting (T-ball, tennis and cricket)
Swimming Sports week 6 (Friday 20th November)
Water awareness - Beach safety (Plimmerton Beach) Week 9



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](#)

Clothing

Throughout the year we are often left with numerous bits of clothing. **Please ensure your child's clothes are well labelled** with the first and last name to ensure they are returned to you if they are misplaced. Being summer now, it is also very important to dress appropriately for the weather. Please ensure children come to school with a full brimmed sun hat and apply sunscreen before leaving home. Also the children will need their shoulders covered when outside so please be aware of this when making wardrobe decisions.



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!

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.

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.

Te Reo Māori

Kei te pehea koe? How are you?

Kei te pai au. I am good.

Lots of questions and answers about how we are feeling!



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.

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



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!

Powhiri - Week 2 (Tuesday 20th)

Whole School Assemblies - Week 4 Friday 6th November, Week 8 Friday 4th December, Week 10 Thursday 17th December - 11am

Reports go home - Friday 11 December

Monster Garage Sale - 21st November

Thank you for your support and we look forward to another fun and successful term in Mana Syndicate!

Ngā mihi,

The Mana Syndicate Team,

Brendon, Andrew, Whaea Emma & Kate