



# 2021 Mana Syndicate News

## Term 1

### 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

#### Our Team

The syndicate is comprised of 4 classes this year:

<b>Room 10</b>	Emma McClutchie	emmam@plimmerton.school.nz
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Rosemary Oxnam and Lisa Cuttance are the Reading Recovery teachers. Rosemary will also provide support for students with special needs in the syndicate.

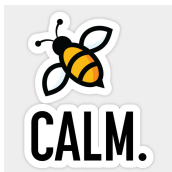
Helen Grindey-Siraman and Trisha Kolston will support the team covering teacher release. Teacher aides will also work within the syndicate.

#### Integrated Topic

*This term we are looking at **Our Values**. Each class will focus on the Key Competencies of Managing Ourselves and Relating to Others.*

*The integrated unit also includes the Mana Sleepover here at school.*

*We will also look at using a growth mindset and ways to calm ourselves when feeling stressed or anxious.*



#### 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, cucumber, celery 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.

### Slip, Slop, Slap

Children are required to wear sunhats and sunsmart tops outside the classroom during terms one and four. The hat needs to cover the ears and back of the neck. There are Plimmerton School hats available for purchase at the office. Please refer to the school's U.V. Protection Policy which will be displayed in the classrooms.



### 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.

### 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

Swimming - (weeks 4 & 5 and weeks 8 & 9)

Athletics - Running, long jump, hurdles, javelin, etc.



### 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 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.

### Te Reo Maori

This term we will be looking at **Meeting and Greeting** and learning a simple mihi or pepeha to share information about ourselves. We will learn different ways to say hello and goodbye, the days of the week and simple ruruku to start or end the day. Don't forget our pōwhiri in week 3 - you are welcome to help greet our new families (manuhiri) with our whānau from Hongoeka.



Number knowledge activities can 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!****Meet the teacher interviews:**

*Monday 1st February (Before school starts)*

**Pōwhiri:** *Tuesday 16 February, 9.15 (hall)*

**Mana Sleepover:** *Thursday 18th February*

**Parent interviews:** *Week 10 - Thursday 8th April  
Week 11 - Tuesday 13th April*

**School Assemblies:** *12th February, 12th March,  
16 April*

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**

