

# Kōwhai Syndicate Newsletter

## 2022

Term 2



**Kia Ora and welcome to Kōwhai Syndicate.**

*Welcome back to school. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning.*

### Our Team

Lisa Cowley will be returning to Kōwhai Syndicate near the end of term.

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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 generally available before and after school if you have any questions or queries. We 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. It's really exciting for students when they receive feedback on what they share so please check in when you can! Your class teacher will get in touch on how to join the journey!*

*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.*

*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.*

*SCHOOL OPENING TIME FOR STUDENT ARRIVAL - Students should arrive at school after 8.30am. There is an 8.30am bell. While many teachers are at school before that time, they are busy preparing for the day or in meetings and are often not in the classroom. This means we are not able to supervise students before 8.30am.*

#### Homework



Homework to support your child's learning in Structured Literacy is in their homework book. There will be a one page sheet of homework each week to practise what they have learnt in class. Please send the homework book back to school each day and encourage your child to be independent and responsible for their bookbag.

Please continue to read to your children as well. This is a great opportunity to model good reading, develop comprehension, extend vocabulary and instill a love of books. 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.

### Physical Education

At the beginning of term two we will be getting ready for cross country. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate running shoes and brings a drink bottle to school.



There will be more information to come regarding cross country.

### Pick up at the end of the day

We will be continuing to walk the children down the driveway at 2.45pm. Once you have collected your child from their classroom teacher we ask that you keep your child with you if you are waiting for older siblings.

### 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 front of the school office.



### How you can help:

- putting books away each week. This is a **really** big 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.

<p><b><u>Our Learning</u></b></p> <p><i>This term we are revisiting our Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) values. We are looking at ways to be kind, resilient, aim high and look after our place. We will also be focusing on learning different ways to independently problem-solve.</i></p> <p><i>We are very excited to be exploring a topic that is out of this world! In term two our science topic will help our children reach for the stars and learn lots of new information about planets, moons, and heaps more.</i></p> <p><i>This year we are continuing our journey of the iDeal Structured Literacy Programme to teach foundation literacy skills. There is lots of information and videos on the website to get yourself familiar with Structured Literacy.</i></p>	
<p><b><u>Important dates for your diary</u></b></p> <p><b>School Starts Back:</b> Monday 2nd May  <b>Teacher Only Day:</b> Friday 3rd June  <b>Queen's Birthday:</b> 6th June  <b>Matariki:</b> 24th June  <b>Teacher Only Day:</b> 27th June  <b>Term 2 ends:</b> Friday 8th July</p> <p>All of these dates can also be found on the website on the school calendar.</p>	<p>Thank you for your support.</p> <p>Kind Regards  The Kowhai Syndicate Team,  <b>Shannon, Chelsea, Lisa  Cuttance and Aggie.</b></p> 