



2022 Mana Syndicate News

Term 4

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

This term it's about staying safe and healthy. To start with we will look at the importance of eating a rainbow of different coloured seasonal vegetables and fruit to keep our bodies healthy and ready for exercise. Then we will explore how to stay safe on our roads and at the beach.



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 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!

Physical Education this term

Swimming

During week 1,2 and 6,7 we will be jumping into the amazing refurbished school pool. In week 3 there will also be swimming sports.

Small Ball Games

During the weeks we are not swimming we will be practising our small ball skills by playing tennis, cricket and t-ball.

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 involve reading their reading book, the learning of number knowledge and practising spelling words from structured literacy. 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.

Spelling words will be sent home



via Seesaw for children to practise at home.

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 2022](#)

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 & 9 Wednesday - Room 12 & 13 Thursday - Room 10

The library is now open from 8:30am to 9am and 3pm to 3:30pm Monday to Thursday so pop in with your kids to return/issue books.

Important dates for your diary!

Ice Block Days: Tuesday and Fridays \$2

Swimming Sports: Cannons Creek Pool on Friday the 4th November.

Gala: 19th November. Please contact Aleida in the office to help out.

Mana Beach Safety: Week 8 (5-9 Dec). We will need parent helpers.

Reports: will be sent home Wednesday 14th of December.

Last Day of School: *Friday 16th of December.*

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, Anne, Jeanelle and Evie

