



Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome back and an especially warm welcome to new families who have joined our school for the first time. It has been great to see the children back at school this week refreshed and engaged. This term we welcome Emma Forbes and Joanna Hey who will be teaching in our New Entrant space with Lesley Benjamin. Emma and Jo are both very experienced teachers and are familiar faces as they have been two of our favourite relievers over the past few years. We are really looking forward to having them as part of the Junior team.

Reminders

- We appreciate and welcome parent help in the classroom.
- If you are able to help in any way by putting away readers, mounting art etc please let your classroom teacher know.
- If you have moved or changed any of your contact details such as phone, email or mobile number please advise the school office.

Uniform

Please refer to the school website for further information. Children are to wear PE gear for their Physical Education Lessons on Friday. Please note that PE gear is required at school on the following days for gym coaching.
Wed 05 August
Tues 11 August
Wed 19 August
Wed 26 August

Children are to come to school in their school uniform and can change into their PE gear at school.

Please help us out by ensuring all items of clothing are named - especially shoes.

Junior Team Newsletter

Term 3, 2020

Education outside the Classroom

This term we have planned many engaging activities to support the learning that is happening in the classroom.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY SHOW

In term 2 the children learnt about patterns in nature and many classes looked at the life cycle of a butterfly. We have a monarch butterfly show coming for the Juniors on Tuesday 4 August.

AUCKLAND BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Junior team will be travelling to the Auckland Botanical Gardens where the children will participate in hands on tasks led by the experts that work for the Auckland council.
Year 1's - Thursday 6 August.

Year 2's - Friday 7 August

We will need parent help with supervision at the gardens. So please let your class teacher know if you able to help.

GYMNASTICS

Coaches from the Howick Gym club will be working with the Juniors on the following days.
5/11/19/26 August.



This term we continue with our year long, overarching, connected curriculum, concept of Taonga. Last term we focused on patterns in nature and the juniors looked at life cycles. In term 3 classes will be continuing this work which will lead to innovations. We will be focusing on the skills of creative problem solving with a specific focus on enhancing our school gardens and ways we can be the Kaitiaki - the caretakers - of God's beautiful world, our taonga. If you have any contacts or personal knowledge around this concept, please let your child's teacher know so we can tap into your wonderful resources.

Home reading

The first few years at school are a particularly exciting time as you watch a child's literacy skills develop. There are a few simple things that you can do to help foster your child's love of reading.

Read together and make it an enjoyable time

Allow them to see you reading for enjoyment.

Share the reading if necessary and praise them for their efforts.

At times, your child will bring home a book that they have seen before. This is not a mistake. Allowing children to reread texts builds their confidence as they are familiar with the vocabulary. It also gives them an opportunity to practise their fluency (reading more like talking). This supports their understanding of what they are reading which is increasingly important as they move to more complex texts. Thank

School Cross Country -
Wednesday 29th July 10am - 1pm

Junior Assemblies - Term 3
Mondays 1.50pm in the hall
Week 5 - 17 August Led by Rm 8 and 12
Week 9- 14 September Led by Rm