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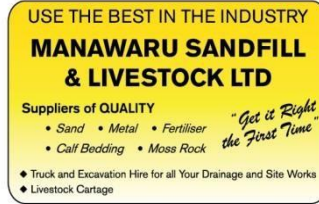
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Tena koutou Parents and Whanau

Welcome to the seventh week of term one.

REMINDER **Corona Virus Information**

Please remind your child of the following:

- regularly washing hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly)
- covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze
- staying home if you are sick
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
- if you feel unwell you should avoid public gatherings and events.

We ask that you do not send a sick child to school. If we discover that any child is sick and showing flu like symptoms you will be asked to pick him/her up immediately.

At present, it is business as usual for our school but I will keep you up to date of any new developments or advisories from the Ministry of Education or the Ministry of Health.

Healthline

Healthline has set up a dedicated 0800 number specifically for health-related calls about COVID-19 (novel coronavirus):

- The number is [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453)
- Or for international SIMs [+64 9 358 5453](tel:+6493585453)

The Healthline existing number 0800 611 116 is still the main number to call for non-COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) health concerns.

Year 7 Vision Screening

This will take place on **Friday 27th March at 11am** at school for year seven students.

REMINDER

TEACHER ONLY DAY 13 MARCH

This is a reminder that school will be closed on **Friday 13 March**. This is to enable all of our teachers to attend professional development in Auckland.

SCHOOL APP

The School App can be downloaded for free from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. This app allows you to access the school newsletter, report your child's absence and access to key dates and to receive important alerts from the school.

Please download this app to your phone as it will become one of the important parts of our emergency contact procedure should we ever need to use it.

Enjoy the week.

Ngaa mihi nui

Kevin Johnson
Principal /Tumuaki

Classroom Round Ups

Rm 1 Mrs Johnson

A short week with teacher only day on Friday. I will be out of the class on Tuesday and Wednesday and Sue Ashman will be Room 1. This week our Letterland work is the letter I and working on the Letterland sounds we

have learnt to date with a big focus on writing the first sound we here in words. Correct letter and number formation is very important at this stage of the children's learning journey. The caterpillars on the swan plants outside Room 2 have made for interesting discussion so we are learning more about life cycles.

Rm2 Miss Green

This week is assessment week and I will be testing children to see where to next for their learning. Please check your child's hair as we have nits doing the rounds at the moment. Seeing as there is no school on Friday and we will miss out on our library time, we will go Thursday instead so children are still able to get a book out. Please send current library books back to school before Thursday. Our letterland letters this week are j, z, w, v and y.

Rm 3 Mrs Bankier

We have been reading the Roahl Dahl book 'George's Marvelous Medicine' each chapter we read gets a little more exciting. This week we are going to be writing about our own marvelous mixtures we could create like Roahl Dahl and George.

We hope you enjoyed our swimming display last week. Swimming continues this week so please keep sending togs and towels everyday. I have a lot of left behind towels in Room 3, please come and see me if you are missing any.

Rm 5 Miss Entwisle

We welcome Mrs Gore in on Tuesday and Wednesday this week as Miss Entwisle is attending meetings and a professional development course. Our first Get NZ Writing poems have been published and will be shared via Seesaw so that parents can enjoy the 'naughtiness' their children have 'confessed' to (as required by the task set).

Reminder: Swimming is an important part of our Term 1 programme so please ensure correct gear is brought in each day. Children not swimming for medical reasons will need to bring in a note.

Rm 6 Miss Boyd

Welcome to week 7. For Writing we are completing a range of different poems as part of our Get NZ Writing Kit. Our first poem is about a naughty thing we did as a kid called 'This is Just to Say'. In Maths we will continue to work on our Statistics unit. We will continue to develop our comprehension strategies in Reading. This week we welcome Mrs Maisey into our class on Tuesday morning and Wednesday for the day. Enjoy the week.

Rm 7 Mrs Paul

As the weather starts to chill down, we don't seem to stay in the pool quite as long- but please still send togs along as the free swim at the end of the day is always welcomed.

In Maths this week we are taking a look at time- the calendar. A calendar is much harder to read than you would think- mainly because most children never see one! We give them the date each day and that is it!! In Literacy we will still be looking at things that make us kiwi- Hockey Pokey ice cream- and practising our Pepeha. I will try to record these on seesaw. Timestables should be being learnt at home.

Rm 8 Mrs Young

Ka Pai Kiwi Inquiry Unit -

What makes us proud to be kiwis? What defines a Kiwi? Iconic Kiwi? Kiwi Branding?

Tasks -The Great Kiwi Quiz, Precept Writing.

Can you HELP? We are looking for whanau and friends who would like to come into our hub and share their culture/traditions/info with us. Collaborative Hub Mural and workshops to follow.

GET NZ WRITING- POETRY - Metaphors, Repetition, Sestina Project - "Show Me" We will finish off some of the presentations this week.

Maths - Code Avengers (ICT) Mini Maths Projects available
Focus: Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication strategies. Black Belt Maths Challenge.

Swimming - Good luck to our District Swimmers this Wednesday. Note we still have Instructional lessons every day at 10.30 am and then a quick dip at the end of the day (2.40-2.55) to cool off.

Leadership- Cool Schools Mediator Training - Monday afternoon in the Hall.

Weekly Current Events - Online interactive quiz with detailed answers. Please login via <https://socrative.com/> Click on Student Login and enter TAPSR00M82020. Hard copy quiz available and will be left on our bookshelf.

On Wednesday Mr Barker will be in Room 8 as I will be away at an ALiM Maths course.

What's on Seesaw this week - Maths, Poetry and Room 8 video
Email- kyoung@tearohaprimary.school.nz

Rm 9 Mrs Robertson / Mrs Gamble

Thank you to pupils who trained as Road Wardens last week. The roster for the remainder of the term has been issued. A reminder that there is a Teacher Only Day this Friday. Good-luck to our swimmers competing in the District Swimming Sports on Wednesday. We will be continuing with assessments this week (Reading Running Records). In maths we will continue learning how to multiply large numbers and measure angles. Our writing focus will be "A Moment in Time." Reading comprehension strategies will continue as the focus in reading, along with reading novels. Ka Pai Kiwi will continue.

Homework: reading 20 min each night, weekly current quiz (available on line)

Rm 10 Mrs Brittenden

Kia ora koutou.

This week Mrs B will be beginning her reading assessments so we welcome Mrs Robertson to Rm 10 on Tuesday. Please remember we are still swimming so students need to have their togs and towel each day.

Maths - we will be exploring different strategies to solve whole and decimal number addition and subtraction problems, looking for the method that is the most efficient.

Reading - we are using texts about New Zealand to explore different comprehension strategies. Practicing these, helps us to deepen our understanding of the text when we read.

Writing - we continue to develop our recount skills, with a focus on vocabulary.

Home Tasks - Study Ladder and Code Avengers.

Looking forward to a fabulous week.

Arohanui - Mrs B

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

Bible in Schools has started and takes place every Friday morning from 9.00 - 9.30am.

Sports News

District Swimming: This Wed....if you offered to take transport then we need you!!!! We will assemble in the Hall and leave at 8.30am. I need to provide 3 timekeepers so please make yourself available for this. Hopefully we have enough to take turns.

Basketball: Year 7/8 start tonight. Be there a 5pm for coaching.

Hockey Big Day Out: Next Wednesday the 18th. Letters and transport information has been sent out with those going.

Te Aroha Junior Hockey Muster

When : Monday 23 March

Where : Te Aroha Primary School Astro Turf

Time : 3.30 - 4.30pm

Contact : **Kim Davey 027 482 4597**

TUESDAY LUNCHES – NOODLES \$2

Beef, Chicken & Oriental. Please give orders to class teacher

SOMEONE TO TALK TO

If you need to talk to someone the numbers below could be of help to you or a family member:

Need to Talk 1737 - free call or text at any time, for support from a trained Counsellor..

Kidsline - 0800 543 754 is New Zealand's original telephone counselling service for all kids up to 14 years of age.

Youthline - 0800 376 633 Free text 234 works with young people, their families and those supporting young people.

TERM ONE DATES 2020

1. District Swimming Sports	11 Mar 2020
2. Teacher Only Day	13 Mar 2020
3. Hockey Big Day Out	17 Mar 2020
4. Ready, Set Go Programme	18 Mar 2020
5. TV Swimming Sports	25 Mar 2020
6. Te Aroha Hockey Muster 3.30 – 4.30pm	29 Mar 2020
7. Learning Discussions 3.15 – 5.30pm	30 Mar 2020.
8. Learning Discussions 1.30 – 6.30pm	31 Mar 2020
9. Ready, Set Go Programme	1 Apr 2020
10. School Closes for the holidays	10 April 2020

Free ear clinic service for children

Date	Venue	Time
Tuesday 17 March	Future Te Aroha Community Centre 13 Boundary St	Noon – 2pm 12.45pm – 2.45pm

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