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Tena koutou Parents and Whanau

Welcome back to week 4.

## Covid 19 / Coronavirus

As always anyone who is unwell should not be at school.

If you have a particular concern about your child, you can contact Healthline at **0800 611 116** or their GP for medical advice.

### SCHOOL PICNIC

Thank you to everyone who came to the school picnic. It was a great evening with plenty of sunshine. It was good catching up with so many parents.



### HATS

Please send your child to school with his or her hat as it is very hot to play in the sun without wearing a hat.

A school hat is part of our school uniform and children are to wear these at morning tea and lunch times while outside or if outside at any other time as well.

This is to protect them from the sun and is part of our school sun safe policy.

School bucket hats can be purchased from the school office.

### Yr 7/8 Technology at Te Aroha College

Please make sure your child is at school at 8.30am on Fridays. It is also important that they have covered shoes and that long hair is tied back.

### Yr 7/8 Immunisation Forms

The Public Health Nurse will be collecting these so please make sure your child's Immunisation Form is returned ASAP to the office. It is important that these are filled out fully, even if your child is not having the immunisation.

### SWIMMING NZ LESSONS

We were fortunate to have Wendy Smith from Swimming New Zealand with us last week running workshops on water safety for our teachers in the various classes. This was very successful and our children also learned very valuable lessons on keeping themselves safe in the water.



### CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN 2021

If your child is starting school at any stage during the course of 2021, please contact the school office this week to let us know. This helps us with planning for their arrival.



### 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.

### IMPORTANT SPORTS INFORMATION FROM MRS PAUL

If your child has put their hand up for a sport in the last 10 days, then they will have information regarding payment today.

Term 1 is a really busy time for sport. For this reason, we are trying to train the children to be responsible for their letters and return slips.

With the netball slips sent out, 1 person needed to ask for 3 notices before I finally got permission. Therefore, we are expecting children to meet deadlines (especially the senior students) and if they don't, then it is going to be a learning experience for them!! We always have more people wanting to play than we have managers and transport, so we can afford to be strict. Please help your child by signing their form and getting them to put it back in their bag.

It is then their responsibility to hand it to ME by the deadline. Please don't send me private messages if your child has forgotten to bring theirs in- we are trying to train them!!

Also, please always retain the information at the top and send the slip back to school. This means you still have all the information you need for the event!

Thanks in advance for your help

**Megan Paul**

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

[www.tearohaprimary.school.nz](http://www.tearohaprimary.school.nz)

Our new school website is live. We will continue to add to it and make changes where necessary. You will find links to our Facebook page, our school calendar and the school app on the website. All information from these pages filters into the website.

Enjoy the week.

**Ngaa mihi nui**

**Kevin Johnson  
Principal /Tumuaki**

### Can You Help??

Has anyone got an old scale ( not digital) that they are no longer using that they can give to Hub 1. If you do please contact Jenny Johnson Room 1 or leave a message at the office.

### TE AROHA SCOUT GROUP

The Te Aroha Scout Group has spaces available for new members. If you enjoy doing fun indoor and outdoor activities, challenging yourself to pick up new skills and meeting up with others the same age, come and give scouts a go!

Scouts are open to boys and girls aged 10 – 14 years old. We meet once a week in the old bowling clubrooms in the Domain (entrance Wilson Street) and weekend activities 1 -2 times per term.

For further information, please contact us via our Facebook page Te Aroha Scout Group.

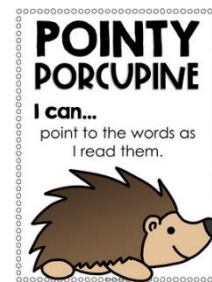
### JUNIOR GOLF

Junior Golf at Te Aroha Golf Club starts on Wednesday 24 February at 5.00pm  
All ages are welcome.  
Just turn up!

### Classroom Round Ups

#### **Rm 1 Mrs Johnson**

In Letterland this week we are working on forming the letters we have learnt correctly and we are listening to the sound we hear in words so we can blend the sounds together to make cat,hat,mat,sat and pat. Our new sound is **p**. Each day we focus on developing our number knowledge by counting, saying and writing numbers and making sets. In reading we are learning about Pointy Porcupine as we need to look at the words as we read and to point to each word accurately as we read.



We are creating a photo wall in the class THEN...NOW so can you please send a baby photo to add to this wall. I will make a copy of it and return them to you. Thank you.

#### **Rm 2 Miss Green**

We are loving being able to swim again and making most of the sunny weather. We had a great lesson with Wendy from Swimming NZ and look forward to putting her ideas into action. In maths this week we complete our statistical investigation. We will share our findings with you on Seesaw. In writing this week we are focusing on beginning writing without support, recording initial sounds we hear in unknown words and using our word card for support. Friday we welcome Mrs Ferguson to room 2 for the day as I am away.

### Rm 3 Miss Swan

Kia ora koutou. Week 4! We have another full week of learning ahead in Room 3!

**Writing:** We are focusing on detail in our writing by using who, what, where, why and how.

**Maths:** We are beginning our Number unit and start our smaller group work this week.

**Reading:** Reading books are being sent home daily. Please make sure bookbags and readers come to school everyday.

**Reminders for the week:** Please bring togs and a towel in a waterproof bag everyday. We have been loving our swimming time in the afternoon last week! It has been very hot at school so please also bring a school hat and named water bottle everyday. Library day is Wednesday. Sue Ashman is in Room 3 on Thursday. It was nice to see so many Room 3 whānau at the school picnic last week! Have a fantastic week!

You can contact me through [mswan@tearohaprimery.school.nz](mailto:mswan@tearohaprimery.school.nz) or Seesaw.

### Rm 5 Miss Entwisle

We continue our Statistics work looking at tally charts, bar and line graphs, reading and interpreting information and making statements about what we find. In Writing we will be publishing our All About Me information. We hope to start our pepeha work as well as our self portraits this week. We enjoyed getting in the pool last week despite some questionable weather. Remember students need to bring their togs, towel and a suitable waterproof bag each day. If children are not swimming for any reason, then it is expected that they will have a note from home. In ICT (Information Communication Technology) we are getting to grips with using the chromebooks to access our accounts and finding our way around the programmes. Mrs Gore will be in on Wednesday as Miss Entwisle will be at a course. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Miss Entwisle via the school office: 078848803; email: [mentwisle@tearohaprimery.school.nz](mailto:mentwisle@tearohaprimery.school.nz) or through the Seesaw message function. Thank you to those parents who have reconnected with their child's Seesaw account and are actively using it already. The students really enjoy seeing the feedback that you give them!

### Rm 6 Mrs Bankier

This week in Room 6 we are moving into Addition and Subtraction in Maths. We will be learning strategies and knowledge around adding and subtracting quickly and easily. We are going to learn how to use addition and subtraction to solve some problem solving challenges in small groups.

We have swimming everyday so please make sure your child has their togs, this is an important part of the school curriculum.

We are looking at writing with descriptions from a character's perspective at the moment. The class are enjoying listening to our chapter book Charlotte's Web each afternoon.

Have a great week.

### Rm 7 Mrs Paul

Last week we got so many things finished. I learnt so much about your children when we completed our 'what's in a name' task. Thank you so much for the time you took to complete that task with your child. It was really interesting- and the reasons you chose your children's names put me to shame!!!

Last week in literacy we were going to finish up our poems, but the children have enjoyed it so much we will continue. I know things have been a success when I get emails from children in the weekend with poems they have written! Through the poetry unit, the children have learnt to use their Chromebooks in many new ways. It is exciting to see their faces light up when they learn something new. This class is filled with little sponges- they soak up everything.

This week in Maths we start our unit on addition and subtraction. I am very much about children working at the level they are at. Should your child be finding things too easy or too hard, please drop me a line and let me know. My aim is to have children happy about their learning and if something gets in the way of this, then I want to know.

In reading we will be looking at Main Ideas- we may work at different levels but the aim is the same- to understand what we read.

### Rm 8 Mrs Young

**Maths** -Focus: Addition and Subtraction - Place Value  
*All students have school and home access to Mathletics.*

**Literacy** - Every week students work through a range of tasks - Hands on, Writing, Art, Questions and Design - The Wild Robot. It has been neat seeing other schools on Twitter sharing their learning.

Writing - Our Daily Quick Write is a fun hook into writing where we generate ideas.

**Current Events Weekly Wrap Up**- The Weekly Quiz can be accessed from Home and School - Online interactive quiz with detailed answers. Please login via <https://socrative.com/> Click on Student Login and enter TAPSR00M82021. Whanau can also take part every week!

**Te Reo** - We will continue with this learning alongside our Pepeha. Our Hub, Te Moananui A Kiwa (Rms 8-10) will be spending time this term learning our pepeha. Check out the special Pepeha letter from Mrs B if these haven't made it back to class :) This will help us to write your Pepeha with what's important to you!

**Swimming - Preparation for Swimming Sports**- we will be doing 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. Please Seesaw me if your child is unable to swim. Thank you to Mrs Diprose for helping us in the pool!

**Seesaw** - We will share our art at precept posters this week. Please let me know if you need to discuss anything :)

*Looking forward to catching up with everyone at the Picnic. this Thursday.*

Email- [kyoung@tearohaprimery.school.nz](mailto:kyoung@tearohaprimery.school.nz)

### Rm 9 Mrs Gamble

Another amazing week ahead, made even better with air conditioning!! Yes, our AC units are in and working!!

**Maths:** We will recap our multiplication and division facts and look at prime numbers.

**Literacy:** We will begin our class novel SS Penguin SOS by Adrienne Frater. All Room 9 students are signed into Edmodo and have been assigned their literacy groups. This week we will look at what sketchnoting is and how it can help us remember information we are learning. We are very excited to develop our literacy program around this novel and we can't wait to see where it takes us.

**Room 9 Showcase:** Last week we began to present our Showcase items. We will continue with this this week and share our discoveries about each other on Seesaw.

**Banquer:** Last week we ran out of time to discuss employment opportunities in the classroom so this will be done this week.

**Homework:** Weekly quiz (sorry this wasn't available last week) - Reading 20 minutes. Banquer homework - Employment

**Reminders:** Swimming togs and towel, pepeha notices, and sunhats.

### Rm 10 Mrs Brittenden

Kia ora koutou,

Rm 10 are well underway now with how we work and Mrs B is certainly very proud of the completed work that is being done and for some of us, we are learning the value of managing our time. Well done!

**Maths** - we continue to develop number knowledge with prime numbers and prime factorisation.

**Swimming** - we are so lucky to have the pool! Please make sure your child has their togs and towel each day or send a note / Seesaw if they are unable to swim.

**Writing** - we will end our Quick Writes this week. Awesome to see how we are generating and developing ideas.

**Topic /Inquiry** - a massive thank you to the families / whanau that have helped their child to develop their pepeha. This will be a big focus for us this week. Students also have a few homework tasks from our taskboard on My Story that you will be able to help them with.

Another super week ahead!

Arohanui - Mrs B ([dp@tearohaprimary.school.nz](mailto:dp@tearohaprimary.school.nz))

### **TERM ONE DATES 2021**

1. Immunisation Talk Public Health Nurse Yr 7/8	19 Feb 2021
2. BOT Meeting	25 Feb 2021
3. TAPS Swimming Sports	2 Mar 2021
4. Ready Set Go Programme	3 Mar 2021
5. Junior Swimming Sports 12.30pm	9 Mar 2021
6. District Swimming	10 Mar 2021
7. Ready Set Go 1.40 -2.30pm	17 Mar 2021
8. Hockey Big Day Out	17 Mar 2021
9. Immunizations HPV / Boostrix (Yr 7/8)	23 Mar 2021
10. Ready Set Go 1.40-2.30pm	31 Mar 2021
11. Good Friday Holiday	2 April 2021
12. Easter Mon Holiday	5 April 2021
13. Easter Tues Holiday	6 April 2021
14 Junior Reports Sent Home	16 April 2021
15. School Closes for the holidays	16 April 2021

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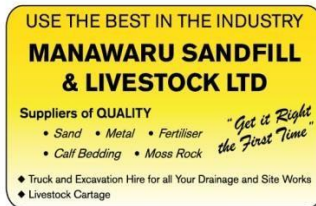
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