

TE AROHA PRIMARY

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Tena koutou Parents and Whanau

Welcome to the sixth week of term one.

Corona Virus Information

Most of us will be aware of the Corona Virus which is appearing in a number of countries around the world. In terms of keeping yourself and your family well, the Ministry of Health suggests 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 healthrelated calls about COVID-19 (novel coronavirus):

- The number is <u>0800 358 5453</u>
- Or for international SIMs +64 9 358 5453

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



Te Aroha Primary Pre-School Programme

"**Ready**, Set, GO! " is a wonderful way to introduce your pre-schooler to the world of learning. We aim to bridge the gap between pre-school and primary school. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to bring their **4 1/2 year olds** to school where we will provide a programme to support his/her transition into school.

Where: Room 1 at Te Aroha Primary School

When: WEDNESDAY 4th and 18th March and 1st April

1.40 to 2.40 pm

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.

Waihou Hub (Juniors) Swimming Demonstration

Room 1, 2 and 3's Swimming Demonstration will take place on **Tuesday 2nd March** weather permitting. We will post a message on our App and Facebook page if we need to postpone this event.

- We will start at 12.30 pm.
- Please make sure that all students have their swimming togs and towels.

This will be a fun event- where students can show some of the skills that they have been practising during their swimming sessions. Please join us under the trees afterwards for a shared lunch. We look

forward to seeing you.

<u>Time Change for Yr 7/8 Technology Bus to Te Aroha</u> <u>College.</u>

The bus that takes our Yr 7/8 students to Te Aroha College for our Tech programme each Friday, we will now leave our school at **8.45am**. Students should be at school at **8.35am**. We have noticed that we still have a few students who are missing the bus, despite the later leaving time and from this week it is not possible for teaching staff to drop them off at the College. If your child is running late, please drop them straight to

the College, otherwise we will contact you to pick them up and drop them over. Your support with this is very much appreciated. Reminder - Long hair is to be tied up and covered shoes are to be worn. (slides are not a good option to wear on tech days as they do not cover and protect the whole foot)

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

We said goodbye to Steve today as he is moving into Room 2 and a big welcome to Hunter who has joined our class. Letterland work for the week is e, u and k. In reading we are working on building the words we can instantly recognize and we are learning to use these in our story writing too. The children are looking forward to showing everyone their skills tomorrow at the swimming demonstration. We hope you can join us at 12.30, weather permitting.

Rm2 Miss Green

Seeing as this week is Sea Week we will be learning about the sea and the different sea animals that live there. Our Letterland letters this week are I, f, b, q and u. On Tuesday we have our swimming demonstration. You are invited to bring your lunch and join us for lunch afterwards under the trees.

Rm 3 Mrs Bankier

Thank you for sending all of your bears and others along for an incredible day of learning. We are learning about adding detail to our writing by adding WOW words and sentences. Our teddy visitors helped a lot with this and when we have finished publishing our work we can't wait to share it with you.

In Maths we have been learning about the friends of 10, a pair of numbers that add to ten, please practice these with me at home.

We are looking forward to sharing our swimming with you on Tuesday and seeing you all at the Junior Swimming Sports.

Rm 5 Miss Entwisle

We are super proud of how we did at last week's Swimming Sports. Our mixed media self-portraits are starting to take shape. In Mathematics we are finishing up Statistics and moving onto our new units on Addition and Subtraction. We are one of 3000 classes who have signed up for School Kits, 'Get NZ Writing' challenge. Our first set of poems will be published in class this week and shared via Seesaw. Mrs Hodgett's will be in Room 5 on Tuesday while Miss Entwisle carries out her Reading testing.

Rm 6 Miss Boyd

In Maths we are getting really good at reading graphs, sorting information or data and putting them into a bar or table graphs. Last week we had a great day on Tuesday at our senior swimming sports. Thank you to all the parents that came along and supported our day. Many children went home on Tuesday after our swimming sports with their school hats. Please can you bring your school hat back to school, as it is still incredibly hot during the day. This week we welcome Mrs H into our class on Wednesday. Enjoy your week.

Rm 7 Mrs Paul

Thank you to all the parents who have connected on SeeSaw and have been keeping in touch with the Resilience work so far. I always share your

comments with your children and they love it. This week your children with bring home a letter in an envelope. Please don't share it with them but fill it out, put it back in the envelope and send it back to me by Wednesday. This is called "The Caring Adult" letter. It would be pretty heart breaking for a child to have no "caring adult' mail so PLEASE do this. The movie Inside Out will be part of this work during the week. In Literacy this week we will be reading about aspects of our culture that are famous worldwide!!!. The Pavlova and Fish n Chips are both part of our identity as kiwis.

Rm 8 Mrs Young

Ka Pai Kiwi Inquiry Unit Kicks off - Please email our Hub/Te Moananui a Kiwa teachers if you're interested in sharing your culture with us. GET NZ WRITING- Completing various writing activities to send to our Buddy School- GORE. This week we are working on "Plan your Path" Sheet to inspire a bit of wanderlust in our writing. *Geographers look at the land in many different ways as they can - from above, close up, in detail, at a distance.* We'll take this same approach when we choose our places and streets.

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{Project}}$ - "Show Me" FANTASTIC insights into what we'd love to show. Presenting this week.

Maths - Code Avengers (ICT)

Focus: Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication strategies. Black Belt Maths Challenge.

Swimming - Preparing for District Swimming. 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-

Road Warden Training - Thursday 5th March - Mrs Robertson will communicate with students selected to be wardens this year. Cool Schools Mediator Training - Monday afternoon in the Hall.

Weekly Current Events - Online interactive quiz with detailed answers. Please login via <u>https://socrative.com/</u> Click on Student Login and enter TAPSROOM82020. Hard copy quiz available and will he left on our bookshelf.

Seesaw - Poetry and Writing theme this week. We've also made a little movie to introduce the school to Room 8. Email- <u>kyoung@tearohaprimary.school.n</u>z

Rm 9 Mrs Robertson / Mrs Gamble

Swimming sports was a huge success last week, well done to all those involved and good luck to those students competing at the District Swimming Sports next week (Wednesday 11th March). This week for maths we will continue to look at compass bearings and angles. Reading comprehension strategies will be our focus for reading this term. We will explore how using these can help us to understand what we read and develop our word knowledge.

We all enjoy a good competition, right? Anyone interested in entering the Young NZ Writers National Writing Competition for intermediate students can do so. This is a great opportunity for our students to showcase their talents in this subject and compete against other students across New Zealand. More information about this will be handed out later this week. This week we will begin our inquiry unit - *Ka Pai Kiwi*. We will begin to discuss what it is to be Kiwi and what makes us proud to be Kiwis. Reminder: There is road warden training this Thursday at 1:30pm. Togs and towels for swimming everyday please. Homework: Reading 20 minutes each night, *Tell Me* project (details in Homework folder or on hard copy hand out) and Weekly Current Quiz - Online interactive quiz with detailed answers. Please login via

https://socrative.com/#login Click on Student Login and enter ROOM92020. Hard copy quiz is available and will be left on our bench. Have a great week everyone.

Rm 10 Mrs Brittenden

Kia ora koutou.

Fantastic swimming sports last week - great to see all Rm 10 enter and compete in the pool! Swimming will continue for our class until the pool closes so please make sure your child has their togs and towel each day or a note if they are unable to swim.

<u>Home Tasks</u> - this week, we launch Code Avengers that we will be working through for the remainder of the year and there are new tasks to complete on Study Ladder. Keen writers are encouraged to enter the Writing Competition and have their writing published alongside other Yr 7/8 students across New Zealand (see Mrs B for details) <u>Maths</u> - we continue working with decimals this week **<u>Reading</u>** - our focus is on knowing how to use different comprehension strategies. We are integrating this with our Inquiry work, which is proving to be an excellent way to develop knowledge about New Zealand. <u>**Pepeha**</u> - students will be recording these via Seesaw this week. <u>**Writing**</u> - we will be looking at careful planning and vocabulary to construct a published piece of writing. This will be scaffolded in class. <u>**Inquiry**</u> - what is kiwi culture? This is a question we are thinking about and a survey will be going home this week for families to share their ideas about culture for us to collate.

<u>Tech bus time</u> - students need to be at school each FRIDAY at 8.35am as the Tech bus is now leaving later.

Looking forward to a fantastic week.

Arohanui - Mrs B (dp@tearohaprimary.school.nz)

Sports News

Basketball: Year 5/6 starts this week. You have all the dates and times on the first letter I sent out. Coaching starts 5pm. Uniforms will have been handed out today if your fees have been paid.

Year 7/8: If your fees have been paid you will get your uniform before the end of the week.

District Swimming: Please return permission slips and any car forms by Tuesday. Please help out with timekeeping as we must provide helpers. **Hockey:** Letters will be out this week.

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..

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

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

TERM ONE DATES 2020

1. Junior Swim Sports	3 Mar 2020
2. Ready, Set Go Programme	4 Mar 2020
3. District Swimming Sports	11 Mar 2020
4. Planned Teacher Only Day	13 Mar 2020
5. Hockey Big Day Out	17 Mar 2020
6. Ready, Set Go Programme	18 Mar 2020
7. TV Swimming Sports	25 Mar 2020
8. Learning Discussions 3.15 – 5.30pm	30 Mar 2020.
9. Learning Discussions 1.30 – 6.30pm	31 Mar 2020
10. Ready, Set Go Programme	1 Apr 2020
11. 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

PTA – CALLING ALL PARENTS

There will be a meeting in our school staffroom on Tuesday 3 March

from 1.40 – 2.30pm Everyone is welcome to attend.

Come along and join with us as we raise funds for our amazing school

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