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Tena koutou Parents and Whanau

Welcome to week eight of term one.

I am sure that you are all aware, by this stage, of the decision by our government to impose very stringent requirements for travel to New Zealand as well as on large gatherings to try and reduce the risk of the spread of Corona Virus. As a school we are very aware of the potential risk of the transfer of this virus from person to person.

At this stage this has not happened in New Zealand but we are being very vigilant in this regard. Below is further information in this regard.

COVID - 19 (Corona Virus) Update

- 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.
- **We also ask that parents or caregivers do not come into school if you have flu like symptoms or have a cold.** You are welcome to phone or email the school or your child's teacher in such cases.
This is to protect our children and staff members from any risk.
- **Please sign up to your child's See Saw account as a matter of urgency if you have not already done so.**
- See Saw, our school's digital platform, will be used to ensure that we can communicate with families and endeavour to keep your child's education going in the event of schools in New Zealand being closed in the future if the Corona Virus continues to gain momentum in New Zealand.

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.

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
- 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.

Year 7 Vision Screening

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

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

This week our Letterland work is **b** and **f**. We have a special focus on Casey Caterpillar our handwriting programme as we work on sorting out correct letter formations. A prompt sheet will come home in book bags to explain the concept. We are ordering numbers and working on the concept of the number after and one more in Maths. We will continue to swim each day while the weather is still warm.

Rm 2 Miss Green

Although it is getting cooler we will continue to swim so please keep the togs coming to school. Please ensure your child's uniform is named as we have had a few mix ups when getting changed after swimming. If anyone has any swan plants for the caterpillars, I would happily accept some for our very hungry caterpillars. This week we will be revising all letterland letters and beginning th, sh and ch sounds.

Rm 3 Mrs Bankier

This week is a quiet week in Room 3. Swimming continues this week as we still have this beautiful warm weather. There are still a lot of towels that have been left behind if you are missing any. We are still missing a uniform top from our class, could you please check if you have any that don't belong to you at home. Just a reminder that our library day is Wednesday. Have a great week.

Rm 5 Miss Entwisle

Our Get NZ Writing work is coming along nicely. The deadline for sending off our work to our buddy school is fast approaching. Last week we enjoyed using our decoder glasses to reveal the words hidden on our poster page. Next we will be learning how to write sestina poems. In Mathematics we are looking at strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. We welcome Mrs Maisey in on Tuesday as Miss Entwisle will be attending the graduation of her daughter, Alyssa (a past Te Aroha Primary School pupil).

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

Today we welcome Mrs Maisey into our class for the day. She has done some really exciting learning for us while Ms Boyd has been out of the classroom doing testing. We are all logged into our Seesaw accounts now, so please keep an eye out for your special QR code to get connected to your child's account. Thank you to those parents that have already connected and have been checking out what their child has been doing at school. For Writing we are continuing with completing a range of different poems and activities as part of our Get NZ Writing Kit. We really enjoyed doing our 'Just to Say' poems using naughty words last week. We are still continuing with our swimming so please make sure you bring your togs each day. Enjoy the week.

Rm 7 Mrs Paul

This week we are looking at rhyme on the analogue and digital clock. You can support this by involving your r child in time telling at home. As well as this we are working on the 4x tables. In reading we will have a strong focus on the vocab within text and evaluating what we have read. In writing we move from informative to procedural writing. We will look not just at recipes but other instructions as well. Good luck to all children from our room. Heading to hockey this week.

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 - After completing Mrs B & Mrs Robo's quiz we are now ready to create our version of The Great Kiwi Quiz. We are collaborating across our hub with a special mural and our Hub workshops kick off today.

Literacy -Precept Writing.

POETRY - Sestina and decoder glasses. We will now send our courier back down to our buddy school in Gore.

Maths - Code Avengers (ICT)

Focus: Addition, Subtraction (with decimals) and Multiplication strategies. Black Belt Maths Challenge.

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.*

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.

What's on Seesaw this week - Kiwi Quiz, Maths Explain a concept, Hub highlights.

Email- kyoung@tearohaprimarieschool.nz

Rm 9 Mrs Robertson / Mrs Gamble

Our week begins with workshops. These were a huge success last year. Students enjoyed working with different teachers and peers from across Rooms 8-10. Our workshops will incorporate a range of learning opportunities, focusing on our inquiry question **What makes us proud to be Kiwis?** In reading we will continue to look at reading strategies. Mrs Gamble will introduce myths and legends (this will tie nicely into our inquiry as well as help us to complete our set reading challenge). In writing Mrs Robertson has begun report writing on the CoronaVirus (a topic which the students wanted to know more about), these will be finished and published this week. Multiplying large numbers and measuring angles will continue in Maths.

Homework: Weekly quiz, this can be done online. 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. Reading 20 minutes a night. **Tell Me** projects are due back this Tuesday. I can't wait to see what everyone has done.

A reminder that mobile phones are **NOT** allowed at school. If a student needs a mobile phone for a specific reason it must be taken to the office before school starts and collected after school finishes. Have a great week everyone.

Rm 10 Mrs Britenden

A busy time in Rm 10 this week. We are excited about our workshops to support our learning about Culture; These are being done across Te Moananui A Kiwa (Hub 3) in mixed class groups. Mrs B will be finishing her reading testing on Wednesday - we welcome Mrs Gamble. Swimming numbers have dropped due to the cold in the mornings - we will still endeavour to swim for those who bring their togs (combine with another class)

Maths - we are working out the most efficient strategies to use for solving addition and subtraction. We will be looking at whole and decimal numbers and putting this into context through problem solving. We wonder which cool maths songs Mrs B will have this week.

Writing- we will be completing our recount work this week by developing a factual recount about something that has happened. This will require different language features.

Inquiry- this will be a major focus for our learning this week, with workshops and integrated learning (art and reading) as well as investigating how kiwiana is seen as a stereotype for Kiwi Culture.

Home Learning - Code Avengers, Study Ladder. Research

Seesaw - there will be new entries for you to view this week. Thank you to the parents who write comments about their child's work - they love to get them!

Looking forward to a great week - Arohanui, Mrs B

Sports News

Hockey Big Day Out: 18 March 2020

Team managers have all got their draws. Car drivers have all had the information as to who they are taking. That means we are good to go. Everyone needs to be present for the meeting at 9.15. There are huge road works in Ngatea so to access the turf you need to go around the back. Therefore: WE WILL MEET AT SCHOOL AT 8.15 AND LEAVE BY 8.30 AFTER CHECKING MOUTHGUARDS ETC. REMEMBER NO MOUTH GUARD- NO LEAVING THE SCHOOL! You will be given a shirt but need to bring everything else. It has all been in previous notices.

Thames Valley Swimming:

I am still waiting on the notification of the team which has been chosen. I will let those chosen know as soon as I receive this. If you think that may be you then keep the date of Wed 25th free.

Basketball: Mon and Wed : 5pm

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

TERM ONE DATES 2020

1. Hockey Big Day Out	18 Mar 2020
2. Ready, Set Go Programme	18 Mar 2020
3. TV Swimming Sports	25 Mar 2020
4. Te Aroha Hockey Muster 3.30 – 4.30pm	29 Mar 2020
5. Learning Discussions 3.15 – 5.30pm	30 Mar 2020.
6. Learning Discussions 1.30 – 6.30pm	31 Mar 2020
7. Ready, Set Go Programme	1 Apr 2020
8. 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 FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to get your bulb orders into school to support our PTA by Friday 20 March. Information was sent home in last week's newsletter.

HEADLICE

Please check your child's hair as we have once again had a few children with HEADLICE in the school. If left unchecked, LICE can be passed on to other children. Children with head lice may not attend school until their head has been treated with an appropriate head lice treatment obtainable from a pharmacy.

Cellphones at School

This is a reminder to our parents that children at our school are not permitted to bring a cellphone to school. Any child found with a cellphone at school will have it removed from them and parents will be contacted to pick it up from the office.

If a child does need to bring a cellphone to school for use after school hours for some reason, then a note must be sent to the class teacher and the phone handed into the school office before the start of school. It can then be picked up from the office at the end of the school day.

The school will not be responsible for the loss (theft or breakage /damage) of any phone brought to school by one of our students.

Year 7&8 Vaccination Forms

Please return these to school by Friday 20 March. Even if your child will not be having a vaccination we still need to know this, so please indicate it on the form.