

TE KAUPEKA YEARS 4-5-6: NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

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Kia ora whānau,

We're loving being back at school this term, especially with the many sunny days we're having (so far!) It's wonderful seeing the kids splashing in the pool, running around the playground with their friends and busy having fun in their new classrooms. A special welcome to our new families who've joined the Te Horo School whānau. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to help you settle in.

Here is some information about our learning this term. We'll continue to share lots of our team's fun on Seesaw. We love it when you add comments to our posts. **Please check with your teacher if you're having trouble connecting to the 2023 class Seesaw page.**

You can also keep up to date with School events on the SkoolLoop app and our School newsletter.

Our team:

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Danielle McMurchie (Deputy Principal, senior school) will also support rooms 9 and 10- you're welcome to get in touch with her as needed:
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Support/release teachers:

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Learning support:

Maddy West, Kylie Morete, Sarah Newbould, Mandy Bruce, Jo Mason

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Learning contexts this term:



2023 Inquiry focus: Community

“Be your own star: follow your heart and follow what is right”

This term we'll be using our PB4L matrix to support positive behaviour, both in class and in the playground.

A copy can be viewed in class and in the office.

Class programmes target individual needs, focusing on:

Mathematics and Statistics:

Main focus: Number Knowledge and Strategy (addition and subtraction)

Wider learning: Geometry (translation, symmetry, mapping etc)

Literacy:

Spelling/phonics (we are beginning to use The Code, focusing on spelling rules)

Writing - developing fluency as we write across a variety of topics

Reading - using rich texts to develop comprehension skills

Our learning also includes:

- Physical Education - swimming/water safety, cricket coaching, athletics, swimming lessons at Haruatai Pool in week 9
- Te Ao Māori
- The Arts - singing, visual arts

Swimming IMPORTANT - please complete this form to give permission for your child to attend our swimming sessions at Haruatai Pool.

[Link to swimming permission](#)

As part of our PE programme, the Year 4 to 8s will be taking part in swimming at Ōtaki Pool in Week 9 of Term 1, Monday 27th March - Thursday 30th March and culminating with a Swimming Sports event on Friday 31st March (12:30pm - 2:30pm).

We will leave school at 11:10am and return at 12:30pm, Monday - Thursday. We will leave school at 12:10pm and return at 2:50pm on Friday.

We require help, particularly with our students who are not confident in the water and are still learning to swim. If you are confident at teaching students to swim and you are able to help please let us know using the form above. Likewise, please also let us know if you would like to participate in the parent/teacher race at the swimming sports event.

Please also indicate your child's swimming ability so that we can group the students initially. If you could complete this form by Friday 3rd March that would be greatly appreciated.

There will be a small cost for swimming and this will be finalised in the coming weeks.

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Term 1 Reminders:

- **Hats** are compulsory in terms 1 and 4; we have school hats but it's a good idea to have a spare in the school bag. Please send a named **drink bottle** (or two!) each day - it's hot!
- Please **name all clothing** ; there is always a huge pile of lost property!
- We do not have any headphones at school for the children to use. If your child has a set of **headphones or earbuds** at home it would be great if they could bring these to school with them.
- We understand that many of the children need their **cellphones** at school for personal arrangements and safety reasons. From 8:30am or once the children are at school the cellphones are locked away for the duration of the school day. If you need to get a message to your children during the day, we ask that this is directed via the school office so that we can ensure the message gets through to the children.

As always, please don't hesitate to email or Seesaw message your child's teacher with any queries.

Ngā mihi nui,
Wendy, Bobby and Victoria
The Te Rau Team (Years 4, 5 and 6)