

# Te Rangi Team Newsletter

## Term 1 2019



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Tena Koutou, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Anyonghasayo, Konnichiwa, Kia orana, Bonjour, Guten Tag, and Greetings.

### WELCOME BACK

Haere Mai and Welcome back to Term 1. We hope everyone had some time to relax during the break. We are looking forward to a busy and productive year ahead. We have exciting learning ahead of us this term.

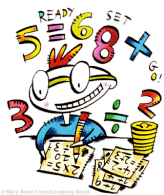
### Our Teaching Team

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### Inquiry:

#### Future World Changers

For our inquiry topic this term we will be focusing on what the children want to do in the future. The children will do a passion inquiry exploring a career of their choice, they will research different aspects of the career and then share back to the team in a career day at the end of term. There will be more information to follow.



### Maths:

This term we will explore Statistics, Number and Measurement. The children will also learn about graphing, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. Basic facts are very important as they are the basis for a lot of the topics in maths. Please encourage and help your child to learn their facts every night.

### Literacy:

This term in reading we are going to focus on comprehension skills. These include summarising, predicting, activating prior knowledge and vocabulary. In writing the children will be learning to write letters and procedural texts. Perhaps you can help at home by encouraging your children to read these types of texts.



### Homework:

Every Monday, children will bring home their homework book with their weekly spelling words. They will also be expected to read every night. They are to learn their words and do their homework throughout the week and return their homework book to school on Friday. We would appreciate it if you could ensure your child's homework is done each night.

### Summer:

Although some days it doesn't feel like it, it is summer and it is very hot during the day. Please make sure your child has a clearly named school sun hat as these are compulsory in Term 1 and 4.





### Lunch:

We are encouraging children to bring healthy food items in their lunchbox and a water bottle to school so they can regularly drink during the day without interrupting learning time to go to the outside tap. We are a 'water-only' school, so please refrain from giving small packs of juice or any other kind of drinks.

As a school, we are trying hard to reduce rubbish and to encourage composting. We expect the children to take home their lunch boxes with all their scraps (unless they can be added to our worm farm) and wrappers for recycling. This is an opportunity to use small containers to help reduce litter and reuse resources.

### Before and after school routine:

We expect all children to be ready to start the school day promptly at 9.00am. This means children need to arrive between 8.30am and 8.45am every day.

At the end of the day, we expect children to leave the school grounds before 3.15pm. For security reasons, we lock the gates at 3.15pm. We have before and after school care facilities run by Skids. If you require their services, please contact our school office.



### Physical Education

This term the children will be doing biking as part of our Health and P.E. Curriculum. The whole team will be doing biking on Thursday so we please ask that the children wear close covered in shoes closed toed shoes on these days. We will also be doing sports on a Monday afternoon, during term 1 and 4. If the children do not have hats they will need to sit out of the activities in the shade.

### Term One Events

- Week 1 - Waitangi Day (No School)
  - Powhiri - 9.15am Friday
- Week 3 - Whole School Assembly - Ms Peri's Farewell
  - Family Fun Night (Thursday)
- Week 6 - Student Led Conferences
- Week 10 - School Camp 10th - 12th April
  - Last day of Term 1 (Friday)

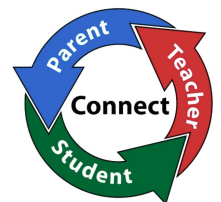


### Mandarin Lessons

We are very privileged to be able to provide the opportunity for the children in Te Rangi team to participate in Mandarin lessons. These will be 1 hour sessions each Thursday. The children will do lessons learning Mandarin and also different parts of the Chinese culture.

### Communication:

Communication between home and school is important. You can access further information from your child's classroom teacher on the classroom blog. A link to these can be found on our school website [www.oranga.school.nz](http://www.oranga.school.nz). From this website you can also **LIKE** our school facebook page which will keep you up to date with information and news. We are all very happy to meet with you if you have any concerns or queries about your child's learning. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.



We look forward to a successful, productive and fun term!

Yours sincerely,

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