



Te Whenua Team Newsletter

Term 4/2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

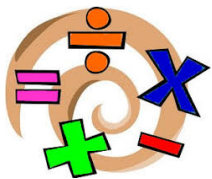
Tēnā Koutou, Talofa Lava, Mālō e lelei, Namaste, Anyonghasayo, Konnichiwa, Kia Orana, Bonjour, Guten Tag, Assalamualaikum and Greetings. Nau mai, haere mai and welcome back to another exciting term! We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break. It has been a fantastic year and we are looking forward to another very full term, with lots of great opportunities for our learners.

Te Whenua team organisation for 2019:

Class name	Teacher/s	Email address
Te Whenua Tahī (Room 1)	Mrs Nettie Murray - Rountree	n.murray-rountree@oranga.school.nz
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Te Whenua Rima (Room 5)	Mrs Hannah Soakai – Team Leader	h.soakai@oranga.school.nz

Inquiry:

This year, our overarching concept is '**Manaakitanga – Being caring, kind, hospitable**'. Last term we explored the concept of Culture and enjoyed learning about many different cultures from around the world. We were also involved in our school Multicultural Festival in Week 9 which was a wonderful way to showcase some of the many cultures represented in our diverse school community. This term, our Inquiry focus is Passion Projects. Students will have the opportunity to choose a topic they are passionate about or interested in and conduct their own inquiry into that passion.



Numeracy:

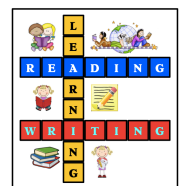
In Numeracy, we will begin the term with addition and subtraction as well as a continuous focus on fractions. We will revisit multiplication and division later on in the term and children will also learn about shapes, position and orientation. Your child will get maths homework starting from Week 1. Every Monday your child will bring home a basic facts worksheet. Knowing the basic facts is a critical part of being able to learn new strategies and solve more advanced mathematical problems. Please

encourage and help your child to learn their facts. They can also practise their basic facts at

<https://maths.prototec.co.nz>. Check with your child's teacher for more information about how to help your child with their basic facts at home.

Literacy:

We will begin our reading programme in Week 1. Your child will bring home a practise book to read from Monday to Thursday. Please read these with your child and sign their reading log. For Writing, we will revisit Narrative Writing. Every Monday, children will bring their spelling book home with their weekly spelling words. They are to learn the words over the week and return their spelling notebook to school everyday. We would appreciate it if you could tick the words, if spelt correctly, in the columns provided.





Physical Education:

This term, Te Whenua children will be involved in weekly athletics rotations to prepare for the whole school Athletics Day in Week 5 of this term.

How to log in to your child's Google drive to access their schoolwork and homework:

If you want to access your child's Google drive from home to check their schoolwork and homework, here are the steps to follow to logon to their drive.

- In your Web browser, go to drive.google.com. Your browser automatically redirects to Google's Sign In screen.
- Type in your child's Google email address and password – Child's preferred first name.first letter of your child's preferred lastname.oranga.school.nz for example johnny.s@oranga.school.nz. For the password check with your child or your child's classroom teacher.
- Click Sign In. Now, you can see your child's Google Drive.



Lunch:

We encourage 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 do not give your children 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 ask and encourage the children to take their lunch boxes home and recycle the contents.

Our Te Whenua classes also have a 'fruit break' everyday which is an opportunity for children to eat a piece of fruit from their lunchbox. We as teachers have found that the children are more focused in the first block of the day when they have had something healthy and nutritious to eat.

Before and after school routine:

We are expecting all our children to be ready to start the school day promptly at 8.55am. This means it would be helpful if your child could arrive between 8.30am and 8.45am. At the end of the day, the children must 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.

Term Events

- Wiki 1 Niuean Lang. Week
- Wiki 3 Labour Day (Mon)
 - Pasifika Fono (Wed)
 - Tokelau Lang. Week
- Wiki 5 Athletics Day (Wed)
- Wiki 6 EOTC Week
- Wiki 10 School Awards (Mon)
 - Year 6 Graduation (Tues)
- Term 4 ends on Wednesday December 18



Communication:

We understand the significance of effective and on-going communication between home and school. We use a range of ways to connect with our whānau. You can access newsletters on your child's **Seesaw**. More than one family member can connect to your child's Seesaw and all connected family members get notifications via app notification, email or SMS when there are new Seesaw posts. Please check with your child's classroom teacher for more information about Seesaw. From our school website <http://www.oranga.school.nz> you can also **LIKE** our school Facebook page which will keep you up to do date with information and news. We are all pleased to meet with you if you have any concerns or queries about your child's learning. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher to organise a time.

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

Yours sincerely,

Te Whenua teachers.

Te Whenua Team
Hei whangai i te koru – To nurture the growth