

Te Moana Team Newsletter Term 1 2019

We welcome all returning whanau and new whanau to the school.

We look forward to a fun and exciting Term 1!

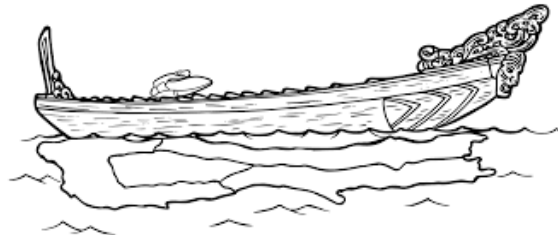
TE MOANA TEACHERS

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	Becks Moyle	
R13	Anna Campbell	Y1
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WE ARE A SUN SMART SCHOOL

All students are required to wear a school sunhat in Term 1. These can be purchased from the school office for \$9.00. Please remember to label hats with your child's first and last name.

'He waka eke noa'



We are all in the waka together.

STATIONERY

Thank you for purchasing this year's stationery. Teachers will label student's books and any spare books will be stored away until your child needs to start a new one. Glue sticks, pens and pencils are used communally in the class and replaced when needed.

DISCOVERY

This year Te Moana and Te Awa will be having Discovery together every Friday, 11.30am - 1.00pm. During this time classrooms will be running a range of different hands on activities that students can choose to participate in. Students will move between the classes at their own pace. Teachers will be running guided activities and facilitating play. We are always in need of extra adult support during our Discovery sessions - Feel free to come along and get involved - preschoolers welcome!

TE MOANA MAHI TAHI DAY

We are having a team-building day to celebrate and connect all of the children belonging to Te Moana. We have planned a range of exciting and engaging activities that will encourage students to work together and get to know each other. We welcome all whanau to come along and join us for this fun event.

When: Friday 15 February

Where: Bottom field and courts

Students are required to bring with them: sunhat, sunblock, filled water bottle, swimming togs/spare change of clothes and a towel.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Learning through play will capture your child's creativity for authentic learning. You will notice your child/ren taking part in a lot of socio-dramatic play, construction, hands on experiences and creative projects. Literacy and Numeracy are woven into play, with the students taking ownership of their learning.

The NZ Curriculum states that the Key Competencies*, "give young people the skills to learn anywhere, anytime and to keep on doing that even when there is no one to prompt them."

Te Moana students learn in an environment that develops the skill and love of learning that will enable all students to become life-long learners.

***Key Competencies:** managing self, relating to others, using language, symbols & texts, thinking, participating & contributing.

ARE YOU ABLE TO DONATE?

We are always in need of donated items to assist our classroom learning programme. Items could include:

- Carpentry tools and accessories
- Old kitchenware
- Arts and Crafts supplies
- Wooden blocks
- PVC piping and guttering (clean please)
- Cardboard tubes e.g., inside of wrapping paper
- Natural items e.g., pinecones, shells, stones, pebbles

Please give items to your child's classroom teacher.

Play is the
highest form
of research

Albert Einstein

LEARNING AREAS

Reading:

Students read the same book over two days. This allows students to become familiar with the text, giving them the opportunity to notice the words and letter sounds on the second day. Readers will be sent home with students from week 3.

Writing: Recount and personal experiences

Students think about what they would like to write, share their ideas with others, draw a picture to show their idea and record their idea, with teacher support.

Oral Language:

Through play students are learning to talk about what they are doing. Students are developing the oral language skills they need to be successful in all curriculum areas.

Mathematics:

Students participate in hands-on mathematical experiences. Through regular exposure to materials students learn how to use them to solve problems. During play students develop an understanding of mathematical concepts e.g., measurement, shape, fractions.

E.O.T.C.

As a unique learning opportunity we will be visiting the Maritime Museum and Ports of Auckland.

Students will have a self-guided tour of the Museum before taking a boat ride around the Port. You will receive more information about this trip later on in the term.

FRUIT BREAK AND WATER

We have Fruit Break everyday at 10am.

Please pack a piece of peeled/sliced fruit in your child's lunch box each day.

Children need to bring a bottle of **water** to drink from throughout the day.

Please remember that we are a **water only** school.

EXCELLENCE @ ORANGA (PB4L)

E=4C...we are caring, creative, connected, critical thinkers!

Excellence Tickets are given to students who are demonstrating Excellence through positive behaviour.

Tickets are tallied and student's are rewarded when they have received 15, 30, 50, 70, 100 tickets. Excellence tickets are also collected and placed in our House token boxes.

The House with the most Excellence Tickets at the end of each term will be rewarded.

SCHOOL HOURS

Classrooms are open for children at **8.30am**. Please do not enter the classes or hallway before this time.

At 8.55am a bell will ring, letting children know that it is time to get to class, ready for a **9.00am** start. School finishes at **3.00pm**. **SKIDS** operate before and after school care in the school hall.

EARLY COLLECTIONS/LATE ARRIVALS

If you are picking up your child early or are running late, please make sure you check-in at the school office.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

We discourage toys being brought to school. Teachers take no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen toys.

SEESAW

You may have received your child's log in details to view their Seesaw account. Seesaw is a digital portfolio of your child's learning. All students are using Seesaw and becoming confident in recording their learning. Please follow your child's seesaw account and talk to them about their learning. It is important that students have an audience for their Seesaw account and see their contributions as being valued by whanau.

MILK IN SCHOOLS

We are part of Fonterra's Milk in Schools programme. Students are given the option to drink milk everyday. Please let the teacher know if your child is not to have milk.

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 1

Wednesday 6 February: Waitangi Day

Friday 8 February: Powhiri

Week 2

Friday 15 February: Mahi Tahi Day

Week 3

Thursday 22 February: Family Fun Night

Friday 22 February: Farewell to the Principal (Assembly)

Week 4

Friday 1 March: Discovery Starts

Week 6

Tuesday 12 March: Te Moana E.O.T.C.

Week 10

Friday 12 April: Last day of Term 1