

TE AWA

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER, 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

- **WIKI 1**
- Waitangi Day Wednesday 6th February
- Powhiri Friday 8th February
- **WIKI 3**
- Family Fun Night
- Te Awa Summer Fun Day

LITERACY

Our Reading programme will run from Monday - Thursday starting in Week 2. Students will bring a book home to read with you. They may sometimes bring the same book home for two days to develop fluency. We encourage students to choose books for enjoyment from home or the local library as well.

For Writing, students will learn spelling, sentence structure, vocabulary and punctuation. We will be focussing on writing recounts about personal experiences.

NUMERACY

Our Maths programme will start in Week 2. We will focus on statistics, addition and subtraction throughout the term. Our Maths programme will run from Monday - Friday. Students will choose maths clinics to attend to learn concepts and strategies. Students will also be able to engage in 'Maker Space' where they can explore their own creativity through guided or self guided activities.

ABOUT TE AWA

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a great start to 2019, with Te Awa Team getting straight into learning.

We have an exciting term planned, with lots of learning and great opportunities for our tamariki.

Te Awa means the river. Within our school structure, Te Awa represents the natural flow between Te Moana (the sea - year 1 team) and Te Whenua (the land - year 3/4 team). Te Awa is a team of year 2 students and three teachers who will work collaboratively and share rooms 14, 15 & 19. Room 15 is our main classroom and meeting place.

Students will have the opportunity to work with all three teachers throughout the year. We look forward to a great year and first term getting to know you and your children.

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Sincerely,
Te Awa Teachers

HOMEWORK

Starting in week 2, students will have basic facts and spelling words to practise. Basic facts sheets will be given out weekly. Spelling lists will be provided for you to help your child with and tick when your child can recall them. This will be in their book bag along with a book to read. Please help your child with their homework and sign their reading log. Please support your child to bring their book bag to school everyday. We will be reusing last years book bags. If your child needs a new one now or at any time during the year, you can purchase one from your local stationary shop.

KO AU TE AWA, KO TE AWA KO AU.

E rere kau mai te awa nui nei.
Mai i te kahui Maunga ki Tangaroa.
Ko au te awa. Ko te awa ko au.

The river flows.
From the mountains to the sea.
I am the river. The river is me.

COMMUNICATION

Communication between home and school is important. We will be using Seesaw as part of our classroom programme. You will be able to see your child's work through this application as well as important notices and information posted by Te Awa Teachers on our Seesaw blog. Login details will be available soon. We are all very happy to meet with you if you have any concerns or queries about your child's learning. Please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to a successful, productive and fun term! You can view our Seesaw blog here

<https://blog.seesaw.me/teawa2019>

LUNCH

We encourage children to bring healthy food 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 proud to be a 'water-only' school. As a school, we are trying hard to reduce rubbish and to encourage composting. We ask that children take rubbish home, except for items that we can compost. When children are playing outside, they require a named school sun hat for protection from the sun.

INQUIRY

This year, our focus for Inquiry is Manaakitanga - the process of showing respect and care for others as well as generosity, kindness and support. Throughout the term we will explore different ways that we can understand and demonstrate Manaakitanga as individuals and as a class in a variety of ways.

DISCOVERY

Te Awa and Te Moana will be working together every Friday for Discovery learning starting in week 4. Students will have the option to join in with any of the classrooms in the Junior block to explore and learn by engaging in different areas of interest. Discovery Learning is a method of Inquiry-Based Instruction. It encourages students to build on past experiences and knowledge, use their intuition, imagination and creativity. Students have the flexibility to move between the classes during this time in order to explore different experiences and activities.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This term, our physical education programme will revolve around team building games and bike safety. We will have biking lessons once a week on Friday mornings starting from week 3. We will also provide opportunities for regular fitness and team sports.