



Te Moana Team Newsletter Term 2 2019

Welcome back to all returning whānau and those who have recently joined our school community. We look forward to another exciting term of learning!

LEARNING AREAS

Reading:

Students read the same book over two days. This allows students to become familiar and confident with the text. Support your child by listening to them read everyday and asking them questions about the story.

Writing: Recount and personal experiences

Students are learning to write a correctly formed sentence using the words that they know or by sounding out the initial, middle and end letter sounds of words. Support your child by talking to them about their real-life experiences in detail.

Oral Language:

Through play students are learning to talk about what they are doing and to share their learning with others.

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.

TE MOANA TEACHERS

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Tekau	Laura Ferris (Team Leader)	Y0/Y1
	Becks Moyle	
R13	Anna Campbell	Y1
	Nicola Sykes	

WELCOME BACK

Mrs Mitra Senthil will be joining Te Moana from Monday 20th May. She will be opening a New Entrant class in Room 12.

Play is the
highest form
of research

Albert Einstein

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.

DISCOVERY

Te Moana and Te Awa will continue to have Discovery together every Friday, 11.30am - 1.00pm. Students participate in a range of different hands-on activities and are able to move between classes at their own pace. We are always in need of extra adult support during our Discovery sessions - Feel free to come along and get involved - preschoolers welcome!

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

If you or someone you know has an excess supply of stationery items e.g., masking tape, paper, card, envelopes etc, we would be very grateful to take these off your hands. Due to the nature of teaching and learning in Te Moana we tend to go through these items very quickly.

SEESAW

Keep up to date with your child's learning by viewing their Seesaw account. This term student's will be learning to upload and comment on their items, independently.

DOG SAFETY

We are fortunate enough to have 'Kids safe with Dogs' coming into our school this term. Instructors (and their dogs) teach children how to safely interact with dogs. You can learn more about the programme on the website: www.kidssafewithdogs.co.nz

Lessons will take place on Wednesday 5 June.

DRINKS AND KAI AT SCHOOL

We ask that you send **only water** to school for drinks. Children are always able to drink through the day and water fountains are available.

Please check that your child can open the containers and snack packets that are sent to school. For easy access, cut one end before putting it in their lunch box.

During the first block we have fruit break. Please make sure to pack a piece of cut/peeled fruit everyday in your child's lunchbox.

Tissues

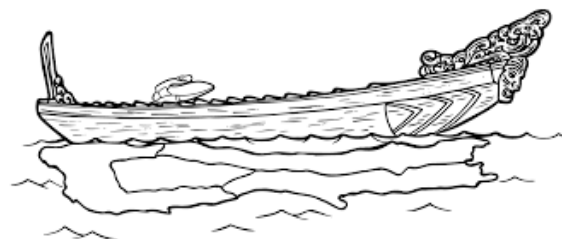
With winter just around the corner we are sure to see an increase in snuffly noses. We are very glad to accept donated boxes of tissues for use in the classrooms.

EXCELLENCE @ ORANGA (PB4L)

E=4C...At Oranga We Are Caring, Creative, Connected and Critical Thinkers!

Excellence Tickets are given to students who demonstrate 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.

'He waka eke noa'



We are all in the waka together.

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins at 8.55am each day. After 8.30am, children are allowed into their classrooms. Before this time, teachers are busy with preparing resources for the day and need this time to be undisturbed.

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.

Your child may have a 'sharing day' at school. Children are welcome to bring something to share on this day, teachers are happy to look after precious items on sharing days.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform to school everyday. Please name all clothing with your child's name. To support independence, please teach your child to dress/undress themselves and to put on/do up their own shoes.

Illness

Children who are unwell need to be kept warm at home. Often they are miserable at school and bugs are passed all too easily from one child to another. Please reinforce the message about washing hands before eating and after using the toilet.

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning."

—Mr. Rogers