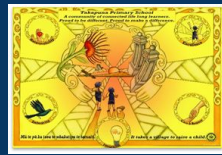


Whānau Kiwi Newsletter



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If you have any questions,
please email us.

Kia ora and welcome to Term 1 2023!

We hope your family enjoyed the holiday break and were not too badly affected by the recent weather events.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new learners who will be beginning their learning journey at Takapuna Primary this term.

In these first few weeks, our focus is on settling everyone into school and ensuring all our learners understand and follow school routines. Taking the time to focus on this will set us up for a very successful year. We are still teaching the curriculum everyday but your child may not have any home learning for the first few weeks while we establish these important foundations for learning.

Please remember that hats are compulsory in Term 1. We would also encourage learners to bring a drink bottle and to apply sunblock before coming to school.

Last year our Year 1 teachers worked with the University of Canterbury, learning about a new approach to teaching reading. This year our Year 2 teachers will also undertake this training. We will hold an information session about the approach on Wednesday 22nd February at 3:10 pm in Room 6ABC. Please come along to find out more about this approach and how you can help at home.

Kaiako will also learn more about how to teach Te Reo Māori this term. This training will take place from 8 - 8:30 am on 28th February and 21st March. This means teachers will not be in their classrooms before 8:30 am.

This term in the classroom, our Inquiry studies will explore how our family or our ancestors came to New Zealand. We will share our discoveries with our classmates looking for things that we have in common and things that make us unique.

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM?

School Hours/Absences

- School hours are 9am – 3pm.
- Learners can be at school from 8.30am and ready to start the day from 8.50am
- If your child is absent please contact the office.
- For appointments during school hours please remember to sign out at the office before collecting your child.
- Please let your child's teacher know if they attend ASC (After School Care).

Reminders

For any last minute changes to ASC or pick ups please contact the office as teachers often do not get the opportunity to check their email during the day.

Please check HERO regularly for school communications and important notices.

Key Dates

Please diary these dates:

- **13th- 17th Feb**
Digital safety week
- **15th Feb, 5.30pm**
Digital safety talk with NETSAFE - TBC
- **22nd Feb, 3.10pm**
Better Start Literacy Information Session
- **27th Feb - 3rd Mar**
Culture Week
- **21st - 22nd Mar**
Learner Conferences

Ngā mihi nui, Whānau Kiwi Teachers