

Kapa Kōwhai News Term 3 2018

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei



This whakataukī is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but it's real message is to be persistent and don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

Dear Parents and Whānau

We have recently shared your child's progress with you and are keen to continue to enable them on their learning journey at Blockhouse Bay Primary.

Term Three Learning Focus

Our Learning Focus for Term Three is based on the concepts of **Challenge and Change**. We will explore this through the Inquiry Based Learning Process. The curriculum areas that we will focus on will be Health & Physical Education and Science.

P.E.

As well as our fitness activities, we will have specialist tuition from Kiwi Sports in Netball. The children will have the opportunity to develop new techniques and team skills over six sessions. These will be held on a Monday from Week 3 onwards.



N.B. Library - There will be no borrowing from the library this term due to our building renovations - The children will still be able to attend the pop-up library in the foyer of the John Davies Performing Arts Centre (Te Whau) - and be able to browse and read a selection of books.

- **Assemblies**

We get together as a team once a fortnight to share our learning and sing a few songs.



Each class will have a turn organising and hosting an assembly. You are welcome to come and you'll be notified when your child's class is hosting theirs. Kōwhai assemblies will be in the PAC at 2.30 pm every second

Tuesday from Tuesday Week 4 the 14th of August onwards.

(Note Friday the 17th of August is a whole school assembly at 2.00pm).

Uniform:

Only official school uniform garments may be worn. If your child requires extra warmth they may wear a plain navy or black skivvy under their uniform tops. If you feel they need extra warmth the items that are non-uniform must not be able to be seen.

The only jewellery that may be worn is tiny stud earrings and watches or religious items, which must be under the uniform as much as possible. Plain navy or black religious scarves may be worn if parents wish.

Please continue to label every single item of your child's clothing and belongings - We accumulate a huge number of items: clothing, water bottles, shoes and lunch boxes - all easily returned if only they were labelled. Check the lost property cupboard (beside the uniform shop) from time to time if your child has missing items in there.

Home learning

In Term Three we are continuing with our Maths, Spelling and Reading. The children will have a weekly list of common words to learn and some ideas or resources will be shared to help develop your child's Maths knowledge. Note Reading continues to be the main focus for your child's home learning and should be done every night - either them reading to you or you reading to them, or a combination of both.



How you can help your child with home learning

- Let them have a bit of time to unwind after school - they will have been working all day
- Give them a snack and drink - their brains work better with fuel
- Make sure they have a suitable environment to work in. Let them choose a comfortable space, clear away any distractions and keep siblings away from them
- Decide together how long their homework will take
- Make sure they have everything they need before they start - a set of fun stationery just for homework can be a great motivator

Punctuality

We suggest that children arrive at school at 8:30am. This gives them time to get themselves organised for the day and socialise with other children. Children are only allowed in the classroom after 8:15am. They should not be at school before this time as teachers are preparing for class and unable to supervise children. If they arrive after the bell at 8.50am, they need to go to the office and get a 'Welcome slip' to take to their teacher.

The Daily Timetable at our school

	<u>8:50 -10:50 Block One</u> Learning	
	<u>10:50 -11:30 First Break</u> Eating from 10.50-11am, then play	 
	<u>11:30 - 1:00 Block Two</u> Learning	
	<u>1:00 - 1:30 Second Break</u> Play	
	<u>1.30-1.45pm</u> Eating	
	<u>1:45 - 3:00 Block Three</u> Learning	

Waste free lunches:

We are strongly encouraging our school community to be as waste free as possible.



This means that we reward children who have no waste in their lunch boxes. If they have a waste free lunch box. They get ticks on a card and when they have 5/10/15 or 20 ticks they get slips to go into a weekly prize draw.

If you are unsure of how to pack a lunch without using glad wrap or foil or what to send instead of bags of chips and tubs of yoghurt etc. please ask Mrs Addison or your child's teacher for hints and ideas.

Winter sniffles:

As Winter is here and a lot of the children get sniffles and sneezes - we would really appreciate if if you could donate a box of tissues to the class.



N.B. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child's teacher for a quick chat before school. If you require a longer time please make an appointment with the teacher.

