

ADVENTURE ROOM

Term One

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to Term 1, 2023 in Adventure! I hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing Summer and are looking forward to getting back into exciting learning and community at Tahuna School.

ICARE Values

The ICARE Value we are focussing on this term is CHALLENGE. 'I can try new things and not give up.' We will be looking at having a 'Growth Mindset' - having a positive outlook on challenges and how we will overcome them.



Learning Overview Term 1

Social Science and History

This term we will be covering the history of the Treaty of Waitangi. We will also explore the significance of the ships and waka that have travelled to New Zealand.

Formal assessment will begin in week three so that I can gain greater understanding around your child's learning needs and support them with goal setting in Maths, Reading and Writing.

Numeracy

- We will be working on instant recall of times tables and basic addition and subtraction facts.
- The children will be in ability based PRIME Maths groups to explore place value and strategies.

Meet the teacher!



Greetings whanau! My name is Miss Jessica Brownlee. I am so excited to be part of Tahuna School community. I come from Cambridge and have taught overseas and in the Waikato. Seeing your children, happy, growing, learning and developing our school values are of the greatest importance to me.

Literacy

Reading will include,
-focussing on comprehension in small groups
- individually exploring and developing interest in books
-developing visual and oral language skills



Writing will include

- creative writing based on their own interests and experiences
- the genre of information reports

Physical Education

For the majority of the term we will be swimming. Then we will follow with invasion games, focussing on working as a team.

We will be swimming every day. Please provide a note should there be a reason why your child is unable to swim. We will focus on our stroke techniques as well as stamina.

Goggles are not required, however I do recommend that they have a pair. It makes a difference.

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Library Day is Wednesday

Please make sure they bring their book to school for Wednesday.

Dates of Interest

- Swimming Sports - 24th Feb
- Dr Seuss Dress up Day - 2nd March
- Fishing Competition - 25th-26th March
- Biathlon - 31st March
- Last day of Term 1 - 6th April



Summer Weather

-As per our Sunsmart Policy, hats are compulsory in Terms 1 & 4. These are provided by the school and will be allocated to each child for the term. Most children self manage this well with little reminders needed.

-Sunscreen is also required to be applied. School supplies this, but children are welcome to use/bring their own.

-Drink bottles are a great idea and easy way to keep hydrated both in the classroom and when outside for P.E.

Wheels Wednesdays - Children can bring drift trikes, roller blades, skates, scooters etc to ride. Don't forget a helmet and shoes! (No two-wheeled bikes).



Communication

School Stream (whole school) and Seesaw (class based) are our main platforms for communication. The weekly School Newsletter is published on School Stream. Please stay up to date with the notices there. I use the Seesaw app to keep you informed of the exciting things we are doing in class. All notices will also be uploaded to this and any reminders.

I will send out email invitations to you early in the term so that you are connected on Seesaw. The children love seeing their parents and caregivers liking and commenting on their work.

I use email to communicate with families individually and it is the best way to contact me.

If you have any questions, anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to send me an email. We can correspond by email, book a time to meet or have a phone call.

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