

Te Moana Newsletter
Term 1 2018
'He waka eke noa'
We are all in the waka together



Dear Parents and Whanau,

Tena koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Namasthe, Konichiwa, Kia Orana, Bonjour and Greetings!

Welcome back to school for an exciting Term One 2018. We look forward to working with you and your child/ren this year!

TE MOANA TEACHERS

Room 10	Laura Ferris	Y0/1
	Becks Moyle	
Room 12	Sarah Gundersen	Y1
Room 13	Lisa Maka	Y1
	Laura Kilpatrick	

Laura Ferris - Team Leader

Stationery

Thank you for purchasing this year's stationery. Teachers have labelled student's books and any spare books will be stored away until your child needs to start a new one. Glue sticks, pens and pencils are used communally in the class and replaced when needed.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

We discourage toys being brought to school. Teachers take no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen toys.

LEARNING AREAS

Reading:

Alphabet and word knowledge: recognising letters of the alphabet, alphabet sounds, retaining high frequency words and sounding out unfamiliar words.

Comprehension: making predictions, relating texts to personal experiences, discussing the setting, plot and characters.

We appreciate your ongoing support by reading with your child every night and filling in their reading logs.

Writing:

Recount and personal experiences: We are learning to record our experiences and extend our stories beyond one sentence.

Oral Language: We are learning to talk about our experiences in a clear voice, using full sentences.

Mathematics:

Number knowledge, addition and subtraction and statistics.

Inquiry:

Mana Moana - protecting our seas.

Through questioning and discussion teachers will guide their students on their own inquiry journeys, you can keep up to date with these by visiting your child's class blog.

SWIMMING

We are very fortunate to be a part of 'pools in school'. Every class will have a weekly time (beginning week three) to use the pool during Term One.

Te Moana students will be learning all about water safety. For our lessons in the pool to be successful every class requires a parent helper to assist. If you are able to come along, please let your child's teacher know.



R10	R12	R13
Tuesday 1.30 - 2.40	Monday 1.40 - 2.40	Wednesday 1.40 - 2.40

Students will need to bring with them (in a named bag):

- Swimming togs
- Towel
- Goggles (optional)

BIKE LESSONS

Each class will have a weekly time allocated for bike lessons. If you are able to assist with these lessons please let your child's teacher know. Students must wear closed shoes to school on the day of their lesson. A separate note will come home informing you of when your child's swimming day will be.





SCHOOL HOURS

Classrooms are open for children at **8.30am**. Please do not enter the classes or hallway before this time.

At 8.55am a bell will ring, letting children know that it is time to get to class, ready for a **9.00am** start. School finishes at **3.00pm**. If you require before or after school care please contact **SKIDS** oranga@skids.co.nz

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.

FRUIT BREAK AND WATER



Please pack a piece of peeled/sliced fruit in your child's lunch box each day.

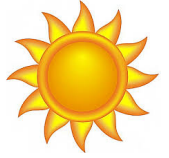


With the warmer weather children need to bring a named water bottle to school that they can drink from throughout the day.

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 3	Thursday 22 February	Family Fun Night
	Friday 23 February	Te Moana mahi tahi day
Week 6	Tuesday & Thursday	Goal setting conferences
Week 8	Thursday 29 March	EOTC - Coastline Clean Up
	Friday 30 March	Good Friday
Week 9	Monday 2 April Tuesday 3 April	Easter Break
Week 10	Friday 13 April	Last day of Term 1

WE ARE A SUN SMART SCHOOL



All students are required to wear a school sunhat in term 1. These can be purchased from the school office for \$9.00. Please remember to label hats with your child's first and last name.

Play-based Learning

As research suggests, a child's brain is not developmentally ready for academic learning until the age of seven. This is when children have learnt the 'how to' of learning, which is critical to retaining what is being learnt.

Through play-based learning we have created an integrated holistic curriculum where Mathematics, Literacy, Science and the Arts are embedded and interwoven into the experiences and invitations to play available for the children. Teachers help facilitate the exploration of these invitations by scaffolding the play and providing the vocabulary or prompts needed to expand the opportunities to learn from this play.

Te Moana Mahi Tahi Day

We are having a team-building day to celebrate and connect all of the children belonging to Te Moana. We have planned a host of exciting and engaging activities that will encourage students to work together and get to know each other. We welcome all whanau to come along and join us for this fun event. At 12.45pm we will be having a picnic on the field, feel free to bring your lunch along too!

When: Friday 23 February

Where: Bottom field and courts

Students are required to bring with them: sunhat, sunblock, filled water bottle, swimming togs/spare change of clothes and a towel.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning at school. We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

If you have any questions please come and see teachers before or after school, alternatively make an appointment to speak with Laura Ferris.

Visit our class blogs so you can keep up to date with our learning journey. You will find the link on our school website: <http://www.oranga.school.nz>.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Ferris, Becks Moyle, Sarah Gundesen, Lisa Maka and Laura Kilpatrick.