

# Karearea Team Newsletter

## Term 1, 2018

*Meet our fabulous team*



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**Hats** - Compulsory for Term 1 and Term 4.  
No hat...no play. Please check your child's  
hat is named.

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## Welcome

*Kia ora and welcome back to all our Year 5 and 6 students, parents and teachers. A very special welcome to those who are new to Whenuapai School.*

*2018 is going to be a fantastic year. Please expect to receive our newsletter each term informing you of the terms learning and events ahead as well as a weekly round up email highlighting our achievements and reminders of up and coming dates. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to address them with your child's classroom teacher. Karearea team teachers are looking forward to meeting you all and we encourage you to pop in and introduce yourselves.*



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## Reminders

**Brain Food** - Usually around 10:00am.  
Please ensure a small snack is included in your child's lunch box or a separate container. This is an addition to a morning tea snack. Some examples are fresh fruit or vegetables (pre cut and peeled). No nuts please. We are a nut free school.

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## Curriculum Learning

### Context 1

#### Where we are in place and time

7th Feb-1st June

#### Idea 1

Why we study the past?

How today's games have been shaped by the past?

We will be inquiring into the time and place where present day games/sports have been shaped by the past, as well as the reasons for their development and adaptation. We will reflect on the patterns we see, and try to extend our understanding of the key concepts, change and connection by using the past and present to imagine the future.

#### Idea 2

Exploration is a response to human circumstances and challenges.

The discoveries, explorations, and migrations of humankind.

1) What are important explorations that have happened over time? (form)

2) Why do people explore? (causation)

3) What are the consequences of exploration? (change)

**Key competencies:** participating & contributing, self-management, symbols and text, thinking, relating to others

**Values:** Respect Ourselves, Respect Learning, Respect Others, Respect Our Environment

**Principles:** High Expectations, Treaty of Waitangi, Cultural Diversity, Inclusion, Learning to Learn, Community Engagement, Coherence, Future Focus.

#### **Numeracy**

- *Number strategies and knowledge is ongoing all year.*
- *Algebra*
- *Measurement*

*Mathletics will be aligned to curriculum level and strand for personalised learning.*

*Students are required to spend 20 mins 2-3 times a week on set activities for home learning.*

#### **Literacy**

- **Research skills**
- **Specific comprehension hotspots**
- **Writing, linking to context**

#### **Spellodrome and Reading Eggspress**

- **Individualised reading/spelling**

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### **Karearea Home Learning Expectations**

*Home learning in Year 5&6 is an extension of the programmes taught in the classroom. Mathletics/Reading Eggs & Spellodrome will become ongoing home learning. We value and encourage out of school activities. We view sports (team and individual) as well as groups such as Scouts etc as an integral part of building resilient young people. We consider all of this important home learning.*

**Summerset Retirement Village**-We will continue our community connection with Summerset Retirement Village at Monterey Park in Hobsonville. Summerset are supporting Context 1 by sharing stories of how the past has shaped the future. Visits will start Wednesday 21st February.

**Literacy/Art**-To support our talented writers and artists we have Charlotte, the editor of Toitoti coming to visit. Toitoti is a quarterly journal of writing and art by New Zealand children.

**Toi Toi** <https://www.toitoti.nz/>

We also have Zee Southcombe, author, artist and publisher from Blue Mushroom Books coming to inspire our students.

<https://www.bluemushroombooks.co.nz/>

**Water Safety- Mairangi Bay**-Qualified surf lifesavers at Mairangi Bay beach will instruct our students for a day. The key outcomes include, awareness of waves, rips, holes and currents, identifying other beach hazards, how to keep ourselves and others safe at the beach, and what actions to take if they get into trouble.

We need 16 parents for this programme to go ahead. A notice has gone home today, look out for it in your child's bag.

**Camp Term 2 Wednesday 30th**

**May-June 1st** (parents needed, police vet form required. Please see Sera in the office to get this process underway)

**PLD info evening 20th Feb**-we invite you to join us in the staffroom to discuss personal learning devices.

**Assembly- Monday 9.10am Yr 4-8 School hall**

### **Important Dates**

- **19th February- 9.10 Assembly**
- **20th February**-PLD info night 5.30-6.30 staffroom
- **22nd February** - Family fun evening (A PTA organised event. More information coming home soon)
- **27th February**- Toitoti
- **5th March- 9.10 Assembly**
- **7th March** -Blue Mushroom Books
- **8th March** - Junior and Senior Disco
- **19th March-9.10 Assembly**
- **19th & 20th March** Water Safety Mairangi Bay
- **12th - 23rd March** - Easter hamper sales
- **30th March** - Good Friday NO SCHOOL
- **2nd April** - Easter Monday NO SCHOOL
- **3rd April** - Easter Tuesday NO SCHOOL
- **9th April- 9.30 Assembly (later start)**
- **13th April** - PTA Lunch and Ice Block. Term 1 ends
- **30th April** - Term 2 begins