

Tui Team Newsletter

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Meet our fabulous team



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Welcome

Welcome back to all our Year 2 and 3 students, parents and teachers. A very special welcome to those who are new to Whenuapai School. Get ready for an exciting year ahead filled with fun, learning and soon to be great memories. 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 each Friday, 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. Tui team teachers are looking forward to meeting you all and we encourage you to pop in and introduce yourselves.

Reminders

Brain Food - Usually around 10:00am. Please ensure a small healthy 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.

Hats - Compulsory for Term 1 and Term 4. No hat...no play out in the open (shaded areas only). Please check your child's hat and all uniform items are named, including shoes.

Assemblies - Each fortnight we will have a team assembly where one class will

host/present on stage and share their learning with the audience. We will have a practice run through next Friday with our students on how assembly runs in Tui team. Our sharing assemblies will then take place in week 4 (2nd March), week 6 (16th March), week 8 (30th March) and week 10 (13th April). Assemblies will commence at 9:15am in the hall. Parents and whanau welcome.

Curriculum Learning

Numeracy

- Number - Throughout Term 1 we will learn strategies in maths for adding, subtracting and place value.
- Statistics - This is our strand focus. We will be learning how to collect information (data) and present this in a graph. We will also come up with statements about what the graph is showing us.

Literacy

- We will be establishing guided and mixed ability groups. Children will be learning routines and expectations during literacy. When writing we will focus on setting goals, generating examples of different writing genres and sharing our writing with each other. We will make links with reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Our Key Learning focuses

Learning to Work Together

- We start the first couple of weeks understanding what makes a good learner. We will learn to work with each other, understand friendships and unpack **our school values (Respect ourselves, respect others,**

respect the environment, respect learning).

Culture and Identity

- Waitangi Day - We will learn about what Waitangi Day is and why we have Waitangi Day. We will also be creating our own class treaty.

Where we are in Place and Time

- This is our whole school context. We will be inquiring into how our family came to Whenuapai? Connecting learning at school for our grandparents and parents compared to our learning now.

Key Competencies

- Capabilities for living and life long learning.
- People use these competencies to live, learn, work and contribute as active members of their communities. They are the key to learning in every learning area. The New Zealand Curriculum identifies five key competencies.
 1. Thinking
 2. Using language, symbols and texts
 3. Managing self
 4. Relating to others
 5. Participating and contributing

Tui Home Learning Expectations

Our new web-based home learning sites, *Mathletics*, *Reading Eggs* and *Spellodrome* are the core of our home learning programme. These websites can be accessed through mathletics.co.nz readingeggs.co.nz and nz.spellodrome.com Students' username and password are the same for each of these websites. As these activities are all internet based, it is up to each family to find the best way to fit in time

on the websites. This option allows parents to tailor home learning to their individual schedules. Teachers will be monitoring activities that students undertake, and can set tasks for students to work on within mathematics. Your child's username and password will come home with them on Monday in their book bags so that students can begin their home learning routines from Monday on. In addition to Mathematics, Spellodrome and Reading Eggs, students will have a reader which will come home daily. This may include a library book on class library days which you can read to your child. A reading log card will also come home in your child's book bag on Monday with a reader. Please date this card, record the title of the book and sign and/or comment once reading homework has been completed. Readers will be a mix of new texts read with the teacher in class that day as well as familiar readers to build on confidence and fluency.

Important Dates

Important dates to mark in your calendar:

- **22nd February** - Family fun evening (A PTA organised event. More information coming home soon)
- **8th March** - Junior and Senior Disco
- **12th - 23rd March** - Easter hamper sales
- **30th March** - Good Friday NO SCHOOL
- **2nd April** - Easter Monday NO SCHOOL
- **3rd April** - Easter Tuesday NO SCHOOL
- **13th April** - PTA Lunch and Ice Block. Term 1 ends

- **30th April** - Term 2 begins

Traffic Heads Up

We have had a lovely contact at the base give us a heads up that there will be an increase in traffic going to and from the Air Force Base next week. This may affect school drop off and pick up traffic flow.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Nga mihi na

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