

Kea Team Newsletter

Term 1, 2019



Meet Our Team



Miss Olivia Mead, Miss Carli Michelsen,
Miss Riley Kaio, Ms Jenny Cornish
(Photo taken just before our Jump Jam
fitness today!)



Children participated in their first Jump Jam session today.

Welcome back!

Welcome back to term one and a special welcome to our new children and families! It was great to see so many happy faces yesterday! Thank you to those families who were able to stay for our Powhiri. We are known at school as the 'Kea' team. Each team have adopted a native bird. We chose the Kea as they are cheeky and inquisitive!

The first week of the term we have a little more information and call this our team newsletter. Each Friday you will receive a 'Weekly round up' which will be a shorter round up of our week and important dates that are coming up.

Seesaw - Its great that we have many families connected already. We would love it if you could download the app and follow your childs learning online. If you have not received your child's code yet please look in their book bags. You can scan the code several times to use on different devices.

Team Assemblies - Each term every class have a turn to share some of their learning at our Kea (year 0-1) Assembly. Certificates are also handed out and you will be contacted if your child is receiving one.

They begin at 9.15am in the school hall. Our first assembly will not be held until week 5 of the term.

Friday 8 March - Room 20

Friday 22 March - Room 18

Friday 5 April - Room 17

Learning this Term

This term we are learning about our classmates and families. We will look into 'Who we are', including who is in our school community, our families and whanau. Depending on children's interests we may look into our bodies, good food choices, gardening, and our culture!

Literacy

At the beginning of the year we are setting up routines and settling children into what life is like at school. In the coming weeks we will begin our reading groups. Children will bring home a book to read with you. They may sometimes be a bit tricky so you can read it to them or with them. Please return these the following day.

Soon we will also start our phonics lessons too. Children will focus on a few letters a week during the early stages.

Children will be learning about 'Casey the Caterpillar' this programme helps us teach letter formation so children get into good habits.

Numeracy

Throughout the term we will focus on identifying numbers and counting forwards and back. We will learn strategies in maths for adding numbers together. We will also have a focus around statistics and probability.

Kea Library Days

Room 17: Thursday

Room 18: Wednesday

Room 20: Wednesday

Each week we visit our school Library where we learn basic library and book skills. Children can only get one book out, if they do not bring theirs back they will be unable to get a new one! As we are currently changing to a new Library management system children will not be able to bring a book home until week 3.

Important Dates

Please be aware of these important dates coming up... (More to be added soon)

Wednesday 27 February: PTA Family night (5 - 7pm) More information to come from the PTA soon

Friday 12 April: Term one ends

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Information for new Parents

Arrival at school- School starts at 9.00am so it is important that children arrive in time to get ready in the morning, including hanging their bag, bringing in their book bags, brainfood and drink bottles. We encourage children to do this themselves! Classrooms will be open for children from 8.30am.

Brain Food - Usually around 10:00am. Please ensure a small healthy snack is included in a separate container. This is in 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.

Communication - You will receive our Kea team newsletter at the beginning of each term. School newsletters are emailed out every two weeks. On top of this, each Friday you will receive a weekly round up highlighting our achievements and reminders for upcoming dates. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to address them with your child's classroom teacher. From 8.30-9am can be very busy so please make an appointment with the teacher.

If you know your child will be absent from school please notify your classroom teacher and the front office.

Kea Home Learning Expectations

Students will each have a 'home learning' Book which they will keep in their book bag. At the beginning of the year this will work as an 'alphabet book'. This will have the simple poem on how we say the sound the letter makes. It will also have some handwriting

practice using the Casey Caterpillar shapes. In addition to this they will have a reading book (usually Monday - Thursday)). On Friday they will bring home their poem book for the weekend.

While we do not mark and record children's home learning, we encourage you to spend the time to work on these skills with your children.

How you can help at home

We get many parents ask how they can support their children's learning at home. Here is a link to the [Ministry of Education website](#), click on the area 'Ideas to help with reading, writing and maths' and there are several age appropriate ideas. If you would like more information, just see your child's classroom teacher.

Whenuapai School Values and Dojo Points

At Whenuapai we have four school values we refer to and the children learn about. These are;

- Respect for Ourselves
- Respect for Others
- Respect for the Environment
- Respect for our Learning

We run a 'token' system using Class Dojo. Children will receive points based on the school values and are rewarded when they meet individual and whole class targets.

Children also get Whenuapai Respect bands for reaching 50, 100, 150 and 200 tokens!