

Tui Team Newsletter

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Meet our amazing team



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Welcome

Welcome back to all our
Year 2 and 3 students,
parents and teachers.

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.

Sunscreen and Water - Term 1 can be very
hot and children need to apply sunscreen as
a part of their morning return. There will be
times for children to reapply at school.

Please ensure they also bring water bottles to school to sip on throughout the day.

Before School - Please remember that children are not supervised at school until 8.30am and classrooms are not open to the children until then. The Skids programme is run in our school hall from 7.30am-8.30am if morning supervision is needed.

Toys - We ask that students do not bring any toys or trading cards to school unless for something special like a news day. Any special toys or belongings brought can be locked in the classroom for safekeeping.

Seesaw - This is a great program for sharing our learning with you. You may have signed up to this already after the Meet the Teacher day or be linked from last year. If not, you will receive a QR code for your child's learning journal with instructions for downloading the app. We look forward to sharing your child's learning with you in this way.

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 (Room 23 & 24, 1st March), week 6 (Room 14, 15th March), week 8 (Room 13, 29th March) and week 10 (Room 15, 12th 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.

Who We Are

- *This is our whole school context. An inquiry into the nature of the self. Our own beliefs and values, our personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health, human relationships, cultures, rights and responsibilities, what it means to be human.*

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. These are:*
 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, Math Seeds and Reading Eggs are the core of our home learning programme. These websites can be accessed through the reading and math tabs on www.readingeggs.co.nz. The username and password are the same for each of these programmes. As these activities are internet based, it is up to each family to find the best way to fit in time on the websites. Teachers will be monitoring activities that students undertake and their progress. 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

Reading Eggs and Mathseeds, students will have a reader which will come home daily. This may include a library book on class library days which you can read with your child. A Kluwell reading log book from the stationery list will also come home in your child's book bag. Please fill it in as books are read and students are to keep these in their book bags. 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.

Whenuapai School Values and Dojo Points

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.

Important Dates

Important dates to mark in your calendar:

- *PTA Family Fun Evening - 27th February. More info to come.*
 - *End of Term 1 - Friday 12th April.*
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Have a wonderful weekend.

Nga mihi na

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