



Konini School

Learning to Learn: Adapting, Creating, Reflecting
Akona kia matou Kia taea nga ahuatanga katoa



YEAR 4 TEAM NEWS - TERM 1 2021

Kia Ora Parents and Whanau

Welcome back to school for 2021. The Year 4 teachers are looking forward to a busy and exciting term of learning with your children. A big welcome to Jennifer Tonkin in Room 10 who is joining our team this year. We look forward to building strong relationships with whanau as we begin our learning journey together.

CURRICULUM LEARNING AREAS

This term our Inquiry is called 'Ko Aotearoa tatou' - We are Aotearoa. We will be exploring the attributes and values of New Zealanders that have achieved great things. Further to this we will be sharing our ideas about one of our new school values - Whanaungatanga.

Other Term 1 curriculum details are as follows:

Maths - Number - Addition & Subtraction; Multiplication & Division and Statistics.

Literacy - Writing in relation to our Inquiry learning using a variety of text types. For example, recounts, letters, responses to text.

Literacy - Reading - At school we will be learning to select appropriate reading material based on our interests and reading ability. We will be exploring ways of demonstrating our understanding of ideas in a text.

Spelling - Focus on spelling rules, patterns and essential word lists.

Sport and P.E - Striking and fielding & Cross Country running.

HOME LEARNING

Daily reading at home is a great way to support your child's learning. This includes reading with or to your child and encouraging them to read independently as well. Here are some different approaches that can be used to encourage meaning and understanding:

- retell a story or part of a story
- discuss the characters and storyline
- make predictions about what could happen next
- find definitions for new or unknown words

Encourage your child to read a wide variety of material. This may include - maps, instructions, recipes and comics. It is easy to join the Glen Eden Public Library if you are not already a member. The children's librarian is willing to help and support with your use of the library.

The children will bring home a weekly spelling word list. These are based on sound knowledge and the Konini spelling word lists. At our first parent conferences this term we will discuss the relevant basic facts for your child to learn at home.

SUMMER DAYS

The children are all required to wear a wide brimmed hat in the playground and during Physical Education. Please ensure that your child has a named hat in their school bag. We have wide brimmed school hats for sale at our school office. Children who are not wearing a wide brimmed hat will remain seated in the shaded areas during breaks. We would like to see children wearing appropriate footwear for outside activities, such as closed in trainers for Cross Country running. As we are encouraging self-management, please ensure that they can do their shoe laces up by themselves.

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NAMED BELONGINGS

To help the children manage their belongings we would like them to use a book bag. This is to help protect our library books and store spelling notebooks and readers in. Please ensure that all of your child's clothes and shoes are **named**. If your child loses an item here at school it is more likely they will get it back if it is named.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL and FINISH TIMES

The children are able to arrive at school from 8.30am onwards, with school starting at 8.50am. *Children are not supervised until 8.30am.* Before the 8.30am bell rings they will all sit and wait in the wind tunnel area. It is a good idea to have a designated safe meeting place after school as this will encourage independence.

MEDICATION and HEALTH

Please ensure that any medication or asthma inhalers are handed in to the office. The children are unable to keep these items in their school bags during the day.

FOOD AT SCHOOL

Brain Food: This is an important part of our morning. We have a short break in our morning block where we encourage a small healthy snack.

Lunch: Thank you to the families who are supporting our sustainability initiative by working towards providing a litterless lunch. We are a Green-Gold Enviro School and we appreciate all efforts in achieving our goal of cutting down on packaging by reusing plastic containers or bags.

Water at School: Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle with water in it.

Celebrations: The Year 4 Team teachers ask that you do not send lollies or other food treats to school for birthday celebrations.

STATIONERY

All children will be issued with their stationery pack on the first day of school. **Please note** that there is no need for the exercise books to be taken home as we will name and organise all of the books at school. As a Green-Gold Enviro School, we prefer that exercise books are not covered with duraseal.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mihi Whakatau (Welcome to new families) - Friday 12 February
Picnic & Meet the Teacher Evening - Wednesday 17th February
Wheels Day Year $\frac{3}{4}$ - Wednesday 24 February
Parent Conferences - Wednesday 3 March & Wednesday 4 March
School Cross Country - Monday 15 March
Colour Run - Thursday 1 April

**Nga mihi nui - Thank you
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