

Year One Syndicate - Term One, February 2021

Haere Mai and welcome to Term One!

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break!



Meet our team

At Konini we are very lucky to have dedicated and hardworking teachers that absolutely love what they are doing! In our Year One team we have:

Dominique Rodden Room 1 - dominiquer@konini.school.nz

Hi! My name is Dominique Rodden. I'm starting the year in Room 6, after which time my base classroom will be Room 1. As a Konini local, I live close by with my beautiful family- my supportive husband, Ian, and two lovely daughters, one of which attends Konini School and the youngest due to start her first year at school in March. My passion is to help our youngest students transition smoothly into school and become confident and capable learners. My hobbies include spending time with my family, fishing, swimming as well as gardening. I look forward to meeting our newest students and getting to know their families.

Charlotte Nola Room 3 (Year One Team Leader) - charlotten@konini.school.nz

Kia Ora whānau. My name is Charlotte Nola and I love working in such a special and beautiful school full of wonderful learners. I live locally with my husband and son, Max who is entering the Year Four Syndicate this year. I love to read and to write creative, and sometimes silly stories! I come from a very large family and am very fortunate that it has remained tight knit and loving through generations. Please feel free to come in with any questions or concerns, or to say 'hi.' I look forward to meeting all of our Year One children and their whānau!

Catherine Nobbs Room 4 - catherinen@konini.school.nz

Hi, my name is Catherine Nobbs. I am teaching in Room 6. I live in Titirangi with my husband. I have 19 year old twin daughters and two cats. I enjoy walking, cycling, cooking, reading and playing the piano. I have been at Konini since my own girls started school 15 years ago. I particularly love teaching literacy and art, and also making use of our beautiful outdoor environment. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the new children.

Verily Jackson Room 4 - verilyj@konini.school.nz

Hi I'm Verily Jackson and I'm currently job sharing in Room 4 with Taylor Moxon. I have been teaching for a very long time and I have been at Konini for the last 16 years. I live in Oratia with my husband, 3 cats and 12 hens! I have an adult daughter who is a teacher and a son who is a University Lecturer. My son has recently had his first child and I am loving being a Nana. I am particularly passionate about numeracy and I love working with our newest learners.

Taylor Moxon Room 4 - taylorm@konini.school.nz

Kia Ora my name is Taylor Moxon and I'm currently job sharing in Room 4 with Verily Jackson. I have been teaching for 11 years and live in Henderson with my husband, our 2 year old son and 5 year old labrador dog. We are also very excited to be adding to our whānau with our daughter due in mid April this year. I love teaching in the junior school and look forward to getting to know you all this term.

We are also very lucky to have some talented Teacher Aides working with us in our classrooms.

For more information about your child's classroom programmes or routines please see the classroom teacher.

Our Learning for Term 1

This term our Inquiry focus is tāngata - people. This inquiry is strongly based on people, whānau, school and our wider community. The children will learn and celebrate their cultural and social importance in all these areas and how people are connected - the whakaute - whiria te tāngata (weave the people together) will encompass our learning. To emphasise this weaving we have our annual twilight picnic in week 2 and a whānau block later in the term. (See dates below) We will also explore and learn about our Pou at the front of the school. The school Pou was designed and carved especially for us. Each of the 3 parts of the Pou help to tell a story that reflects the Tangata Whenua (people of the land).



Learning programmes

At the beginning of the year it is paramount and vital to establish good class routines and programmes, the first weeks are all about forming bonds and cementing relationships within the classroom and syndicate. Your child will start to bring home reading books. These are to be returned the next day after reading at home. Spelling will start when children reach Level 6 in their reading. Five spelling words will be selected from the Essential Spelling Lists, and children will be tested weekly - not all children will start at the same time, please see your classroom teacher for more information.

Every week your child will be focussing on a poem with a learning focus. This will be published in their Poem Book, every Friday this will be sent home in your child's bookbag for the weekend. For Mathematics this term we will be focusing on Statistics - data collection, graphing and analysing. We will also be spending time on counting, place value, number knowledge, as well as addition and subtraction.

For Physical Education this term we will be involved in fortnightly sports sessions with Anton. We will all participate in Jump Jam Wednesday and Friday mornings and have a sports rotation weekly starting in Week 4. We have a different twist on Cross Country this term and instead will be doing a colour run! Please make sure your child is wearing suitable shoes for these sessions.

Homework Notebook

This year we have a homework log to record our reading and spelling. Included in the Homework Log are some helpful and useful tips to help children with their reading at home. This Homework Log is to stay inside your child's bookbag.



Reporting and Conferences

In Term One and Term Three we will have parent conferences. This is a chance to celebrate your child's progress and their achievements at school. School reports will be sent home Term Two and Term Four.

Library

Every class has an individual Library time. Your child's teacher will tell you the day their class is visiting the library. Please make sure library books are returned the day before your child's library day.

We are always on the lookout for parent help in our classrooms! Please see your child's classroom teacher if you are able to lend a hand.



Reminders and other information

Just a reminder that our school day starts promptly at 8.50 am and finishes at 3.00 pm. Please make sure your child is at school in time to be ready for our 8.50am start. Teachers will be in classes from 8.30 am onwards so feel free to come along and have a chat at that time. As we often have meetings before school and are busily preparing for the day, can we please ask that children are not dropped to the classroom before 8.30 am.

If your child is running late, please make sure they visit the office before heading to class to receive a late slip. Also, if you need to collect your child early, please see the office before coming to the classroom for a blue slip, the teacher needs to see this before we can dismiss your child.

Brain food is a very short break every morning and we often carry on working at this time, so can you please make sure that large pieces of fruit are cut into bite size pieces and put in a plastic container to make sure your child is able to eat a snack in the time given. Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and often bring their water bottles into the classroom. Please send only water with your child.



As Konini School is an Enviro School, we promote Litterless lunches. When packing your child's lunch, please can you help us by packing food in reusable plastic containers where possible.



Lunch boxes with compartments can be really useful, and paper bags make a great alternative to plastic wrap. If your child does bring a package that requires opening, please partially cut it so they can open this themselves. Children will be told that they need to hang on to whatever waste there is in their lunch box and so they will be bringing this rubbish home with them in their lunch box at the end of the day.

Hats, heads and Sunscreen

Summer has been beautiful but hot! This term all kids are required to wear a wide brimmed hat at break times and play times. The Office sells a limited selection of these hats. No caps please. It is important that all children have sunscreen on before school in these hot months. Most classes have sunscreen available for the children to use and re apply.

Head Lice is an ongoing problem within all schools. Can we please ask that you check your child's hair regularly and if you do find lice, please follow the instructions on the treatment completely to ensure the eggs as well as the lice are gone.

Toys

Each classroom has a sharing day that the children can bring in one toy to talk about. The toy is locked in the teacher's cupboard and brought out at this time. No toys are allowed on any other days and toys are to be kept off the playground. To find out about your child's sharing day please see the classroom teacher.

Shoes

During our Summer months jandals, sandals or slip ons are perfect and easy to put on and off. If you are buying shoes please consider buying Velcro straps if your child can not tie laces.

This term is jam packed with exciting things happening!

February	March	April
12th - Mihi whakatau 9:30 am 17th - Twilight picnic 5 :30 pm	3rd and 4th - Parent conferences (school closes at 1pm on the 3rd)	1st - Whanau block 9 - 11 am - Colour run 2nd - Good Friday 5th and 6th - Easter 16th - End of the term

