



Year 6 Seniors Newsletter Term 1 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

As we finish off our holidays and the school year gets ready to start, the Year six teachers would like to welcome you all back to school and hope you are prepared for an exciting year ahead.

I would like to welcome Miss Reese Gleeson to the Year 6 Syndicate, who will be in Room 21 this year. We are all looking forward to working with her and sharing the fun and experiences of the Year 6 Syndicate.

General Reminders

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact us on:

office@konini.school.nz. or leave a message 09 818 5005 as early as possible before school starts. School starts at **8.50a.m.** and we would like to encourage parents and caregivers to get their children to school at least 15 minutes before this time, giving your child time to settle before class begins. **Classrooms open at 8.30am - before this, teachers are often busy with preparations and meetings so cannot be responsible for early children. Live 'n Learn operates in the Hall for care of children before 8.15am.**

Hats are required to be worn during Term 1. Please talk to your child and remind them to bring their wide brimmed hat. Caps are not acceptable sun hats at Konini School.

Inquiry

Our years overarching Inquiry focus is all about **We are Aotearoa (Ko Aotearoa tātou)**

During Term 1, our main focus is Te Tangata (the people).

The following scenario will be introduced to the students and then worked through together.



All people have their own special talents and abilities. This term we will discover what our own special talents are as an individual and as a class. Whanaungatanga is about relationships, kinship and a sense of family . It is one of our guiding Values at Konini School. This term we will discover the meaning of Whanaungatanga and what Tuakana/Teina is. How can we nurture Whanaungatanga at Konini?

Mathematics

Statistics: The students will be learning a variety of topics within the Strand of Statistics:

- Collect and display category data and whole number data in pictograms, tally charts and bar graphs, as appropriate.
- Talk about the features of their own data displays.
- Make sensible statements about the situation represented by a statistical data display drawn by others.

Maths in our Senior School will be based around using our knowledge and strategies to solve problems. This will include using Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division. The children will have sessions across the week to support them in their learning. The children will also be consolidating all the other strands we have learnt last year to focus on areas that need further development. **We have noticed over the years that if students do not know their timetables they find it hard to move through the Maths stages. We therefore encourage you to assist your child learning these.**

Literacy

Reading and Writing will be integrated this term. Children often learn about Writing through reading. Our aim is to make writing fun and enjoyable for all our Tamariki using a variety of text and motivation.

We will be focusing on Cross country and Team Sports. At the start of the term, we will be learning to increase our fitness, ready for our School Cross Country which will be held on Monday 15th March at Konini School.

A word cloud with the word "Whānaungatanga" in the center in a large, bold, green font. Other words in various sizes and colors (green, brown, black) surround it, including "relationships", "contributing", "respectful", "respect", "community", "ethical", "belonging", "voices", "tangata", "working", "understanding", "people", "schools", "Maori member", "positive", "everyone", "collaborative", "planning", "ensure", "different", "learning", "learners", "professional", "Celebrating", "part", "whānau", "others", "Respect", "connections", "heard", "to", "indicators", "regional", "strength", "impact", "work", "colleagues", "community", "ethical", "belonging", "voices", "tangata", "working", "understanding", "people", "schools", "Maori member", "positive", "everyone", "collaborative", "planning", "ensure", "different", "learning", "learners", "professional", "Celebrating", "part", "whānau", "others", "Respect", "connections", "heard", "to", "indicators", "regional", "strength", "impact", "work".

The teachers set homework each week for your children. We would appreciate that this is overseen and helped by family.

Reading: 20 Minutes

Times Tables / Spelling: 15 Minutes

Please get in touch with your child's teacher if there are any problems with completing homework. This up to your individual teacher and only a guideline.

Mihi Whakatau for new students and teachers	Friday 12 February
Meet the Teacher Twilight evening	Wednesday 17th February
Surfing at Piha 50 Year 6 Students	Monday 22 February
Parent Conferences School closes at 1pm	Wednesday 3rd March
Parent Conferences	Thursday 4th March
School Cross Country (Morning)	Monday 15th March
Inter School Cross Country	Tuesday 30 March
Whole School Colour Run	Thursday 1st April (afternoon) time TBC
Easter Friday	Friday 2nd April
Easter Monday	Monday 5th April
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 6th April
End of Term 1	Friday 16th April



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