



Lyttelton PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura Tuatahi o Ōhinehou



Our Learning Place

Takaroa Pānui

Term 1

2019

Kia ora koutou katoa, Haere mai.

A warm welcome to all the whanau who have joined Takaroa this year. Takaroa is the guardian of the ocean and symbolises our connection to the sea. It is also the name we call the bottom floor of our school. We are made up of two learning spaces - Harakeke and Kowhai. While some things are specific for each of the learning spaces, we integrate the children in a number of areas of learning.

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together

Dinah, Anne, Janet, Rowena, and Francie

Ngā Uara / Values - Encompassed in all our learning

Manaakita
nga
Respect

Ngākau Aroha
Empathy

Manawanui
Perseverance

**‘Explorer’
Inquiry**

This is our overarching theme for the first half of the year and within that, we will be covering social, economic and environmental topics. We are starting this term with “**Explorers**” with a social science focus looking at who we are in “**To Tātou Pātaka, Our Place.**”

**School
Newsletter**

Remember to keep up to date with regular news and events. Please read our school newsletter www.lyttelton.school.nz.

Sunhats

Remember in Term 1 students must wear brimmed sun-hats.

It is a good idea to have one that is kept at school

Assembly

Whole school assemblies are on Fridays, 9.15 - 10.00am, every second week.

Swimming

Following on from last term’s lessons with instructors, the teachers will be guiding students to reinforce and practise the skills they were taught. Swimming will be:

- Week 2: Thur 7, Friday 8

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week 3: Wed 13, Thur 14, Friday 15 • Week 4: Wed 20, Thur 21 <p>Swimming Sports is on Wednesday 27 February Please reinforce the importance of being able to swim and ensure your child has their togs every day.</p>
School opens at 8.30am	School opens at 8.30am. Students are to sit on the wooden seating if they arrive before this time.
“KiwiCan” Every Tuesday 40 min sessions	Starting in Week 3, “KiwiCan” will continue again this year. It is a life skills and values programme delivered to primary aged children and supports/enhances our PB4L and school values implementation.
Wheke Time	This is an important component of becoming ‘ <i>confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners</i> ’ (NZ Curriculum vision). Students are challenged to explore their passions/interests or strengths. As they develop, they spend time researching before they start creating a product or service that will be shared with the class or the school or the wider community. Throughout the process, teachers facilitate and support the students with their projects to ensure that they are achieving or even extending their goals.
Reading	The expectation is that students read every night. This should be an enjoyable time to engage your child in reading, either through you reading with your child or to your child, or your child reading to you. As well as reading, such things as retelling the story, and talking about connections you or your child can make with the book are also important components of the reading process.
Bookbags	These go home each day and return to school the next day. We encourage children to take the folder out of their bag in the morning and place it in the box with the teacher they read with.
Numeracy	The strand focus this term is Geometry and Measurement, specifically angles, position, and orientation. We look at mapping, coordinates, compass directions etc and a range of terminology that is all maths related. Our number focus will be Addition and Subtraction.
Student Learning Conferences	These are to be held in February, Tuesday 12th 3.30-8pm and Wednesday 13th 3.30-6pm. Look out for further information in the online newsletters, regarding booking procedures.