



Year Two Syndicate - Term One, February 2020

Haere Mai and welcome to Term One!

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break!

Term One Learning

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. In the third week your child will start to bring home reading books. These are to be returned the next day after reading at home. Spelling will start in week four. Five spelling words will be selected from the Essential Spelling Lists, and children will be tested weekly - not all children will start in week 4, 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.

Inquiry

This term our Inquiry focus is New Zealand people, tangata. We will also be focussing on our new value of Whanaungatanga, establishing strong relationships with our tamariki and whānau.

Maths

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.

Physical Education

For Physical Education this term we will be involved in fortnightly sports sessions with Anton. We will all participate in Jump Jam Thursday and Friday mornings. We have a different twist on Cross Country this term and instead will be doing a colour run! The children will be involved in a weekly Y2 sports rotation learning different games involving small ball skills..

School Bell Times

Our school day starts 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. **Children are allowed to enter the classroom from 8.30am onwards.** After 8.50am please report to the office 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

Brain food is a very short break every morning 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 their snack in the time given. Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please send only water with your child and not milk based drinks, juice or fizzy drinks.

Litterless Lunches

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. 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

This term all children are required to wear a wide brimmed hat at break times and play times. **No caps please.** It is important all children have sunscreen on before school in these hot months. All 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.

Travelwise

As we are a Travelwise school we encourage our families to walk, scooter or park and walk for part of the way to school. We are lucky enough to have the Badminton court car park not too far from the school and would like families to utilise this carpark by parking there and walking up to school. This helps to reduce the congestion at the school gate as well as encouraging sustainability.

Homework Notebook

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 children's bookbag.

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 two team we have:

Debbie Barnes (Team Leader and classroom teacher), Room 16
Nikita Brown (classroom teacher and Dance specialist teacher), Room 17
Darshini Annamalay (classroom teacher) Room 18
Anne Gilmour (classroom teacher and ICT leader), Room 19

As the year progresses we look forward to getting to know our Year 2 and Year 1 whanau.

Dates for the Diary

Week 2

Wednesday 17th February - Meet the teacher picnic evening (5.30pm-7.30pm)

Week 3

Tuesday 23rd February – Year One/Two Wheels day

Week 4

Wednesday 3rd March – Parent Conferences (school closes at 1pm)

Thursday 4th March - Parent Conferences (school closes normal time, 3pm)

Week 8

Thursday 1st April - Colour Run (More information to follow)

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday (not at school)

Week 9

Monday 5th April - Easter Monday (school closed)

Tuesday 6th April - Easter Tuesday (school closed)

Week 10

Friday 16th April - Last day of Term 1

Kind Regards

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