

Term 1 Newsletter

Matatea (Yr 3/4)



Welcome to Matatea (Yr 3/4) - 2020

A warm welcome back to school to everyone. We are excited to get underway with our engaging and exciting learning programmes - it will be another busy year in Matatea.

A special mention to our new students and families to Clearview - we are welcoming Mason Fox to HB11, Alice Torkington and Charlie Pratt to HB12, Senuthi Halviti and Lachie Uren to HB13, Noah Sargerson to HB14, Katie Sutton to HB15, Shou Mizuma-Gabites to HB16, Emily Campbell and Emma-Rose Preston to HB17. We hope you have a positive start to your journey at Clearview Primary!

Our Team

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HB11 - Miss Tania Soal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tanias@clearview.school.nz HB12 - Mrs Bronwyn McIntyre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bronwynm@clearview.school.nz 	HB13 - Mrs Cara Carser (Team Leader) / Mrs Chris Quinn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> carac@clearview.school.nz chrisq@clearview.school.nz HB14 - Miss Valerie Humrich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> valerieh@clearview.school.nz HB15 - Mrs Susan Tansey / Mrs Jayne Clark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> susant@clearview.school.nz jaynec@clearview.school.nz 	HB16 - Mrs Kylie Bedford / Mrs Karrie Bryce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> kylieb@clearview.school.nz karrieb@clearview.school.nz HB17 - Miss Hanneke van den Ende <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hannekevde@clearview.school.nz

Teachers are generally available in their homebases from 8.30am for informal catch-ups or for touching base. Emails are a useful method for sharing information like expected absences, notice of appointments etc. If you have any issues or concerns that you'd like us to be aware of, we are happy to arrange a meeting with you to discuss these. Please contact your child's homebase teacher in the first instance. Issues requiring management oversight or intervention are passed to Cara.

We will be using Seesaw and Google Drive/Classroom for sharing student work and events throughout the year. Progress and achievement will be shared using LINC-ED.

'Save the Date' - we will be holding learning partnership meetings for parents/teachers in week 3 (Feb 18th/19th) as an opportunity for sharing your aspirations for your child with their teachers. This is also an ideal time to pass on any information that you may feel is important for us to know about your child.

Curriculum Information

We teachers undertake regular and frequent professional development to ensure our practice aligns with current research and findings in education. You will notice that we use varied approaches and methods to best meet the wide range of needs and interests of our learners. If you are interested in the 'why' of our approaches, please come and talk to us - we love to talk about our craft!

This year, we will be working towards connecting our learners to real world experiences and integrating our curriculum (offering a range of experiences across the curriculum that link to our key concepts).

We will be focusing on the Clearview competencies of being creative and curious.

We will use the real-world context of the upcoming Clearview Fete to explore the key concepts of:

- Relationships - how our relationships with others can help or hinder opportunities for learning and enterprise
- Enterprise - how people work together to create a business from an idea and then manufacture and market a product for sale
- Change - how the design process, including prototyping, supports the development of a product for sale / how raw materials used to create a product change either reversibly or irreversibly

Your child's powerteam teachers will share more specific information regarding timetabling (e.g. library) with you as this may vary between zones.

Home Learning

Current research has found that set homework tasks (e.g. learning lists of words, times tables etc.) in primary-school aged students are ineffective in supporting learning and progress. They can also add 'stress' to already very busy family lives. We do, however, see the value in activities that promote home-school conversations and independence.

Our plan for home learning is as follows:

- personal reading (some children requiring additional 'mileage' may have books sent home, otherwise own choice)
- Mathletics / StepsWeb - great for engaging, independent practice
- Work to be completed - if a student hasn't completed a learning activity after being given a reasonable amount of class time, this will be sent home to be finished

Term 1 Calendar of Events

- Learning Partnership meetings (parents/teachers) - 18th - 19th February (Week 3)
- HB11/12 & HB16/17 Swimming - weeks 9 & 10 (30th March-9th April) (HB13/14/15 are swimming in Term 4)

Associated costs (subject to change)

Some activities that are organised for the students incur additional costs. For your information, known additional costs so far are:

- additional stationery (file boxes - \$5)
- Swimming (Term 1 or Term 4) - \$35
- Camp (Term 4 - Year 4s only) - \$95
- Flips and Tumbles (Term 3) - \$40

Digital Device Use / BYOD - Both year 3s and 4s are invited to bring their own devices this year. Our digital safety and responsible use agreement is being updated. A Google form will be emailed home over the next few days for all students and their parents to complete. The agreement will need to be completed before access to digital technologies (either school or BYOD) is allowed.

Uniform

A reminder in the summer term that hats are compulsory and we strongly recommend that these are named. Also, white socks are to be worn.

Important Allergy Information

As we have a student with a severe peanut allergy in our team, we are asking parents and whānau to consider avoiding sending snacks/lunches to school that include peanuts. Where this isn't possible, it would be helpful for students to understand when they do have peanut products in their lunches so that we can organise the food-eating area safely for all students. We thank you for your understanding on this.

Open Afternoon - Monday 3rd February

We will all be in our learning zones from 1pm-3pm on Monday afternoon and available for a meet and greet. Students are welcome to bring in their stationery on this day and familiarise themselves with their new learning spaces. We look forward to meeting those of you who are able to be here.



We are excited to get to know you and your children, sharing your children's successes and celebrating their learning. Please always feel welcome to pop into our learning spaces at any time if you would like to.

Ngā mihi nui
Matatea Teachers



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