



Team Uranga - Term 3 Newsletter

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Welcome to Term 3 2020



Team Uranga (Year 0-2) is made up of 10 Home Bases. We are located across both the yellow and green block.

Dear Parents/Whānau

We trust that you all had a lovely time with your child over the school holidays and that the first week back into school routines has gone well for your family. We are hopeful that Term 3 will be a far more settled and productive school term, after the disruptions due to Covid, and are thrilled that we can now operate more normally throughout the school day again. We are still encouraging children to be very vigilant with handwashing/sanitising and staying at home if they are unwell. This continues to be a high priority, as we aim to keep everyone as healthy as we can be in our school environment, especially over the winter months. We have an exciting term ahead of us beginning straight away with Flips and Tumbles. We know this will be a real highlight for our children. Please ensure they wear appropriate clothing and footwear for these lessons on every Monday for week 1-5 of this term. A reminder is sent out for this every Sunday afternoon via the school app. If you are not receiving these messages it is a good time to check that you have subscribed to Team Uranga notifications here.

Absences: Please keep your child home if they are unwell and remember to ensure you contact the office if your child is absent. The best way to do this is to use the Smart Phone App or ring (347-7025) and leave a message with the reason.

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Welcome: Special welcome to Miss Chelsea Jenkins who is starting up our newest NE/Year 0 class this term. Chelsea comes to us from Timaru and has experience teaching in the junior school both in New Zealand and overseas. Please take the time to say hello to Chelsea and make her feel welcome at Clearview. This term we also have many new 5 year old children starting in Homebases 3,4 and 5,6. We know the older students in Team Uranga will help them settle into school positively.



Curriculum: Our curriculum inquiry across the team this term is to do with the concept of “change”. We will be exploring this in relation to Science. We will be looking at different materials, how they are used and why, and also how materials can be reused. If you have any resources or materials that you can donate or think may be suitable please discuss this with your child’s HB teacher.

Children will also begin exploring the concept of change more broadly through activities across the curriculum on Thursday afternoons during a team time known as CONNECT. Your child will get a chance to explore a variety of activities, in different HBs, with several teachers and with a mix of children from their year level. This is going to be a very valuable time for students to CONNECT with learning, peers and teachers. You may like to ask your child about this as the term progresses.

Reading: Please ensure that your child is reading their instructional level books each night and commenting/recording this in their daily reading logs. The research is very clear - the more your child is engaged with reading, the more progress they will make and the better reader they will become. If you do not have time after school then before school is also a good time to do this.

Team Uranga Teaching Team:



Lee Ingram (Team Leader), Adele Jack, Katie Fitzgerald, Janine Faulkner, Chelsea Jenkins



Jess Hey, Emma Brown, Tania Toohey, Esther Marshall, Serena Holm, Deana Ilton, Claire Baker.

Uniform/Belongings: Last term many polar fleece jackets and school soft shell jackets went missing frequently and repeatedly! We understand that this can be frustrating and at worst an extra expense to cover. Please help us to avoid this happening as much as possible by ensuring names are clearly visible

