



Matatea (Yr 3/4) - Term 2, 2021 Newsletter

A warm welcome back to school to everyone. As the days get cooler, we are looking forward to starting back for Term 2! We hope you've all enjoyed the break and the students are feeling rested and refreshed for the term ahead.

Last term we had many new students join our team. A warm welcome:

Hb7: Gurnoor Kaur

HB8: Aarav Mahida

HB9: Beginning Term 2 Grace Smith-Perrin

HB10: Clyd Valenzuela and Mason Pop

HB11: Lei Canete and beginning Term 2 Ikjot Sekhon

Hb12: Ameliah Prior, Carlos Lewis, Meila Pawson and Sara Jacky

Welcome

This term we also welcome back to school Mrs Susan Tansey in HB10. Susan has been recovering from a shoulder operation since the beginning of Term 1. Susan will also be the new Team Leader of the Y3/4 Matatea team. Susan has significant experience in this role, having previously been the Team Leader for the New Entrants and Year 1s in previous years. Her time will be divided between Team Leader, Classroom Teacher and also her role as an Across Schools' Lead teacher for the Rolleston area. We are therefore in the process of appointing a second co leader to work with her in the Team Leader role also. We will let you know when this person has been appointed.

We also welcome, albeit for a short time, Miss Chelsea Jenkins into the Matatea team. Chelsea was a teacher at Clearview last year and is supporting us for the first month or so of this term by taking a writing class and some small groups each day. Near the beginning of June she will then become the latest New Entrant teacher in Team Uranga. We will however continue with this extra support, by employing a teacher in her place.



Term 2 Calendar of Events



- Mihi whakatau
 - Tuesday May 4 at 12pm in the hall. All new families welcome.
- Movement Spectacular
 - All home bases will be travelling by bus to Springston Domain on Thursday 6 May to participate in a series of mini games. Further information was sent out via HERO during the holidays. \$7 (approx) for bus transport will be added to student accounts
- Teacher Only Day - Friday June 4
- Queen's Birthday - Monday June 7



Learning Focus for Term 2 and Term 3

Our focus questions:

- **Identity:** How people cope and carry on when facing challenges or unexpected results and use these opportunities for personal growth.
- **Enterprise:** How people work together to create a business from an idea and then manufacture and market a product for sale.
- **Cause and Effect:** How planning, reflecting, and learning from mistakes leads to success.

Our Context: The School Fete

We will be focusing on the Clearview competency of **Climb**.

This term we will be encouraging the children to show resilience as they are faced with challenges and setbacks. These experiences will be carefully constructed within fun activities where students will be able to improve or try new strategies. Building resilience will then help the children as they begin to plan for the school fete. As the term progresses we will be looking at identifying needs and wants in our community, how marketplaces work, and we will start to plan our stalls for the fete the following term. We hope the students' growing resilience will help them, as they plan for achievable outcomes that need to be at a high standard for sale and a reasonable cost.

Help

- During the first week we are making poi as an activity that will promote resilience. If you are able to spare some time to help in your child's home base, please contact your teacher.
- As mentioned above we are studying measurement for the first few weeks. If you are able to lend a measuring tape, or a tape measure for your child to use for the first week of term, this would help us immensely too. Please make sure it is named.

Admin

BYOD - If your child brings their own device, please encourage them to bring them daily. We are integrating more and more digital learning into our programme and do rely on the BYOD devices to be here to ensure there are enough to go around. It is also important for the children to bring headphones to use with their own or a school device.

Stationery - The start of the term is a good time for students to check their pencil cases to make sure they have everything they need for learning. Please send along any spare stationery if you have it at home. This term for maths we are learning about measuring. It is important that all children have a 30cm ruler of their own.

Seesaw and Hero - Have you signed up for both Seesaw and Hero? Both connect you with what is happening at school and showcase your child's learning. If you are not signed up for both, please see your child's teacher



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 	HB10 - Mrs Susan Tansey (Team Leader) / Mrs Chris Quinn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> susant@clearview.school.nz chrisq@clearview.school.nz HB9 - Mrs Clare Dainter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clared@clearview.school.nz 	HB8 - Mrs Kylie Bedford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> kylieb@clearview.school.nz HB7 - Miss Valerie Humrich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> valerieh@clearview.school.nz

Teachers are generally available in their home bases from 8.30am for informal catch-ups or for touching base. We are also available after school, however we have meetings at 3.15pm each day.

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 Susan.

Emails are a useful method for sharing information like expected absences, notice of appointments etc, however teachers do not get a chance to check their emails during teaching time. If you need to pass on an urgent message to your child, such as a change of plans for pick up time, the best option is to ring the office who will let us know.

We are excited to get this term underway and are looking forward to seeing you and your children, sharing their 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

