

TE TIPU NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 2023

Growing great learners for today and tomorrow

Kia ora whānau.

Welcome back to the first term of 2023. We hope you had a wonderful break over the summer and we look forward to an awesome year ahead.

Our Te Tipu team has changed a little this year with Whāea Shar remaining in Room 1 with our New Entrants/ Year 1s and Whāea Amanda with year 1 & 2 in Room 2. We welcome Whāea Louise in Room 3 with year 1 & 2 and Whāea Jo back in the team with Year 3s in Room 5. Whāea Hannah will also be working with our team, she will be covering release for Whāea Louise Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Whāea Jo on Wednesday afternoons and Mrs McHugo will be releasing Whāea Amanda on Mondays. Jo is the Team Leader with Wendy Keating as our Junior Deputy Principal. We are excited for this year and we have lots planned to look forward to.



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Our Learning this term

In Te Tipu (Years 0 -3) we aim to provide environments rich in literacy and numeracy. Mathematics and Literacy are the key components of learning in our area of the school.

Literacy:

Rooms 1, 2 & 3 will be continuing on their BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach) learning this year, if you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Room 5 will be working on "The Code" which follows on from BSLA and focuses on spelling patterns and rules.

Maths:

Our main focus will be on Number Knowledge and strategies for addition and subtraction. We will also be focusing on geometry, 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry and rotation.

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PE:

Our main focus in PE this term is swimming, cricket and some athletics when swimming is finished.

Stacey Faith is back sharing her awesome swim -coach knowledge with us! It is really important that your child brings their togs, towel, goggles, swim -bag from Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as we will be having swimming lessons and/or water play. Thank you for your support with this.

PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning):

This is a schoolwide programme and is linked to our school HEART values. Lessons will be taught and every 2 weeks we will have a new focus. Our first focus is

We feel safe to be in our space and safe to be ourselves.

We understand the importance of kindness and being supportive.

We include others and we make others feel welcome.

Using the restorative process, we problem solve together

Seesaw

Seesaw is a wonderful way to communicate with families about what is happening in class. We post pictures and stories, notes and clips, updates and activities. We really encourage you to engage with this platform, as this is our primary communication tool. We look forward to sharing with you all. It is really lovely to see your comments and to know that you have seen the posts and the children are able to see your comments too.

Te Ao Māori

This year we will be beginning an in-class programme that is introduced on a Monday and flows throughout the week. Whāea Amanda will be introducing the focus and then, the class teacher will continue for the rest of the week. We will also have our junior Kapa Haka learning on a Monday as well. We are all looking forward to this new initiative and for the children to thrive in their learning.

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Being Sun Safe

Please ensure your child has sunblock applied in the morning. This can be re - applied at lunchtime. It has been awesome to see all the students wearing their brimmed sun hats outside. If you need to replace a hat, (well done to the year 3s who still have their first school hat!) please contact the office or provide your own. Any colour is fine as long as it is a bucket (brimmed) hat.

Library

At the moment the library days for the classes are as follows.

Room 1 - Friday

Room 2 - Monday

Room 3 - Friday

Room 5 - Thursday

Your child will be able to take out two books at a time and they can change them during their class library time. Please make sure books come back to school. If you have any outstanding books still at home from last year, please return them ASAP.

Cricket

We have some coaches coming to teach some cricket skills this term starting week 3.

Each class will have 3 sessions over three weeks.

Week 3 - Room 5 - Tuesday Rooms 1,2,3 Wednesday

Week 4 - all on Monday

None week 4

Week 6 - Room 5 - Tuesday Rooms 1 ,2,3 Wednesday

Assemblies

Assemblies are every other Friday at 9am starting in week 3. If your child is a H.E.A.R.T student you will be notified. It is always nice to people here to celebrate their child's success, if you can.

Term 1 Dates:

7th Feb - swimming lessons start

14th Feb - Cricket starts

28th Feb - Goal setting meetings (more details to follow)

2nd March - Goal setting meetings (more details to follow)

6th April - Anzac Service

6th April - Last day of term 1

7th April - Good Friday