

Te Aramoana Newsletter

Welcome to Term 1 of 2019

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The Te Aramoana team are a buzz with new beginnings and building up a learning culture within our syndicate. We have fantastic new spaces and resources to help support a collaborative, thriving environment that will enable students to build their capacity to learn.

We have an open door policy so please feel free to come and join us at any stage to help out or view how the classroom works.

If you have any queries throughout the year, please don't hesitate to email or arrange to meet with your child's class teacher or syndicate leader.

Communication

As you may be aware the school is transitioning it's student management system to Linc-Ed, This will become a paperless communication and reporting system. The roll out on this will continue in 2019 with the launch of the parent portal and will continue into 2020. In the interim we will be using Seesaw, this is a fantastic tool for capturing student work and communicating with our whanau and wider community. Details of how to connect to this are below.

Team Ara (room 10 & 11)

Click on this link: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/690-404-529>

Choose your child from the list

Create your account

Once I approve you, you can see content from your child

After you sign up, download the free Seesaw Family app and sign in. You can also access Seesaw from a computer at <https://app.seesaw.me>.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning!

Team Moana (room 12 & 13)

Please Sign Up Now

Click on this link: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/072-709-900>

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P.s. If you used Seesaw last year or have more than one child using Seesaw, follow the link above, then click the 'Sign in' tab at the top of the screen. You do not need to create a new account.

Our plans for this term are:

Literacy

- **Why do we write?** Children learn how to choose the appropriate genres for communicating a message. Students will have several opportunities to publish their writing and develop next steps to focus on
- **Reading** – Students will complete an author study and will develop decoding and comprehension skills identified from assessments.
- **Spelling**- Assessment will determine students needs.

Maths

- **Statistics** - Conducting a statistical investigation and interpreting graphs
- **Numeracy** - Place Value, addition and subtraction

PE & Health

- Daily Fitness
- Hockey
- Peer mediation/handling conflict
- Life Education - growth mindset, empathy, self-esteem

Social Sciences

- Growth mindset and learning styles
- Connections to self, whanau, class, syndicate, school, local area, and NZ with a focus on Kiwiana
- Waitangi day

Technology

- CyberSafety and digital citizenship

Homework

Any work expected to be completed at home will be an extension of the classroom programme. We encourage students to read at home, both independent and guided with someone else. An example of work that you might need to support at home is;

- Practice of their spelling

- Athletics- a site to support numeracy
- Inquiry/ project based work
- Completion of writing and reading tasks.

If you don't have access to a computer at home, work can be completed at school before the start of the day.

Key Competencies

This term we will be focusing on the key competency **“Participating and contributing.”** This will cover such aspects as getting involved, sharing ideas, and working in teams or groups to complete tasks and activities. The children's ability to develop and achieve these competencies will be monitored and recorded through a self and teacher assessment system. Your support in helping your child achieve these competencies is appreciated.

Hats

The sun is shining and as a Sunsmart school, everyone needs to wear their school sun hat in Term 1. If your child does not have one, please purchase one from the office asap. We have a strict “no hat, stay in the shade” policy when the sunsmart flag is flying!

Swimming

Te Aramoana will be swimming in Term 4 at the Waikanae Pool. More details will come out at the end of Term 3.

Year 6 Camp Information

Palm Grove Christian Camp, Paraparaumu

Depart: Wednesday 20 March

Return: Friday 22 March

Full details will be sent out soon. Once forms are issued, please return as soon as possible so arrangements with transport, helpers and activities can be made.

ACTIVITY FEES—TERM 1

Hockey	\$2
Maths workbook	\$17
Mathletics	\$8
Reading Eggs	\$9
Total for Term 1	\$36
Plus Y6 camp	\$135

All monies to be handed into the office.

Kind Regards,

Te Aramoana Team