



Te Aramoana Newsletter

Term 1, 2022

Kia ora and welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a fantastic summer break. It has been great to have the students back at school and we have enjoyed getting to know everyone in our new classes. A big welcome to all of our new students starting at Waikanae School. We are lucky to have a 6th teacher Rob Henderson to our Te Aramoana team this year. Rob will be teaching in Room 13 alongside Jonny Thompson in a collaborative space (Team Weka). We are also welcoming back Annabel Ross who will be working in Room 11 on a Friday. We are all looking forward to a fun filled and busy term ahead.

A few bits and bobs...

- **Library-** Te Aramoana will have their syndicate library day on a Tuesday every week, each class will have their separate library session to issue and return books. We are very grateful to have our library back up and running this year after it has been used as a temporary classroom the past 2 years. We ask that you please encourage your children to remember to bring their library books back to school on this day so we can ensure a regular book is being sent home to read.
- **Sunsmart-** Term 1 is a sunsmart term. As a blanket rule we require all children to wear a school hat during break times and outdoor activities. If you wish for your child to purchase a hat, can you please send an email to office@waikanae.school.nz & request that a school hat please be added to your account, an invoice will be sent out later in the term.
- **Stationery-** All books have been purchased by the school this year and will be invoiced to families this term. Please can the remainder of the stationery list be purchased and sent to school named. A list of other stationery is attached in this link [Te Aramoana Stationary 2022.pdf](#)
- **Communication with classroom teachers-** Within the red level restrictions parents and caregivers are not allowed into the classrooms. We have many platforms that we use to communicate with whanau & caregivers. Seesaw is going to continue to operate as one of those platforms alongside our email addresses (see below). Please don't hesitate to use either Seesaw or email if you are wanting to organise a meeting via Zoom or have any questions or queries. . If it is anything urgent, we suggest you

ring the office directly and the admin staff will pass that message on.
Thank you for your patience and understanding.

- New families to Waikanae School- Please contact your classroom teacher if you are not yet connected to your child's journal on Seesaw (classroom teachers will send home a unique QR code to scan to add yourself to Seesaw). Also please contact the office to sign into the HERO app, this is where notices/updates, children's assessment & learning is posted. Both programs are downloadable apps on phones.
- Zero Waste at Waikanae School- Our school is on a mission to reduce the amount of waste that we generate. Both students and staff can contribute to our zero waste mission by taking home any rubbish from their lunch boxes. Food scraps from lunches will be sent to our worm farm and compost bins, but all other waste will be put back into the students' lunch boxes and taken home. We encourage families to think of ways to send lunches to school that require as little packaging as possible. Together we can make a difference.

- Our Teachers:

Contact detail for all classroom teachers in Te Aramoana Syndicate

Room 10 Miss Phoebe Waugh	p.waugh@waikanae.school.nz	(Team Karearea)
Room 11 Mr Paul Hammond	p.hammond@waikanae.school.nz	(Team Karearea)
Room 12 Mr Jonny Thompson	j.thompson@waikanae.school.nz	(Team Weka)
Room 13 Mr Rob Henderson	r.henderson@waikanae.school.nz	(Team Weka)
Room 18 Miss Carly Johnson	c.johnson@waikanae.school.nz	(Team Tui)
Room 19 Miss Kelsey Taylor	k.taylor@waikanae.school.nz	(Team Tui)

Activity fees

Activity fees this term will cover;

Mathletics

Dragon Maths

Stationery- Books only

Camp Fee (Year 6's only)

An invoice will be sent home soon with the cost of these activities.

How you can help at home

Reading - Reading to, shared reading, family reading, independent reading, all reading will have a positive result for our students. It is recommended that they read for 15 minutes per night. As we all know this will look different in every household, any support with this is much appreciated.

Spelling - Each week students are issued with spelling words, these are free to go home to be practised. We test on a Friday so we please ask that books come back to school for testing and re-issuing of words. We are also part of the STEPsWeb program this year, children have their own login details to their individual accounts where they

can access set spelling words that focus on definitions, spelling patterns & helpful tasks to embed spelling rules.


Mathletics - Every child has set tasks for the week that link to their next learning steps, time is given in class, however, students also have access to this at home also.


Google classroom - Each student can access their google classroom at home. The online classroom will have links to their work and with supporting material This is a fantastic way for parents to have an insight into what is happening in the classroom. To access this, students **must** sign into their school google accounts, which then opens up all the google apps for education linked to that address (google classroom, seesaw etc etc). Please contact the classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Event's this term...

Year 6 Camp 2022- Wednesday 16th-Friday 18th March

Year 6 camp is currently going ahead within the red level restrictions. We have sent home the initial camp letter/permissions slips to be read, completed and returned back to school. This is an amazing opportunity for our students & for many it becomes an everlasting memory. The camp will be held in Paraparaumu at Palm Grove (Waikanae School will be the final camp ever held there). There will be more information to come over the coming weeks, all information currently sent home about camp can be found on our website under the A-Z tab or via the links below. We will endeavour to keep you well informed if there are any changes to our plans.

 [HERO-Year 6 Camp 2022-Initial Parent notice](#)

 [Police Vetting Form Y6 Camp HERO.doc](#)

Year 5 EOTC- Week 7 16th-18th March

The Year 5's are going to be taking part in an Education Outside The Classroom for 3 days during Week 7. During this time, the Year 6's and classroom teachers will be at camp. The children will be participating in a range of fun outdoor activities that are within the school grounds & perhaps the walking track one street over from the school. There will be more information sent home about the 3 days and what equipment the children will need to bring to school (e.g. suitable walking shoes, drink bottle etc).

Once again please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions or queries. We are looking forward to an exciting & busy term ahead!

Kind Regards,
The Te Aramoana Team