



# Te Aramoana Newsletter

## Term 3, 2022

Kia ora and welcome back to Term 3! We hope you had a well deserved and relaxing school holiday.

A big welcome to Tori Pinfold who has stepped into the role of Room 11 teacher for the remainder of the year.

This term is set to be a busy one with Year 6 camp, Year 5 EOTC and Winter Sports. We are looking forward to starting our exciting units of work and catching up with the children after their break.

Below is an outline of what is to come this term.

### 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.
- **Winter Sports-** Term 3 is when the annual Winter Sport Tournament takes place. This will be happening in **Week 5 Tuesday 23rd August (postponement date- Thursday 25th August)**. The children chose a sport they would like to participate in- netball, hockey, rippa rugby or football. Over the course of the next four weeks we will be having regular practices during school time, these will be mainly on Thursday's and Friday's. Can you please encourage your child to wear clothing that will be easy to move in during our practice day. On the day of the winter sports tournament we require a number of parent helpers to help with running a team and ensuring they are organised and ready for their games throughout the day. Please get in touch with Carly Johnson [c.johnson@waikanae.school.nz](mailto:c.johnson@waikanae.school.nz) if you are able and willing to help on the date above, it would be greatly appreciated.

- **Communication with classroom teachers-** 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 there are any questions. Please book an appointment with your classroom teacher if you wish to see them face to face. If it is anything urgent, we suggest you ring the office directly and the admin staff will pass that message on.
- **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

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| Room 12 Mr Jonny Thompson  | <a href="mailto:j.thompson@waikanae.school.nz">j.thompson@waikanae.school.nz</a>   | (Team Weka)     |
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| Room 18 Miss Carly Johnson | <a href="mailto:c.johnson@waikanae.school.nz">c.johnson@waikanae.school.nz</a>     | (Team Tui)      |
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## **Activity fees**

Activity fees this term will cover;

Mathletics

Dragon Maths

STEP's Web- Spelling

Inquiry Unit- Equipment

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. Spelling will begin for the term in Week 2.

**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.

## Topics/Learning this term...

**Reading**- This term each collaborative classroom has a separate focus for their reading program.

**Team Tui**- Literature Circles- each child reads a chapter book throughout the term and completes follow up tasks/questions that reinforce their understanding of the text.

**Team Karearea/Team Weka**- Resource Cupboard- this involves the children reading a range of text types out of NZ Journals. The children will complete comprehension activities based on the text they're reading. .

**Maths**- our focus areas for maths this term are- multiplication & division strategies, proportions & ratios and financial literacy.

**Writing**- We have two areas in writing that we will be covering throughout term 3.

**Narrative Writing**- we will be writing imaginative stories and learning about the writing process when completing a piece of narrative writing.

**Report Writing**- this will tie directly into our unit of work "Where I am Going To" and will be completed towards the second half of the term.

**Inquiry/Topic**- This term our whole school focus for inquiry is related to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths. This unit will follow on nicely from Term 1's- Who are we? Ko wai au? and Term 2's Where I Come From?- Ko mua ka muri? The name of our topic this term is Where I am going to?- E haere ana ahau ki hea?

## Event's this term...

### Year 6 Camp 2022- Wednesday 7th-Friday 9th September

Year 6 camp 2.0 is happening this term. 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 Otaki at Forest Lakes Camp (this will be the first time the Year 6's at Waikanae School have attended this amazing camp). 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.

 [Parents Initial Letter 2022-Year 6 Camp](#)

### Year 5 EOTC- Week 7 7th-9th September

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