

Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter #1

Term 1 ~ Week 1&2 ~ 2020

A warm welcome to Luke, Finn, Mitchell, and Olivia.

Welcome back to the school year

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are now rested and ready to be back into school routine. Be aware that this can be quite an overwhelming and sometimes anxiety ridden time for both children and parents! Even though you will already have done some of these things here is some good advice from the NZ Ministry of Education on getting back to school Click here: [Have a read](#)

Our timetable for this term can be found in the RCS parent handbook along with lots of other things you'll need to know about our school. You will find the link in the school newsletter.

PE:

PE is going to be on a Monday from week two on. We suggest your children bring their PE top on this day either in their bag or under their school uniform.

Assembly:

For TP will be held on a Wednesday afternoon from 2:25pm in the shared space outside our rooms. Whole school assemblies will be held on weeks 1, 5, 10. You are most welcome to attend our assemblies as we celebrate the week. You will be notified via email, text or in person if your child is receiving a HELPer award (values certificate).

Reward system: This term TP teachers are experimenting with 'catching' students demonstrating our values of HOPE, EXCELLENCE, LOVE and PEACE. A draw will be had at the end of the day to pull the name out of the winner and a small prize will be given as a way of encouraging and modelling those values in our hub.

Home Learning: For the first couple of weeks we will be establishing routines for all areas and organising spelling groups. However, reading everyday for 15 minutes at home can start now. We will endeavour to get Spelling home learning organised as quickly as we can.

Communication: The teachers in TP are available to chat to you after school from 3-3:20pm. If you need a longer discussion feel free to make an appointment for a mutually agreeable time.

Guided Learning -Maths

For the first two weeks of the term we will be doing a statistics unit called, My favourite...In this unit students collect data about favourites and present them in a variety of ways, starting with tally charts, and if time allows building up to using Microsoft Excel to create bar charts.



Snack Time

Most children are able to discern what is a beneficial snack to have at this time. Snacks such as cheese and crackers, sandwiches with protein fillings eg meat, cheese and eggs, seeds and nuts (refrain from peanuts please) yoghurt, raw veges, and fruit. Other snacks such as chippies, cakes, muffins and biscuits can be eaten at lunch time. It may be a good idea to show your child their lunch box and explain what they could have for Snack Time each day.

Living Christianly: Weeks 1-6

Knowing that you are loved. God is love.

God is love. God sees us as precious and unique and to Him our lives matter. We choose to have faith in God's love for us. God's love for us is shown through His desire for relationship with us and sending His only Son to redeem the world. God loves us and wants to grow us, so through the Holy Spirit, he changes us to become more like Jesus.



Reminders

- Name all clothes and provide spare clothes for accidents in a waterproof bag.
- Please have a **named** water bottle for school.
- Bring all stationery to school, **named**
- Please insist on the correct uniform being worn to school. This includes black shoes, black socks, long hair tied back, black tights or base wear for under the shirt. Also, *only* school hats which are compulsory in the first and fourth term.

Up-and-Coming Events

Week 1	Monday 3 Feb Thursday 6 Feb	School year begins Whole school assembly at 2:25pm Waitangi Day observation (no school)
Week 2	Tuesday 11 Feb Thursday 13 Feb	Parent conferences 3:20pm-5:20pm Parent conferences 2pm-7pm
Weekly	Monday/Tuesday	Meetings: Please be aware all teachers have meetings on these days, so please pick your children up promptly so we can get ready for these.
Weeks 1,5,10 All Other Weeks	Wednesday (except for week 1 when it is Monday) Wednesday	Whole School Assembly: at 2:25pm in the Te Pihinga building. There is no Te Pihinga assembly on those weeks. TP Assembly at 2:25pm in the shared space.. We invite you to join us! There is no Whole School assembly on those weeks.



Blessings,

Mrs Lynda Siave - Horoeka

Mr Ira Redepenning - Matipo

Mr Dennis Marshall: Wednesday in Matipo, Thursday in Horoeka

Mrs Beth Marlin: Teacher assistant