

# Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter #2

Term 1 ~ Week 3&4 ~ 2020

Thank you all for meeting the teachers at our recent parent conferences. What a blessing it is to partner with you to raise your children! If you missed out, you're welcome to make another more convenient time to meet.

## Kia ora koutou

TP have made a very good start to the year! The children have been really engaged in learning and establishing new routines. A lot of time and effort has been expended by Mrs Siave and Mr Red to get our new hub humming! We've had some special learning times together doing fitness every morning and some time last week learning how to use google sheets to display data in a bar graph at maths time..

**Timetable and expectations: The timetable can be found in the parent handbook as well as other useful hub/school information.**

### PE:

Just a reminder that PE is now on a Monday. Children can wear their PE shirt under their uniform or change at lunch time into their PE gear.

### Home learning:

**At the very least your child should be reading every day for 15-20 minutes. Please ensure this is recorded in their note book. Spelling will come home this week too! Here's an interesting technique you could try [check it out!](#)**

## Guided Learning -Circle time

This year circle time is first thing on a Friday. For those of you unfamiliar with this area of the curriculum it helps develop positive relationships between children. It aims to give them tools to engage with and listen to each other.

It's often used as an opportunity to solve problems that are affecting the class. The whole class takes part in Circle Time at the same time, led by the teacher, who sits in the circle with the students. **The circle encourages unity, respect, turn-taking and working together towards a shared vision.** It also helps children work on five key skills, without which Circle Time doesn't work: thinking, listening, looking, speaking and concentrating. This term our theme is Growth Mindset. Here is a link to a short clip shared in our first circle time this year. [Video: You can Learn Anything](#) We asked the children what was the main idea from this clip. We got a variety of interesting answers. Our hope is that at the end of this unit our students will be able to identify growth and fixed mindset in themselves and how they can overcome a fixed mindset to enhance the way they learn.

## FIXED vs. GROWTH MINDSET



## Living Christianly: Weeks 3-4

**Knowing that you are loved.** Using technology to honour others Week 3. Knowing that you are worthy of love Week 4.

Digital technology is powerful and can seem to have a magnetic pull on children. Before the students get far into interacting via digital technology we are aiming to foster a sense of deep responsibility for using these tools in a manner that is beneficial for themselves and others.

Understanding that we are loved for who we are, not for what we do, or could do. It is a foundation to a friendship with God, otherwise we will hide in shame when we fail or try to earn his favour through striving in our own effort. God first loved us, and invites us to come to him as we are to be loved.

# Reminders

- SCHOOL HATS are to be worn this term whenever outside. PLEASE ensure your child has a school hat. It can be very disappointing for a child to be told they have to play in the shade at lunch time because they don't have a school hat. Name it on the front to be double sure the right person is wearing it. :)
- Please have a **named** water bottle for school.
- **NO** jewellery is to be worn at school please. Tāonga of cultural significance can be worn under the uniform if this applies. Watches are able to be worn too.
- **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 of the year.

# Up-and-Coming Events

<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th Feb</b>	Education Review Office will have a team in school this week.
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Tuesday 25th Feb  Thursday 26th Feb</b>	We will be assessed for our Silver Award as an Enviroschool.  CVNZ - Working Bee for Food Forest : 9.30am - 2.35pm New Peoples Dinner 5.30pm - 7.05pm
<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monday/Tuesday</b>	<b>Meetings:</b> Please be aware all teachers have meetings on these days, so please pick your children up promptly so we can get ready for these.
<b>Weeks 1,5,10</b>	Wednesday (except for week 1 when it is Monday)	<b>Whole School Assembly:</b> at 2:25pm in the Te Pihinga building. There is no Te Pihinga assembly on those weeks.
<b>All Other Weeks</b>	Wednesday	<b>TP Assembly</b> 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