

Welcome to the 2021 Year 3-6 Team

Welcome to another exciting year! We have a great team of teachers who are excited to get to know and work with your children. Most classes will be using Class Dojo or Seesaw to keep you up-to-date with events and to send class notices, so please ensure that you join up as soon as possible if you haven't done so already, by speaking to your child's teacher or watching out for an invite.



All children have a Mathletics account and are encouraged to practice Maths on this if they have access to the internet. Homework will also include practising basic facts and place value knowledge, practising spelling and reading, either with a book from school or from home- as determined by class teachers. Each teacher will inform you of their homework expectations.

Chromebooks



All ten classes in the team have access to Chromebooks. If your child has ear buds or earphones please send these in - these will be named and only available for the owner to use. Some children may prefer to use a small mouse with the Chromebooks, rather than the touchpad. Again, this would only be available for the owner to use. If your child has their own Chromebook please ensure it is named, charged at home in the evenings and brought to school in a carry case for protection.

Swimming

We hope to be swimming throughout all of Term 1. Swimming is part of the New Zealand Curriculum, so all students are expected to take part. If your child cannot swim for any reason, please send a note explaining this to your child's class teacher.

Otherwise, please ensure your child has their togs and a towel in a bag for their swimming days.

PLEASE label ALL items of clothing swimming gear.



Our Inquiry this term is:

"Connections" with the big idea that we are all part of a variety of communities and the most important things in life are the connections you make with others and nature.



We will be considering our responsibilities within the contexts of our classroom, our school, our local community.

We will be reflecting on our school values of LEARN (Learning, Empowering, Achieving, Respecting and Nurturing), the PB4L expectation of Respecting Myself, Respecting People and Respecting Surroundings, using a Growth Mindset as a learner and other elements, such as Bucket filling.

Senior School Teachers:

Year 5/6

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Year 3/4

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At this level of the school we encourage independence in the students' routines. Students should be arriving at school between **8.30am and 8.50am** and independently unpacking their bags, bringing their book bags into the classroom and preparing for the day. If they do not have access to a computer at home, this would be a good time to catch up on any homework tasks which they would like to complete.

Stationery:

Thank you to all those families who have brought in their stationery. If you have not managed to do so, please ensure that this is brought in as soon as possible to facilitate the students' learning.

Change of Clothes:

Some children may benefit from bringing a change of clothes to school in a plastic bag and will be encouraged to take responsibility for making the decision to change if their clothes become soiled in some way, including mud during the winter terms.



Hats- Term 1 and Term 4 require all students to have a **named hat** at school, so please ensure that your child has one available at school every day this term.

It is a shame to see children restricted to shaded areas while their friends play in the open.

Sunscreen is available in the classroom however, it is your child's responsibility to apply. The easiest way to make sure they are sun smart is to apply before school.

Assembly:

Assembly for the Year 3-6 team will be held every second Friday at 10.50am.

Parents are always welcome to join us for this time of sharing in the hall.

Library:

Please encourage your children to bring their Library books back every week in a book bag. The students are allowed to borrow up to 3 books, but we will be enforcing a 'no return, no issue' and 'no book bag, no issue' policy this year for all books.

Reading- Readers/Journals:

Please make sure all books are returned daily to school in a book bag to ensure your child does not miss out on any planned reading learning.

Lunch:

Please remember that the school encourages healthy eating as well as asking children to take their rubbish home with them in their lunchbox. Please keep this in mind when helping them to pack their lunch and bags.