



TERM 1

Room 2 Newsletter

2023



Welcome to Room 2 for 2023. We are very excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with you all this year. Sara Kroef is

excited to be returning to the junior school and will be in Room 2 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Lorelle Dodds will be in Room 2 Thursday and Friday.

Room 1 (Mrs McKinstry) and 2 (Mrs Dodds & Miss Kroef) have the same learning space and do some of our learning together. If you have any queries or concerns about your child we are your first port of call. Please drop us an email and we will be more than happy to answer anything for you.

Below is an outline of what has been planned for this term. The first couple of weeks will be spent settling back into school, revisiting the Mangatawhiri Way, learning classroom and schoolwide routines and learning about Waitangi day and the Treaty of Waitangi.

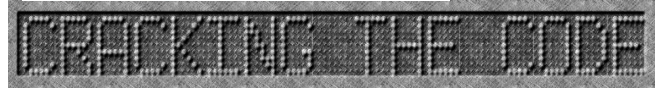
Maths

This term in Maths we will be covering Statistics, Number and Fractions. We will be investigating and displaying results, working on our number knowledge and equal sharing to find fractions of shapes and objects.



Swimming will be our focus during Term 1. It is a very important skill to have, especially living here in NZ. We have a swimming slot daily and as a compulsory part of our curriculum, children need to bring their swimming gear EVERY day. We do take the weather into consideration. If your child cannot swim then a note must be sent to school advising why they can't participate.

LITERACY



Cracking the Code is the approach we use for our reading and writing program. We will begin by focussing on phonological awareness skills such as rhyme, patterns and syllables. There will be a big emphasis on phonemic awareness, where children will work on groups of letters. The focus will be on recognising the letter, writing the letter with correct formation and knowing the sound/s that each letter makes.

We will start Home Learning in Week 4, so more information about this will follow in our Friday emails.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

As a response to the concern regarding mental health and wellbeing in our country, we have enrolled in a programme called "The Resilience Project" to teach our students positive mental health strategies to help them become happier and more resilient. The Resilience Project is an evidence-based programme that has been used in Australia for a number of years with outstanding results. The programme involves (and benefits) students, teachers, and also parents. Each week, there is a particular focus for in-class learning and activities as well as at-home practice activities (if applicable). This is an exciting addition to our learning and you will receive more information over the next few weeks in class emails and the school newsletter.

Gratitude
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional Literacy



Culture and Identity

Identity is our definition of ourselves: who we are, and the things that define us. Culture is the name given to the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a group of people. We will be learning about ourselves and what makes us unique and also about our local area and where we belong. Children will have a go at their own Pepeha and we may even squeeze a walk in around our local area.



We like to communicate as much as possible between home and school. Here are some ways we do this:

Skool Loop

Search for the Skool Loop App in your app store, download and choose Mangatawhiri School. This app allows any school notices to be sent straight to your phone.

School Mobile

Mangatawhiri School has a school mobile which you can use to text messages if needed. The number is 0274 980 070.

Seesaw

This is an online portfolio of your child's learning. It continues throughout your child's time at our school and can be downloaded. We encourage you to view and comment on your children's learning regularly. Seesaw is also the way we report on your child's learning so it is very important that you can access this.

Weekly Class Emails

We will send weekly class emails on a Friday. Please ensure the office has your correct email address and let us know if you aren't receiving them.

Weekly Newsletter

Our School Newsletter comes out every Monday. It is your choice how you wish to receive this - hard copy, email, access on Skool Loop or School Website.

Please make sure you read this.



22.02.23 Meet the Parents Night & BBQ

13.03.23 & 14.03.23 Goal Setting Interviews

17.03.23 School Photos

6.04.23 Term 1 ends

26.04.23 Term 2 starts

**Ice blocks are for sale each day this term for 50c*

**Cookie Time cookies \$1 can be bought for morning tea from the office.*

Please continue to encourage your child to carry their school bag, dress themselves, put their own shoes on and get their morning classroom jobs done. This is all part of learning how to manage themselves and it develops independence.

Other things to NOTE - Please:

- Our Library day is WEDNESDAY, Please have a separate library bag for this
- Have a change of clothes in your child's school bag and a wet bag for any accidents that may happen.
- Bring a drink bottle every day with water.
- Bring book bags every day (when we are up & running)
- Name EVERYTHING!
- Apply sunblock before school.
- Remember school hats (No hat, No play).

We realise there is a lot of information to take on board so if you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Robyn Davis, robund@mangatawhiri.school.nz the Junior School leader is your next port of call. If we have concerns we will contact you.

Here's to a fantastic year of new opportunities, learning and fun!

Kind Regards,
Lorelle Dodds & Sara Kroef
Room 2 Teachers

****Please cc both teachers into all emails****

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