


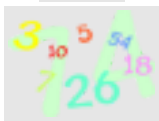




Newsletter Term 1, 2025

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Our Learning Term 1:

Here is an outline of what our students will focus on.

<p>Structured Literacy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading for enjoyment and understanding• Responding to language and meaning across a variety of genre• Oral language - speaking and listening• Phonics• Writing - Personal writing• Handwriting - correct formation of letters - shape, size, slope.• Picture Books - retelling and summarising
<p>Health & PE</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Run, Jump and Throw• Continuing to use our bike track to build confidence and learn about bike safety• PMP (Year 1) - a movement programme that focuses on balance, eye/hand and eye/foot coordination, locomotion and fitness.• Fire Safety
<p>Māori</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Kōrero - karakia, waiata and sharing mihi• Learning the kupu for bird and plants• Being active participants in kapa haka
<p>Maths</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number• Statistics and Geometry• Focus on basic facts and addition strategies

<p>The Arts</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portraits • Exploring with a variety of media
<p>Science</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural World • Birds, eels and native plants • Battle Hill Trip

Battle Hill Trip - Week 6 Tuesday March 11th:

We have planned a trip to Battle Hill this term thanks to the DSPTA and Natalie Packer from the Porirua Council. Our focus will be on the birds, eels and native plants. We will need parent helpers for this trip to go ahead. More information later this term.

Hauora Kai, Lunch and Hat:

At 10am each day, children will have a ten-minute break to eat a small snack (fruit or vegetables only please) and to have a drink of water. Please include an appropriate snack in your child's lunch box.

We have some children with allergies to nuts and nut products. As these allergies can be life threatening, we ask that all nut products are left out of school lunches. Please pay attention to this when preparing or purchasing lunches. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

This term, the students and staff wear hats when outdoors so please pack one either that stays at school or travels back and forth in their school bag each day.

Seesaw:

We will be using Seesaw to share class learning and student progress. This term we will be reporting students' progress in science, and maths. The teacher's comment on maths will include your child's next learning steps. Children enjoy receiving feedback from both teachers and their whānau so please add comments to posts about your child.

Home Reading:

Please focus on reading or phonics activities each night and recording in the reading log. We expect all students to read for at least 15 minutes each night. Home reading will begin by week 3.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday March 5th - Run, Jump, Throw Event
Wednesday March 5th - Whanau BBQ
Tuesday March 11th - Battle Hill Trip
Friday March 14th - Teacher Only Day



Contact Details:

Below are our email addresses in case you would like to contact any of us.

Please feel free to discuss any issues or concerns with us as it is important that we maintain a collaborative partnership.

Kind regards

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