

WELCOME TO THE JUNIOR TEAM

Our Programme

Literacy

- Oral language
- Handwriting
- Structured Literacy - phonics, spelling and reading
- Writing

Mathematics and Statistics

- Number - knowledge and strategies
- Other Strands - statistics, geometry, measurement, algebra, probability
- Numicon as a tool to enhance mathematical understanding

Other Curriculum Areas

Te Ao Māori, Science, P.E. and Health, Social Sciences, Technology, Inquiry, The Arts

Home Learning

We ask that you spend 15 minutes each school night on reading or tasks the teacher has set. We keep a record and celebrate milestones. If your child doesn't bring work home, please read a book from home or play cards or a board game together.

General Notices

- Please make sure all your child's clothing, drink bottles, lunch containers etc are named
- In Term 1 & 4 we wear sun hats when outdoors - please make sure your child has a sun hat at school each day
- Please have suitable shoes when using the bike track - at lunch times or during class sessions
- We have a 5 minute break at 10am daily - please pack cut up fruit or vegetables in a separate container/bag
- We encourage the children to eat their main component before moving on to something else in their lunchbox
- Food wrappers will be coming home each day so we reduce what we put in the landfill

Top Tips for Parents

- Arrive at school before 8:45am so they can settle
- Practise opening foods and containers
- Unlock yoghurt pouches
- Send a spoon with yoghurt
- Only wear shoes with laces if they can tie them
- Toys and trading cards stay at home please

FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE



HOME LEARNING ROUTINES

It is important to set up a daily consistent home learning routine.



PICK-UP DROP-OFF

Let your child carry their own bag and walk (not being carried) to and from the gate.



SCHOOL BAGS

Let your child pack their bag the night before (book bags, library books etc).

Here is an outline of our learning this term

Our Big Idea	<i>My place, my people - relationships to thrive and grow -Living our school vision-</i>
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral language - speaking and listening • Handwriting - correct formation of letters and pencil grip • Personal Writing - on a variety of topics • Picture Books - new vocabulary, retelling and summarising • Phonics/spelling - segmenting and blending, sound patterns • Reading for enjoyment and understanding
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Numicon equipment • Number structure and operations - number sense, place value, basic facts, estimation • Statistics - collect and display data • Geometry - 2D and 3D shapes
Te Ao Māori	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Kōrero - karakia, waiata and sharing mihi/pepeha • Learning the kupu and kīwaha for people and places • Being active participants in kapa haka
Health and PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run, Jump and Throw - athletics skills • Using our bike track to build confidence and learn about bike safety • Small ball skills • Life Education Van - healthy relationships
Other Curriculum areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning classroom routines and expectations • Visual Art - displaying our identity • Drama - role plays • Social Sciences - culture and identity • Polyclub

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We are all in this together

TERM 1 EVENTS

EOTC week - Week 3
Teacher Only Day - Week 5
Life Education - Weeks 7-9
Run, Jump, Throw - Week 7



DISCOVERY SCHOOL
Whanake rā tātou kia pai ai te āpōpō
We thrive & grow today for a better tomorrow