

Term 2 Newsletter

Here is an outline of what our students will focus on this term

Our Big Idea	<i>Discovery School 50th Jubilee Celebration</i> <i>By reflecting on our 50-year journey, we celebrate our past and build a strong future.</i>
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oral language - asking questions for information• Handwriting - correct formation and size of letters• Personal Writing - on a variety of topics• Picture Books - characters, settings, problems, solutions• Phonics/spelling - segmenting and blending, sound patterns• Reading for enjoyment and understanding
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algebra - number patterns and relationships• Measurement - weight, volume, length• Number structure and operations - number sense, place value, basic facts, estimation• Incorporating Numicon in everyday maths
Te Ao Māori	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Kōrero - karakia, waiata and sharing mihi/pepeha• Learning the kupu around celebrations• Counting and days of the week• Being active participants in kapa haka
Health and PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross Country running skills• Using our bike track to build confidence and to practise bike safety• Games from different decades
Other Curriculum areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Sciences - 50th Celebration. Each class will focus on a decade from the 1970s - 2020s• Dance in Schools programme• Visual Art• Polyclub

Discovery School's 50th Jubilee Celebration - Week 10
Come and see our learning!

FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE



READING ROUTINES

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



PICK-UP DROP-OFF

Letting your child walk in from the gate on their own and having a place to meet at the end of the day.



SCHOOL BAGS

Let your child pack their bag the night before (book bags, library books) as well as carrying their bag on their own.

Top Tips for Parents

- Arrive at school before 8:45am so your child can settle
- Involve them in play with other children
- Practise opening foods and containers
- Send a spoon with yoghurt. Unlock yoghurt pouches
- Only wear shoes with laces if they can tie own shoes
- Toys/trading cards stay at home please
- Name all items of clothing



School Reporting

Over the term, we will be sharing student progress in Reading, Writing and Maths. You will see a graph and below it will be the teacher's comment which will also include your child's next learning steps and ideas for how you can help at home. We encourage you to leave a comment for your child.

Home Learning

Please focus on reading or phonics activities each night and record these in the learning log. A book may come home for more than one night—the second reading can focus on building fluency and/or comprehension. Don't forget to read over the weekend, as this also contributes to their reward chart.

Reading at home should only take 10 or 15 minutes and if you are finding this challenging please contact your child's teacher for support and suggestions you can try at home.



Kai

- Please make sure all your child's lunch containers and drink bottles are named
- Hauora Kai is 10am daily - please pack cut up fruit or vegetables in a separate container
- At lunch time we encourage the children to eat their main component before moving on to something else in their lunchbox
- 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

He waka eke noa
We are all in this together



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

TERM 2 EVENTS

- Readathon - Weeks 1-2
- Book Week - Week 2
- Cross Country - Week 4
- Friendship Interaction Day - Week 7
- Dance in Schools - Week 8/9