

Papatuanuku Term 1 2020

NEWSLETTER



Papatuanuku Teachers (from left to right)

Elsbeth Gordon-Smith:

Year 1/2 Teacher in
Orongorongo
Wednesday, Thursday,
& Friday

Bronagh Crook:

Year 1/2 Teacher in
Orongorongo.
Monday & Tuesday

Amanda Smith:

Reception Class in
Waiopehu

Michelle James:

Team Leader & Year
1/2 Teacher in
Rimutaka

Our Support Team (from left to right)

Liam O'Leary, Claire Mortelier, Brenda Evans and Jo Soffe



Important Dates



Meet the Staff

Thursday 13th of February, School Hall, 6:45pm-8pm

Instead of the usual Meet the Teacher Meeting in the second week of school this year we will host a Parent Information Meeting in the hall for Year 1-8 students. At this meeting the Team Leaders and Teachers of each team will present a 15 minute curriculum learning expectations overview to you all.

Please ensure you keep this date free as this is a very important meeting.



Swimming

Every week commencing from the 11th of February

Swimming lessons will begin in Week 2 (11th of February) at the Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie on a Tuesday. The sessions are for Orongorongo and Rimutaka Classes and will be lessons only. 'Free play' will not be offered.

To help prepare your child we ask that they are able to dress themselves, have a large swimming bag to put all their belongings in, and a bag for wet clothing.

Please ensure all clothing is well named. If you have any concerns about how your child is grouped for their lessons or you are able to provide parent help please discuss this with your child's homeclass teacher.

Times: Orongorongo - session time 10:00 - 10:30am and
Rimutaka- session time 10:30 – 11:00 am



Hataitai School Fair

1st of March, 10:00am -1:00pm

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Learning Conferences

17th and 19th of March

Booking details will be made available in a few weeks' time

Toys and Personal Belongings

From time to time some of our children bring toys to school such as Beyblades, trading cards, figurines etc. to play with during break times. We encourage the children in Papatuanuku (Year 0-2) **not to trade** or **give away** these things.

Our school policy is below and can be view using school docs <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: hataitai

Password: KiaKahaKiaToa

All personal property brought to school by a student is the responsibility of the student. If an insurance claim for damage or loss to personal property is made, any insurance excess is payable by the student's parents. In the event that the damage was caused by another student, the insurer of the property that was damaged has the right to recover its costs from the person who caused the damage, or their insurance company if they are insured. This may include the excess that has been paid by the student's parents. The parents should always check with their insurance company first, whether they will refund their excess when the person that caused the damage pays them for the costs.

In the event that the student's insurer does not get the costs back and refund the excess the students' parents may not approach other parents or the student directly but should request the assistance of the school to mediate.

Sun Hats and Sunscreen

In Terms One and Four all children must wear a sunhat when at school. Please ensure that your child's hat is well named. Children must play under the shade cloth if they have forgotten their hat. We also suggest water resistant sunblock be applied each morning before school. Please also ensure your child comes to school with a named drink bottle.

School Hours

Our school opens at **8:15am** and teachers are in the learning spaces by **8:30am**. Our learning begins at 8:55am. Please make sure that your children are here from 8:30 am onwards to ensure they have had enough time to read the message board, sign in and help set up the classroom. Please ensure your child has packed their book bag and/or poetry book in their bags.

We encourage families to leave by **8:45am** to give children time to settle and play with friends.

Please inform the school office AS WELL AS the classroom teacher if your child will not be attending school on any given day. If your child is late for school, then you will need to sign them in at the office. After school, children are to be picked up from their home class.

Please inform your child's home class teacher if they will be attending After School Care and/or Kelly Sports so that we can ensure they get to the right place after school.

If your child arrives after 8:55am. The parent/caregiver must sign the child in at the school office. ALL attendances including lateness, is recorded for the Ministry of Education.

Getting in Contact

Meeting with Teachers: We love to build relationships with Whanau members. Before school, teachers are busy preparing for the day ahead or may be in a meeting, so if you need more than a few minutes of our time, please make an appointment. If at any time you have any concerns, questions, information and/or positive feedback to share, please contact your home class teacher as your first port of call.

Emails are generally checked between 3:30 - 5:30pm. Due to the nature of our profession we are often unable to respond to emails within the same day. We endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

Please ensure that your child knows their after school care arrangements before they arrive at school as teachers are not able to check emails regarding updates during the day. Any last minute changes must go through the office.

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Year One and Two Sound Poem Books

There are four books of sound poems that will be part of your child's stationery over the course of the year. We have four books so that they are easier for the children to manage and the children will work through one each term. They will be used daily in the classroom as a resource to help develop your child's phonological awareness.

Each week we will be focusing on a specific sound and we will be using a poem from the book each day to highlight the focus sound. You can also help us by working with your child at home and encouraging them to come up with words that start with, have in the middle or on the end, the focus sound, and then getting them to record it.

Having a good phonological awareness empowers children to write more confidently and participate more fully in all curriculum areas, so we would really appreciate your support in this area.

You will be invoiced \$48 to cover all four books or you can purchase the poetry books each term from the office for \$12.00. Costs cover printing.

School Readers and Library Books

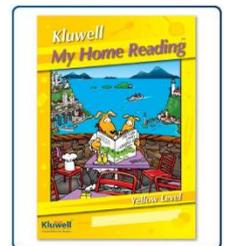
Please ensure that your child has a book bag to help protect the books as they move between home and school. Replacing readers can cost the school between \$9.00-15.00 each. Library books cost a lot more.



Reading Journals

The reading journal encourages positive reading attitudes, parental involvement and promotes communication between home and school. We ask that you record the reader for the day and write a comment or draw a small picture about the book. Year 2 children are encouraged to do this themselves.

To help us track the books coming back into school, the readers will be collected by the teachers once the children have read them with their families, every day. Returns will be ticked off in their reading logs. A reminder note to have a look at home will be written in their reading logs if a book is not returned.



We have many new readers missing from our last purchase of books. We would appreciate it if families could have a good look at home.

Whanau Support

Having Whanau in the classroom enhances the children's educational experience. We always value the parents who have continued to help support learning in the classroom. If you are able to help out in any way, please let your child's home-class teacher know. To this end, parent helpers are asked to follow these expectations regarding conduct.

- Please do not discuss a child's work, behaviour or progress with any other parent or child.
- Should you have a concern or question, please bring it directly to the child's teacher.
- Should another parent voice a concern regarding their child to you, please ask him or her to discuss it directly with their child's teacher. Volunteers are not asked, or expected, to address other parents' individual concerns.
- Our team and its students' parents expect the highest level of discretion by staff and parents in regard to confidential information, files or personal data on the children. Conversations and behaviour must reflect this level of discretion.

If you are a parent-help you are expected to follow teacher's instructions and this may or may not mean you are working with your child directly. We appreciate that it takes a community to help all our learners and any time that can be spared to help is much appreciated.

Safety considerations

Safety at Hataitai School is of utmost importance. Volunteers are asked to sign in at the school office when you arrive and sign out as you leave. Badges are to be worn so members of the school staff know you have checked into the office. In the event of an emergency please follow the directions of the classroom teacher.

Useful websites- Click on the links below



[Sunshine online](#)

Sunshine Online is a digital literacy program. It has been designed to help children aged 4 to 10+ learn to read and develop the skills needed for continuing reading independence and success. The program also uses maths stories to develop skills and understandings in early numeracy.

Username: hataitai
Password: reading

We wish you all a very happy term.

Kind regards

Michelle James
Team Leader



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***** CAKE AND DELI STALLS *****

You are responsible for the cake and deli stalls – 2 fun and really easy ways to be involved and help out with the fair. It's also a great way to connect with other parents and get to know more people if you are relatively new to the school.

All of the items to be sold at these 2 stalls will be supplied by the wider school community – if you have been reading the Fair newsletters to date, you will know that already! (if you haven't read them yet, look here: <https://www.hataitai.school.nz/upcoming-activity.html>).

WHAT WE NEED: YOU TO SIGN-UP NOW!

- **Sign up to help on the day:** set-up/sell goods/tidy up – sign up sheet in your classroom/at the office/email fundraising@hataitai.school.nz
- The fair is 10am-1pm. The intention is that everyone gets to enjoy the fair so only one hour or so of your time is required.
- If you want to help out, but cakes/deli isn't your thing – we need MANY helpers on the food stalls!

WE NEED STALL COORDINATORS: IS ORGANISING YOUR FORTÉ?

- **The Cake and Deli stalls both require an overall coordinator:** This doesn't just have to be one person – perhaps you'd be happy to share this job with a friend? The coordinator is responsible for overseeing the process – deciding the look of the stall, what materials are required to achieve this, organising people to run the stall at the fair, etc.
- **If this sounds like you, let us know!** Please indicate on the sign-up sheet or email us. We are happy to help, and can talk you through the usual process 😊

The Fair is the main fundraising event for 2020, and such events are only possible with your support!

Any queries, please contact fundraising@hataitai.school.nz

We also have a dedicated Facebook page for the Fair! Have a look – 'Like' the page to receive all update notifications - and share it with friends. It's a great way to get the word out to the extended community about the Fair. You can find the page at <https://www.facebook.com/Hataitai.School.Parents.Group>

