

Term 3 Newsletter

Papatuanuku

Important Dates

Student Record of Achievement

27th of July

You will receive an Interim written Student Record of Achievement.

Learning Conferences

28th, 29th and 30th of July

Booking details have been made available. This time around they will be held online. If you are having any difficulty booking a time please see Jacinta. Each conference will run for 10 minutes as part of your child's interim report. You will be sent a Google invite to confirm your attendance.

Māori Language Week

14th-20th of September

The kaupapa 'Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori' (Let's make the Māori language strong). Below are links to some useful resources.

[Te wiki o te reo Maori](#)

[Maori Television](#)

[Learning Resources](#)

JUNIOR MUSIC CONCERT

Friday 18th of September @ 9.15AM in the hall.

End of Term

25th of September

Last day of term.



Papatuanuku Teachers (from left to right)

Bronagh Crook: Year 1/2 Teacher in Orongorongo. Monday/Tuesday

Deina Susilo-Knox: Year 1 Teacher in Aoraki

Michelle James: Team Leader and teacher in Year 1/2 Rimutaka

Amanda Smith: Reception class in Waiopehu

Elsbeth Gordon-Smith: Year 1/2 Teacher in Orongorongo Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.



Our Support Team (From left to right) Liam O'Leary , Claire Mortelier, Brenda Evans, and Joanna Soffe.

Introducing Deina Susilo-Knox



Kia ora, my name is Deina Susilo-Knox and I have recently moved to Wellington from my home city of Dunedin. I graduated from University of Otago in December, 2019 with a Bachelor of Teaching endorsed in Primary Education. Since then, I have been relieving at St Clair School, Tahuna Normal Intermediate and George Street Schools. I am passionate about music and enjoy playing guitar and singing, and going to gigs in my spare time. I love yoga and the outdoors and am looking forward to exploring all of Wellington's amazing walks. I am so excited to be a part of the Hataitai community and am looking forward to getting to know tamariki and whānau, alike.

Areas of focus this Term

- Mataariki (Numeracy focus and our relationship to the physical and cultural world)
- Waste Warriors (Numeracy focus and how we have the power to behave positively towards our environment)

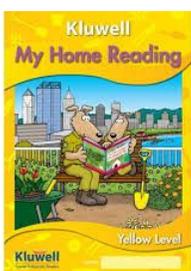
Year One and Two Sound Poem Books

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

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.



Seesaw

Seesaw was used as part of our distance learning programme. Seesaw is still available for the children to share their learning. The children are able to document their learning in many different ways e.g. photos, videos, drawings or notes. Also available on Seesaw are other resources such as songs and audio books. If your child has not logged onto Seesaw before you will need to contact your child's classroom teacher for login details.

For more information: <https://web.seesaw.me/parents>

Hataitai School Values

Hataitai School is a PB4L School (Positive behaviour for Learning) Our school values are Mana-Respect for self, Manaaki- Respect for others and Ako- Respect for learning. The Taniwha in the posters below is Whataitai. One of the taniwha from Wellington harbour and can be found along with Ngake on our school pou at the main gate.



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 rules 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-helper 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.

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 viewed using school docs <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

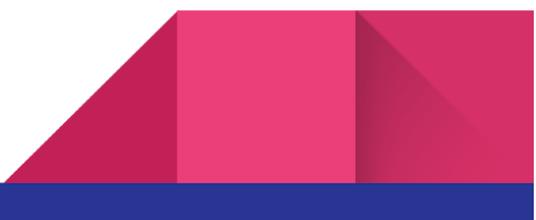
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All personal property brought to school by a student is the responsibility of the student. If an insurance claim for damage or loss to personal property is made, any insurance excess is payable by the student's parents.

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.



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 homeclass.

Please inform your child's homeclass 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

