

Papatuanuku Term 2 2019

NEWSLETTER



Papatuanuku Teachers (From Left to right)

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

Michelle James: Team Leader and Year 2 Teacher in Orongorongo. Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

Amanda Smith: Reception Class in Waiopahu.

Sarah Moorhouse: Year 1 Teacher in Rimutaka.



Our Support Team (From Left to right starting from the back row)

Joana Softe, Maria Gerondis, Dion Gardner

Important Dates

Queens Birthday Weekend



31st of May - 3rd of June

Queen's Birthday Weekend. Hataitai school will be closed on Friday and Monday.



Learning Celebration

28th of June, 2:15pm

You are all invited to join in and celebrate a showcase of learning with the children. We will share a few songs and some learning we have done throughout the year and then you are invited to come into the classroom.

Matariki Glow Show



17th of June, 9:30am

A giant puppet show with magical glow-in-the-dark characters that tell the story of te kāhui whetu ō Matariki (the star cluster/ sisters of Matariki) as they prepare for Te Tau Hou (Māori New Year) and the journey of the smallest star, Waipuna-a-Rangi. We will require 9 parent volunteers for this trip to go ahead to ensure the children have a safe and enjoyable visit. Get in quick as spaces fill up quickly! Unfortunately we are unable to take parents with toddlers. Please contact your child's homeclass teacher, no later than the 31st of May if you can assist.



Matariki Whanau Night

20th of June, time TBC

A fantastic night which has been held at Hataitai School over the past five years. Come and join us in celebrating Matariki with performances, stargazing and food. Glow sticks and glow accessories will be on sale and children are welcome to bring touches to join in with the activities.

Rain Coats and Warm Clothing

Please ensure that your child comes to school with warm clothing and a raincoat daily. Wellington weather can be unpredictable.



School Readers and Library Books

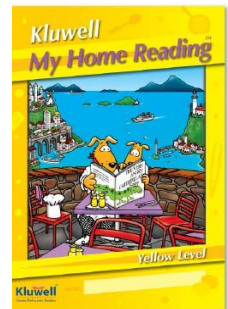
Please ensure that your child has a book bag to help protect the books as they move between home and school. Last term we had several readers damaged and had to be thrown away. These can cost the school between \$9-15 each to replace. Library books cost a lot more.



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.

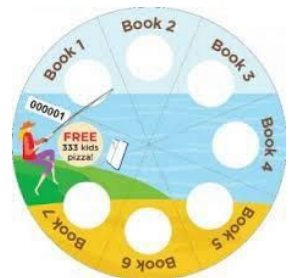
To help us track the books coming back into school, the readers will be collected by the teachers once the children have read them with their families, every day. Returns will be ticked off in their reading logs. A reminder note to have a look at home will be written in their reading logs if a book is 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.

Pizza Reading Wheel Challenge

This year, children again have the opportunity to get reading and receive a free pizza. Each week, teachers will check the reading journal. If there are five titles entered for the week and some comments children will receive a stamp on their pizza wheel for that week. Once seven stamps have been received, children will bring the pizza wheel home and will be eligible for a free pizza from Hell Pizza. To redeem the pizza, children need to present the pizza wheel in store before 3/12/19. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions.



Hauora

We will be beginning our Hauora Sessions this term. Each Thursday, each class will have 20 minutes with Maddi. There is a large emphasis on fun and enjoying moving their bodies in the way of games, dance and song. A Hauora Session in Papatuanuku will look like this:

Stillness and breathwork (2min)

Sing and do (5min)

Story time with movement (7min)

Visualisation (short story) (3min)

Relaxation with music (2 min)

Lion's breath to re-energise (1min)

Mindfulness (including mindful movement) is proven to improve self-confidence and build a positive self-image. It is also a great way to engage in physical activity that is in a non-competitive environment. Students will learn to independently use breathing techniques to help cope with stressful situations, allowing them to reason more effectively and ultimately make better decisions. Furthermore, students learn to be resilient, present, calm, happy and grateful.

Getting in Contact

Meeting with Teachers: We love to build relationships with Whanau members. However, 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 anytime 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 endeavor 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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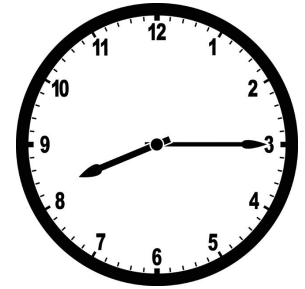
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School Hours

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 Hataitai 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, are recorded for the Ministry of Education.

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 help you are expected to follow teachers instruction 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.

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