

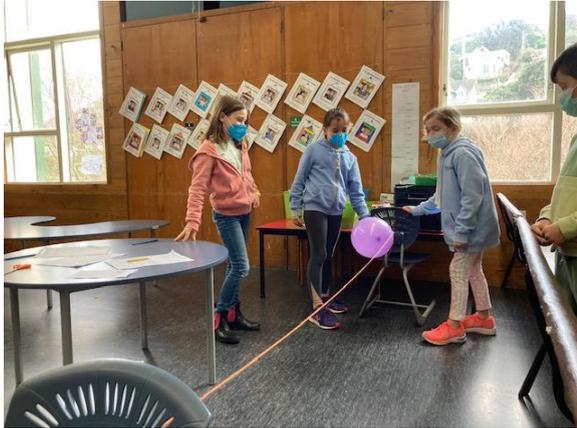


# Ngā Hau e Whā Team Newsletter



## Term 3, 2022

A huge welcome back to the students of Ngā Hau e Whā for Term 3. We hope you had a fantastic break and spent lots of time together.



We've started the term with some science. Here are some Raumati students exploring Newton's Third Law of Motion!

### School Hours

8:20 Students arrive  
 8:55 Morning Block  
 11:00 Morning Tea  
 11:25 Middle Block  
 12:30 Lunch  
 1:20 Afternoon Block  
 3:00 School day ends

### Dates for your diary

Playhouse Theatre Group: The Emperor's New Clothes

**Thursday 28th July**

Year 4-8 Swimming Sports

**Friday 5th August**

Futsal at the ASB

**Tuesday 13th September**

Stu Duval

**Friday 30th September**

Last Day of Term

**Friday 30th September**

## A note to Takurua whānau

Jeanette is currently in the UK and will return in Week 3. Bronagh will be with the Takurua students every day for the first two weeks and she is therefore parents' first point of contact.

## Arriving at School

Due to the ongoing renovations in the main building we ask that students from Year 1-4 enter through the Hataitai Road Gates between 8:15-8:55am. Arriving comfortably within these times allows students to:

- Read any messages in the classrooms.
- Say hello to their teacher.
- Help set up the classroom.
- Connect with friends.

## Leaving School

At 3:00pm the students will be released from their Home Class. It is important that your child knows and understands their after school arrangements. Parents are welcome to wait outside classrooms at this time but regrettably we are unable to allow them inside without appointment.

## School Values

The 3 core values we embrace at Hataitai School are Mana (Respect for Self), Manaaki (Respect for Others) and Ako (Respect for Learning). We endeavour to educate students on how to embody these values each and every day and celebrate when students demonstrate these core values.

## Brain Break and food

In Ngā Hau e Whā we encourage good eating habits throughout the day. We generally stop for a Brain Break at 9:30am where the students are asked to wash hands and bring their brain break food back to the mat. This could be a piece of fruit or a muesli bar etc and is designed to be eaten while still working within the classroom routine. Please ensure your child has something available for this in their lunchbox.

For lunch and morning tea we again encourage healthy eating and ask that foods that contain lots of sugar are kept at home.

## Staying warm

With the months ahead being cold and the weather sometimes wild, we ask that you help your child prepare themselves to arrive at school with appropriate clothing such as jackets, jerseys and raincoats. Students play outside at morning tea and lunch unless it's too rainy or windy and we want them to feel comfortable when they do.

## Lost Property

At Hataitai School we no longer have a Lost Property Area. If clothing is left anywhere on the school grounds, students within the school aim to return items to their owners at the end of the day as part of our pack up. This is an easy process if items are named.

## ...and speaking of property...

We understand that students this age are keen to share and show their favourite toys, gadgets and possessions from home. We do, however, encourage them to keep them at home to ensure they stay unbroken and do not distract their owners or others in the class. Thank you for understanding.

## Masks

Schools have been advised that for the first 4 weeks of the term masks should be worn all day when inside by students from Year 4 up. We would be very grateful if you could ensure that your child brings a mask while the country navigates this current spike in cases.

## Materials and extra exercise books - can you help?

Do you have any kitchen roll tubes, newspapers, magazines or spare yarn? These would be very useful if you have them lying around.

Also...your wonderful children have been very busy filling up their writing books and their handwriting books. If you are able to provide your child with spares of these, that would be immensely appreciated.

## Home Learning Expectations

In Ngā Hau e Whā we love to hear how students continue to learn at home. While we do not set specific homework, we encourage you to undertake a few steps at home:

This includes:

- Reading at home from a text of their personal choosing for at least 20 minutes per night. This could be a shared reading time where children read with their family members or to themselves before bed..
- Practising some basic mathematical concepts. A good place to start would be the 2, 5 and 10 times tables or a quick recall of basic addition facts to 20 (4+7 or 15-6) and an understanding of basic fractions such as halves and quarters.

Other ways to meet specific learning needs at home will be communicated on an individual basis.

## Swimming Sports - Friday 5th August (Week 2)

This event is for students in Years 4-8 and takes place at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre. While students do not have to participate, they are encouraged to if they can swim. All Year 4 students will attend to support each other. Sign ups for these events take place at school. Year 3's will stay at school and take part in a separate activity.

## Inquiry

This term our Inquiry focus is 'I'm a Scientist!'. Our aim is to explore how and why scientists undertake experiments and come to conclusions. We hope to (finally!) take the students on a trip in the second half of the term. We'll keep you posted about this.

## Literacy

In our first two weeks back we will be looking at Aesop's Fables and inviting students to create simple stories with important morals and messages. From Week 3, as our inquiry progresses, we will be looking at how scientists might record parts of their experiments in different formats.

In the continued absence of our school library, we have a limited selection of books for students to read during read-to-self and silent reading. If your child is able to bring in a book from home for these parts of our literacy programme, we'd really appreciate that. Please make sure it is named.

## Mathematics

This term we turn our attention to the domain of proportions and ratios. This unit has a strong focus on fractions.

We'll also explore transformations, reflections, and rotations as well as giving students to chance to practise and maintain their knowledge of basic facts.

## Correspondence

Team Newsletters like this will be emailed out to the families at the beginning of each term. These contains useful information and FAQ's that pertain to the terms ahead.

General and ongoing notices - These will be shared via Seesaw. If you are not able to access this then please inform your Home Class teacher. Both you and your child should have a login.

Weekly Noticeboard - This goes out every Sunday on Seesaw and gives a brief explanation of the week ahead, some reminders of things to bring, and keeps you up to date with what is happening in class on a weekly basis.

Meeting with Teachers - We love to build relationships with family members. However, before school teachers are busy preparing for the day ahead. So please feel free to request an appointment with your Home Class teacher and we will endeavour to find a time to connect on any concerns, questions, information and/or positive feedback you wish to share.

Email - Emails are generally checked between 3:30-5:00pm. However, due to the nature of our profession, we are often unable to respond to emails the same day. We will, however, endeavour to respond as soon as possible and we appreciate your patience.

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