

Papatuanuku Term 1 2021

NEWSLETTER

Papatuanuku Teachers (From Left to right)

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

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

Amanda Smith: Reception
Class in Waiopahu.

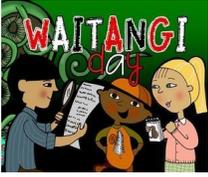
Deina Susilo-knox: Year 1/2 Teacher in
Aoraki. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday



Our Support Team (From Left to right starting from the back row) Liam O'Leary , Claire Mortelier, Brenda Evans, and Cameron Laing



Important Dates



Waitangi Day

6th of February

Hataitai School will be closed on the Monday 8th

Scorching Bay School Picnic



12th of February

Friends and whanau are welcome to join us for our annual school picnic at Scorching Bay Beach on the 12th of February. With our younger aged children we encourage as many parents as possible to join us to support the children at their first school beach day. Please ensure your child has suitable gear for the day, including a hat and clothing to protect your child from the sun and a packed lunch with a full water bottle. Sunblock will be provided but we ask that you lather your child up before school. We also ask that you teach your child to regularly sunblock themselves. If your child would like to take buckets or a spade, we ask that these are well named.

Please email your child's teacher now to:

- Confirm that you give permission for your child to attend the picnic
- Indicate if you will be attending
- Let us know if your child is **not** confident in ocean water
- Inform us of anything else you think we should know before we leave for Scorching Bay

Please Note: We will be travelling on buses leaving school at approximately 10:00am and returning at 1:00pm. The rest of the school will return from 2:00pm onwards

If you plan to leave the beach with your child please sign your child out with their homeclass teacher.

Meet the Staff

Monday 15h of February, School Hall, 6:pm-7:30pm

We will host a parent information hui in the hall. Details to follow.



Swimming

Every week commencing from the 11th of February



Swimming lessons will begin in Week 3 (15th of February) at the Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie on a Monday. These will be swim 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: Aoraki and Waiopahu - session time 10-10:30am and Remutaka - session time 10:30 - 11 am.

Parent help is required. Please contact your child's homeclass teacher if you are available.

Futsal Tournament



7th of April

On Tuesday the 7th of April from 9:15am- 2:45pm all children in Remutaka and Aoraki will be participating in a Futsal tournament at the Kilbirnie ASB Centre. Further information will follow closer to the date.



Teacher only Day/Learning Conferences

15th of March

Learning Conferences will be held during a Teacher Only Day. Booking details will be made available in a few weeks time.



Easter Weekend

2nd - 6th of April

School will be closed

End of

Term 1 16th of April

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 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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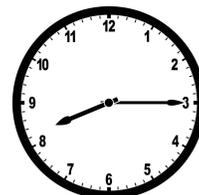
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School Hours

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 prepare for the day 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.

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 1-2) **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/>

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

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.

Year One and Two Sound Poem Books

There are four books of sound poems over the course of the year. 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.

School Readers and Library Books

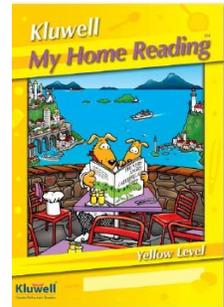
Please ensure that your child has a book bag to help protect the books as they move between home and school. Replacing readers can cost the school between \$9-15 each. Library books cost a lot more.



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.

Reading with your child at home

Reading with your child will encourage a positive attitude to books and reading. Your child will bring a book home each day/and or a poem. Your child would have read this book with an adult unless it is an independent book, which may be a level lower than what they would read with their teacher. Please do not be alarmed if your child has gone backwards over the holidays. During the holidays they are not having their targeted reading sessions at school, getting new readers and working on new strategies. Give your child a few weeks to get back into the routine of school.

- It is important that your child understands what they are reading as well as being able to read fluently.
- Talk about the story and the pictures, other stories you have read, and experiences you have both had that are like those in the story.
- Sometimes you can be the listener, sometimes the reader and sometimes you can take turns. They might like to read to the cat, the dog, their teddy or a sibling.
- All children like to be read to, so don't stop reading to them – no matter how old they are.
- Encourage your child to read all sorts of things – the TV guide in the newspaper, street signs, food labels. Simple recipes are great and you get to eat what you've read about, too!
- If your child comes across a word they don't know, wait a few seconds and give your child time to think. If this does not work try: Looking at the beginning of the word and discussing the letters and sound. Talk about words that would make sense in the sentence and look for clues in the pictures. Ask your child to go back to the beginning of the sentence or to read on to the end of the sentence. If your child still doesn't know the word, tell them and prompt them to read the sentence again.
- Ask your child lots of closed (one word answers) and open questions (those that have many different answers) and then encourage your child to talk about different parts.

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.