

YEAR 3 AND 4 SYNDICATE

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2016



Tuesday 2nd February, 2016

NAU MAI, WELCOME TO TERM 1 2016

Welcome to another exciting year at Tauriko School. We trust that you had a wonderful holiday and that everyone is rested and raring to go.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families. We are committed to ensuring your time at Tauriko School is positive and enriching. Look out for opportunities to get involved – we can't wait to get to know you better.

Please come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

This year the Middle Team have relocated – here are our new rooms ...

Room 11 Erin Shaw

Room 12 Helen Guthrie

Room 13 Kelly Soutar

Room 14 Lynda Palfrey (Team Leader)

The teachers have been busy during the break planning and preparing for the term and we are all excited about the opportunities ahead.

Sun and Surf Camp: The new term gets off to a very exciting start with our Year 3/4 camp to Mount Maunganui at the end of week 2, Thursday 11th/ Friday 12th February. Preparations were begun at the end of last year and we need to finalise all the details. Camp notices will come home separately but we do need all camp forms and camp fees to be returned to school urgently. We are still looking for large tents, and helpers to put them up on Thursday and bring them down on Friday morning. If you think you can help for this part, we'd love to hear from you.

Home –School Partnerships: Strong home-school partnerships are greatly valued at Tauriko School as they make a positive contribution to children's learning. Communication is the key to positive partnerships so please keep in touch throughout the term. Pop in to the classes at any time, send us an email or leave a comment on our class blogs. We would also appreciate parent help with a variety of tasks within the classroom programme. If you are able to help us out in any way, please let us know as soon as possible, each teacher has different ways they'd appreciate help and we'd love to hear from you. Thanks!

Home Learning: This term as a staff we will be reviewing Home Learning and what it looks like for different year levels. There will be a parent meeting held on Thursday 10th of March to share more about this. In the meantime Home Learning will start coming home in week 3. The home learning your child will be expected to complete each week will be pasted in their home learning book. Each class will be looking for a parent to help with this once a week on a Monday.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

DAILY – Swimming

Tuesday - Mandarin

Wednesday - Recorder/Marimba

FRIDAY – 1:45pm - School Assembly

LIBRARY DAYS:

R11 – Tuesday 1:30 -2:20

R12 – Friday 10:20 – 11:00

R13 – Thursday 1:30 – 2:00

R14 – Friday 12:30 – 1:15

TERM 1 TOPICS

INQUIRY – Hauora Heroes, Sun and Surf Camp (Rocky shore), "Choices"

MATHS – Addition and Subtraction, Problem-Solving, Statistical investigations, Measurement

ENGLISH – Recounts, Personal Recounts, Poetic writing

HEALTH AND P.E – Aquatics,

THE ARTS – Marimba/Recorder, Visual arts – picture making, self-portraits, Sketching

LANGUAGES – Te Reo Maori/Mandarin

WISH LIST

NEEDED:

- Newspapers and magazines
- Box of tissues per child

***The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."***

Dr. Seuss

Stationery: Please make sure you have all stationery properly named and at school by the end of this week so that we can start using it by the beginning of week 2. Pens, pencils etc. are shared resources that teachers distribute throughout the year, and therefore they don't need to be named.

Swimming and Sunhats: Students are expected to have their togs at school everyday. Because of the increased number of classes not all classes will swim each day, but in this heat, there may be opportunities and we want to be ready to take them. If they are unable to swim please make sure you write a note for them to give to the classroom teacher. Recent drowning statistics are a timely reminder of how important it is for our children to be safe and confident around water.

Every child is required to wear a sunhat when outside for terms 1 and 4. If they do not have a hat they will have to sit in the shade for playtimes and lunchtimes. We would appreciate your support with this, by ensuring your children come to school with a named hat every day. We want to develop life-long sun safe practices.

Korean Students: This term we welcome a small group of students from Korea. Most of the students will be in classes for the first 3 weeks, however 2 students will be here for the whole term and one, for the whole year. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to learn from each other and grow as global citizens. We know the middle school will make our Korean friends very welcome.

As you can see, this is going to be a busy term filled with learning across the curriculum. We want to build strong relationships with all our students and their families so come on in so we can get to know each other better. Together we can make the "magic in the middle."

Kind Regards,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 1

First day of school- Tuesday 2nd February

Week 2

WAITANGI DAY holiday - Monday 6th February

Sun and Surf Camp Thursday 11th - Friday 12th February

WEEK 4

Whanau Hui – Wednesday 24th February 3pm

WEEK 5

LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS –Monday 29th February and Wednesday 2nd March

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS – Thursday 3rd March

WEEK 6

“Choices” programme
School photos – Wednesday 9th March
Home Learning Parent Meeting – Thursday 10th March

Week 7

“Choices” programme

WEEK 8

TOD Thursday 24th March
Easter break – Good Friday

WEEK 9

Easter break – Easter Monday and Easter holiday Tuesday

Week 11

Friday 15th April - Last day of Term 1
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS