

# YEAR 3 AND 4 SYNDICATE

## TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2017



Wednesday 8th February, 2017

### NAU MAI, WELCOME TO TERM 1 2017

Welcome to another year of life and learning at Tauriko School. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and that everyone is rested and ready for an action-packed year.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our new students and their families. This year we are joined by Mrs. Cristy Drake who has relocated from Auckland with her family. We know Cristy is going to be an asset to our school and that you will all make her welcome as she settles in. The staff are committed to ensuring your time at Tauriko School is positive and enriching.

Our school has been a hive of industry over the summer holidays and we are starting to reap the rewards with our lovely new rooms.

The Middle Team are back in the middle of the school – here are our new rooms ...

Room 7 Kate O'Leary

Room 8 Kelly Soutar

Room 9 Cristy Drake

Room 10 Lynda Palfrey (Team Leader)

Room 11 Helen Guthrie

The teachers have been busy during the break planning and preparing for the term, even if many of our rooms have been out of bounds.

We start the year by getting to know each other, establishing routines and clarifying our expectations. We will be working to develop our growth mindsets as well as collaborative and self-management skills. There will be a focus on what we call "good manners", which is a great way to share the home-school partnership.

At Tauriko School we like to be well-prepared for the start of the day so we encourage all students to be at school and working before 8:30am. Classrooms are open from 8am and we would really appreciate your support in ensuring children arrive at school between 7:45 and 8:15.

**Aongatete Lodge Camp:** Our Middle Team camp takes place in Week 7 and due to an increase in the numbers of students and the accommodation at the Lodge, we will be staying over two nights. Rooms 9,10 and 11 will go to camp on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, stay the night and return on Tuesday afternoon. Rooms 7 and 8 will leave Tuesday morning, 21<sup>st</sup> March, stay the night and return on Wednesday afternoon. This is always an awesome opportunity for the children to learn about the bush, get to know each other better and develop their skills of self-management and independence. Please look out for camp notices coming home and return them as soon as possible, along with the camp fees. We need parent help for the camp to operate so if you are interested in being one of our camp parents please complete the parent helper form. We need to action this quickly so that police vetting can be undertaken. Thanks for your support with this.

**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. This year each team will be sending out an email at the end of each week with reminders for the following week. We are confident that this will enhance the home/school communications. Please check that the school office has your correct email details so that this system can work effectively. 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!

### WEEKLY TIMETABLE

**DAILY** – swimming

**Tuesday** - Mandarin

**Wednesday** - Recorder/Marimba

**THURSDAY** –Year 1-4 Assembly in the PAC 1:00-1:45 weeks 2,4,8

### TERM 1 TOPICS

**INQUIRY** – Putting the ME in Team, Aongatete Lodge Camp (native bush), Keeping Ourselves Safe

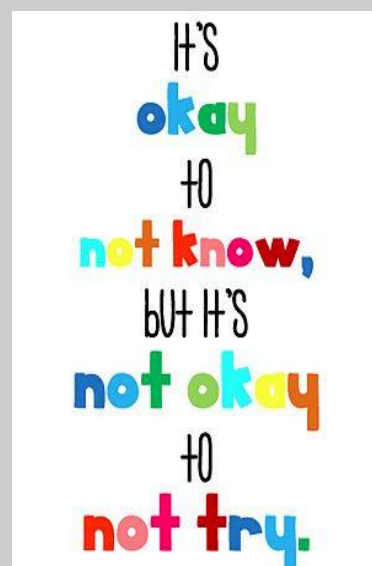
**MATHS** – Addition and Subtraction, Problem-Solving, Statistical investigations

**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



Think left and think right  
and think low and think high  
oh, the things you can think  
up if only you try!  
-Dr. Seuss

**Home Learning:** This will start in week 3 and will consist of reading each day, Mathletics and spelling words to learn. Other ways to support learning at home are available on the school website.

**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. In many classes the pens, pencils etc. are shared resources that teachers distribute throughout the year, so check with your class teacher to see if they 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. As swimming is part of our programme we expect all children to participate regularly. 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. They are here with us for differing lengths of time from weeks to a 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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Suzanne Billington  
Principal



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### WEEK 1

First day of school- Tuesday 7th February

##### Week 2

Tues 14th Feb - Small Sticks Programme (Year 1 - 4 students)  
Thurs 16th Feb - Small Sticks Programme (Year 1 - 4 students)

##### WEEK 3

Tues 21st Feb - Small Sticks Programme (Year 1 - 4 students)  
Thursday 23rd Feb - Small Sticks Programme (Year 1 - 4 students)

##### WEEK 4

Fri 3rd Mar: School Photos

##### WEEK 6

LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS –Monday 13th March and Thursday 16th March  
SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS – Friday 17th March

##### Week 7

Mon 20th - Tuesday 21st March & Tuesday 21st March -  
Wednesday 22nd March - Yr 3 / 4 Camp at Aongatete Lodge

Keeping Ourselves Safe programme begins (3 weeks)

##### Week 10

Last day of Term:  
Thursday 13th April

WISH  
LIST

#### NEEDED:

- Newspapers and magazines
- Box of tissues per child