



# Newsletter

## Week One Term Two 2022

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Kia Ora Whānau

What a fantastic week we have had for our first week on term two! It has been great to see smiling faces and hearing about holiday adventures, also great to see many faces return that we haven't seen due to COVID.

Speaking of COVID, it is still around, we currently have positive SuperStar cases in our community, so remain vigilant and take care out there. Masks are no longer required within the classroom, however, we do ask that visitors to the school still wear masks. Students that travel on the bus and are 12 years and older are still required to wear a mask. We have some students and teachers choosing to wear masks, we will support everyone with their personal decisions.

We are very excited to have two teams in the basketball league this year, thanks to all of our Sporty Spice SuperStars for taking a risk, learning new skills and sharing their talents. Our season kicks off next week, huge thanks to the parents that are helping us with managing and coaching, giving their time and to the parents that are transporting our kids. Without your support, we couldn't do this - remember that kids, thank your parents with extra kindness, coffee and teas made and extra jobs to help out around the place.

This term we are focussing on numeracy - maths. Our results for term one have shown that there is a bit of a drop in achievement, it seems to be the number knowledge that is holding our students back from progressing. Number knowledge is things like basic facts, timetables, place value etc. Next week we are starting support programmes to help some of these students and others are being supported through specific digital resources. We need your help at home. Ten minutes of quick fire basic facts and times tables will help the recall of this knowledge, will help confidence grow and in turn, will help students to be able to apply this knowledge to strategies.

- Times tables - start with 2,5,10 and move on from there
- Basic facts - up to 20 to start with and develop on from there.
- Number bonds - 2+8, 3+7, 4+6 moving to 12+8, 32+8 etc (it is all about recognising the patterns and applying them to different numbers.
- Place Value - ones, tens, hundreds, thousands etc - being able to add ten more to a number, add or subtract 100 from a number etc

All of this is about knowing how numbers work and how they are made up. Using cards and dice are great tools to make numbers and equations. If you want more information on how you can support your child at home, please make contact with your classroom teacher or myself and we can go from there.

**SeeSaw** is going to be a very important focus this term. We will be using this platform to share specific learning, student progress, goals, reflections and creating a digital portfolio of student work. This means that information will be timely, be realistic and accurate. If you haven't connected to your child's account yet, please do, also ask if you need help we are always here to support.

Speaking of support, there is one basic thing that could help your child have a successful learning day. It is an activity called .....**SLEEP!** We realise that it is the first week of the term and we are all getting back into the swing of things, but we have very tired children, some are up gaming until the wee hours, some are messaging each other until 10pm or later, some are not sleeping very well at all. We all need sleep to function to the best of our ability - if we are tired, this means decision making, emotional regulation, focus and social interactions are all that much harder than they actually need to be.

Average Sleep Needs by Age	
Newborn to 2 months old	12 - 18 hrs
3 months to 1 year old	14 - 15 hrs
1 to 3 years old	12 - 14 hrs
3 to 5 years old	11 - 13 hrs
5 to 12 years old	10 - 11 hrs
12 to 18 years old	8.5 - 10 hrs
Adults (18+)	7.5 - 9 hrs

Our Environmental club are starting to reap the rewards of their hard work - looking forward to using the vegetables next week to create something yummy.



**Important Dates:**

- 11/12 May - Basketball Begins
- 19 May - Pull Down the Sun - All ages Gig in Palmy
- 24 May - BOT meeting
- 25 May - National Young Leaders Day
- 3 June - Teacher Only Day
- 6 June - Queens Birthday
- 7 June - School Photo Day
- 8 June - Bus Monitor Training with Constable Cree
- 10 June - ODS Cross Country
- 17 June - Gym Fun at Sanson (years 1-3)
- 22 June - ODS Matariki Celebration
- 23 June - Te Kawau Cross Country
- 24 June - Matariki (Public Holiday)



Phew, this term is full of exciting things and many chances for our SuperStars to be awesome! Looking forward to a successful term. Take care of yourselves out there.

Kind regards  
Tarnz and Team Awesome

