

## **Te Moana Syndicate** **Term 2 Update 2021**

Kia ora to all our families and whānau. We hope you have had a wonderful break after a long Term 1. We look forward to lots of great learning taking places in Te Moana syndicate.

Our big events this term are cross country, Matariki and a trip to Te Papa.

We will also be starting our fundraising activities in preparation for our camp in Term 4.

Please ensure your child has a set of earphones that they bring to school each day (or can leave at school)

Ngā Mihi Te Moana Teachers

### **Play Eat Learn Timetable**

8.55 - 10.00	Learn - Morning session
10.00- 10.05	Eat - Fruit Break
10.05-10.50	Learn - Morning session
10.50-11.10	Play
11.10-11.20	Eat - Morning tea
11.20 - 12.50	Learn - Middle block
12.50 - 1.35	Play
1.35-1.50	Eat - Lunch
1.50-3.00	Learn - Afternoon session

## **DATES for your CALENDAR**

### **2021 SCHOOL YEAR DATES (Link to school calendar)**

#### **Week 3**

Wed 19 May - Camp Fundraising Meeting 7pm  
Fri 21 May - Pink Shirt Day

#### **Week 4**

Fri 28 May - Teacher Only Day

#### **Week 5**

Tue 1 June - Syndicate Cross Country

#### **Week 6**

Mon 7th June - Queen's Birthday  
Wed 9th June - Inter School X-Country

#### **Week 8/9**

Te Papa Trips

## **CHROMEBOOKS**

A reminder that we are working hard to make sure our children are responsible with their devices. This means :

- Bringing them to school each day
- Taking them from their bags and putting them safely away in the classroom before the morning bell
- Remembering to have them charged and ready to go
- Students need earphones everyday.

Thank you for your continued support in this area.

### **Our Learning:**

This term our school inquiry focus will be on **What, why and how do people celebrate Matariki?**

**Values** - Focus on the CREST Values - Curiosity, Respect, Excellence, Self Management, Team Work

**Learning Capabilities** - Making Meaning, Critical Inquiry, Perspective Taking, Taking Action

**Health and PE** - Physical Fitness in preparation for Cross Country running. Large ball skills in preparation for Winter Tournament.

**Maths** - Number and Geometry as well as maths linked through Inquiry.

**English** - We will be doing a range of literacy learning through reading, writing, speaking and presenting. Lots of research and inquiry will take place through our unit on **Matariki**.



### **Autumn & Winter**

**With the wetter and colder weather we are happy for students to wear slippers as they are definitely expected to take their shoes off.**

**Please have your kids bring raincoats each day and perhaps a change of clothes in case they get wet and muddy or the temperature changes.**

## **Homelearning**

We encourage you to read with your children or have them reading daily for pleasure as part of their home-learning.

Students may be asked to complete unfinished work in their own time or they may even feel inspired to pursue further learning carried over from school to home.

Students who are in need of some "supported" learning will bring home needs-based activities to support them in reading and spelling. Teachers will advise you if they would like you to do a bit extra with your child.

## **Spotlight - @school**

As part of our updated curriculum design, Years 5 - 8 will be using the Spotlight tool for reporting progress to students and caregivers. This can be accessed by you via a computer and a mobile app.

This means students are able to demonstrate their learning throughout the year rather than parents seeing a six monthly report. You will now be able to log on and check your child's progress at any time.

Students are learning how to navigate this platform and as the year progresses there will be more to see. We are very enthusiastic about this current form of assessment and know it will be worthwhile.

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