

Te Moana Syndicate **Term 2 Update 2022**

Dear Whānau

What an interesting start to the year we have had. We couldn't be prouder of how our kids have just adapted to changes and shown resilience at school. With the many changes in our Covid world it has been so humbling to see how the children and staff have managed to continue to connect with each other and keep the momentum of learning.

At times, when students have been isolating at home and are well enough, they have been able to access some of their classwork via Google Classroom tasks. We have also set up a learning grid that the students can access. We don't want anyone stressing when they should be recuperating but it is good to know it is there for those that want or need it. Even an email from your child touching base with their teacher is very much appreciated.

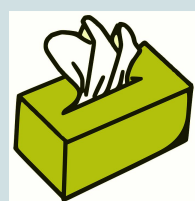
Winter months are notoriously wet and muddy. We ask that children remove their shoes before coming into the classroom to help protect our carpets, then put them on again when outside to help preserve their socks. Students are welcome to bring along slippers to wear inside.

Can the children also bring a spare pair of pants, so that if they happen to get dirty they have a change of clothing.

Unfortunately, Winter brings with it, coughs, colds and sneezes. If your child is unwell, you know the drill, please keep them at home and contact the office to let them know.

We look forward to hopefully connecting with whanau through our upcoming events this term such as Cross Country and Matariki celebrations.

Noho ora mai
Te Moana Teachers



Timetable Y5 - 8 **Red Alert Level**

8:55 - 10:30	Learning - Morning
10:30-10:40	Eat
10:40 - 11:00	Play
11:00 - 12:00	Learning - Middle block
12:00 - 12:50	Play
12:50 - 1:05	Eat
1:05-3:00	Learning - Afternoon

Spotlight - @school



As part of our updated curriculum design, Years 3 - 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.

If you require logging in help please contact your child's teacher.



DATES for your CALENDAR

A lot of these events may be cancelled or postponed due to the ever changing Covid landscape.

May Environment Month

Week 1 - 4

Daily fitness

Week 2

9 - 11 May ASB Getwise programme

Week 3

Bully Free Week NZ

Friday 20 May - Pink Shirt Day

Week 4

Syndicate Cross Country

Friday 27 May - Environmental Day

Week 6

Monday 6 June Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 7 June Staff Only Day

Wednesday 8 June Interschool Cross Country

Week 7

Interschool Matariki dance off

Week 8

Wednesday 22 June - School wide Matariki Celebrations

Friday 24 June - Matariki Public Holiday

Week 9

Visits to Te Papa

Future Dates

29 August - Science Roadshow hosted in our hally
Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences



CHROMEBOOKS

The basic expectations are as follows:

Students must charge their devices at home.

Do not add extensions and apps to the device unless it is a useful tool for learning and approved by the teacher (extensions and apps can really slow the computer down and are often a big distraction).

Children must take care of their device and ensure it gets put in safe places during the day.

[Learning using digital technologies](#)

[Netsafe advice for parents](#)



Our Learning:

Over the first two terms our school inquiry focus will be on 'Social Responsibility'. In Term 2 we will also be working towards celebrating Matariki.

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

Learning Capabilities - Making Meaning

Health and PE - Fitness, Te Reo Kori and Dance

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



Mathematics

The main online maths platform that we are using this year are E-Ako and Khan Academy. Maths is taught within home classrooms or across the hubs.

Home learning

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.

Teachers will advise you if they would like you to do a bit extra with your child.