

Te Moana Syndicate **Term 3 Update 2022**

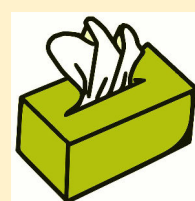
Dear Whānau

We have had a fantastic start to Term 3 with our calendar art getting underway, Inquiry curiosities being explored and high numbers of attendance! At the end of Term 2 it was a rarity to have whole classes in attendance so it is lovely to see so many healthy, well and happy students returning to school.

Mask wearing - as advised by the Ministry we are back to wearing masks in classrooms. We realise this is not ideal but hopefully this helps decrease illnesses being spread in the class. Of course we still expect hand hygiene with hand washing and/or sanitising.

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. The children will also need raincoats and warm clothing to wear.

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 connecting with whānau through our upcoming learning conferences on Wednesday 3 August. Just a reminder that school is closed for instruction this day.

Keep an eye out for some family math challenges during the term, especially during NZ Maths Week.

Noho ora mai
Te Moana Teachers

DATES for your CALENDAR

Week 2

Cook Island Language Week

Wednesday 3 August Learning Conferences

Week 3

NZ Maths Week

Week 4

School Photos Week

Week 5

Tuesday 23 August - Winter Tournament PP 25 August

Week 6

Monday 29 August - Science Roadshow

Saturday 3 September - PTA Rock n Bingo Fundraiser

Week 8

Māori Language Week

Week 10

PBS Book Week (dress up day)

Future Dates

1st Dec Thursday - Te Takiri o te ata - Hui

CHROMEBOOKS

The basic expectations are as follows:

- ★ Students must charge their devices at home.
- ★ Please 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](#)

[Netsafe Parent Toolkit Resource](#)



Home learning

Many of our parents ask us what their child has for homework. Gone are the days of sending home a weekly sheet to fill in. We understand how busy a lot of our families are with after school activities and quite often only a proportion of the children actually completed the tasks set.

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

There are also plenty of websites that students can access for Maths eg E-Ako and Khan Academy, as well as learning times tables and playing some board games.

Students may also 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 such as spelling or some maths.

Our Learning:

Over the next two terms our school inquiry focus will be on 'Technology'. Set up in Room 12 is a Wonder Room with a variety of artifacts on display to spark students curiosity.

Through this context students will gain/broaden their understanding of:

The Power of Invention

- What leads people to become 'inventors'
- How our lives are impacted by invention
- The technological and scientific processes behind inventing something new
- The ways that technology affects our environment and how we live (past, present and future)
- The evolution of inventions over time
- Potential issues/problems that could be overcome through invention

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

Learning Capabilities - Perspective Taking

Health and PE - Team Sports - Winter Tournament

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 **Technology**.



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.