

## Te Moana Syndicate -Term 1 Update 2023

Kia ora to all our families. Welcome back to the students who are returning as Year 6s and a warm welcome to those who are new to Te Moana Syndicate. It was really lovely to meet so many of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' day.

We trust you have all had a lovely summer break with your whānau, and the kids are excited to be back at school ready for a fun filled year full of learning and curiosity.

We have a huge range of learning opportunities to look forward to this term. Including tennis, pedal ready, nutritionist lessons culminating in a trip to the supermarket, we even have a magician coming to school! Keep an eye out for notices.

This year we have in our team:

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We are looking forward to getting to know your child and having a wonderful and productive year of learning together.

### Timetable Y5 - 8

8.55 - 10.30 Learn - Morning session

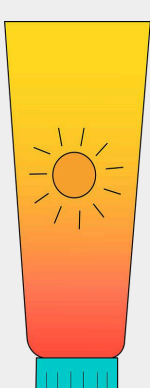
10.30-10.50 Play

10.50 - 12.00 Learn - Middle block

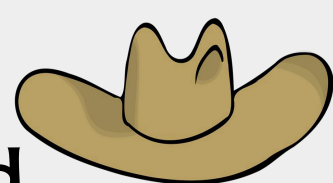
12.00 - 12.50 Play

12.50-3.00 Learn - Afternoon session

Wide brimmed Sun-safe hats are compulsory, as well as protective clothing and sunblock in Terms 1 and 4.



Please ensure hats are named.



Students without hats will be required to remain in the shade outside their classroom.

Welcome  
Back to  
School!

## DATES for your CALENDAR

### Week 3 - 6

Have a go Tennis

### Week 4

Food and Nutrition - Supermarket visits

### Week 5

Moving March begins

Friday 3 March - Teacher Only Day

### Week 5 - 7

Weaving Well Being with St John's

### Week 6

Pedal ready

Wednesday 8 March - Be Right Eat Right - Magician Show

Friday 10 March - 80s gameathon

### Week 8

Thursday 23 March - Interschool swimming

### Week 9

Friday 31 March - PTA Fun Run & school picnic

### Future Dates

Term 2 - Hutt Indoor Sports Day 28 April

Term 4 - Camp 22 - 24 November

## CHROMEBOOKS

Students will be part of constructing their class digi rules and expectations.

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.

## Our Learning:

Over the first two terms our school **inquiry focus** will be on Health & Wellbeing "How we can look after ourselves".

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

**Health and PE** - Swimming and Water Safety - The emphasis of the Kiwi Swim Safe Programme is on supporting the students to become more confident in the water and improve their awareness of water safety issues as they work on their swimming style and technique.

**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 **Health and Wellbeing**.

### Mathematics

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

### 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.

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



## @school

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

This is a great space for sharing whole class and individual posts of learning and activities.

Students can upload photos and write for their Blog, as well as the teachers. (It's a bit like seesaw)



Blog

The great thing about the Blog is it celebrates all learning not just Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

You can also comment as the parent.

Click on the icon that looks like this.



The kids love to hear your positive thoughts about their school events and learning.