

Te Moana Syndicate **Term 2 Update 2023**

Dear Whānau,

What an exciting and fun-filled first term we have had! The kids have had some wonderful learning experiences, such as Pedal Ready, Food and Nutrition with Foodstuffs, Weaving Well-being run by St Johns, a magician to teach more about healthy food options, Moving March and Fancy Feet, and, of course, the school Fun Run and picnic.

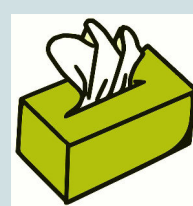
In Term 2, we are re-introducing our **Wicked Wednesday** program. Each teacher has chosen a learning opportunity for the students, who then opt into one. Each Wednesday, they will get to delve further into this learning. On offer are Kitchen Science, Mandarin Language learning, Waiata, Forces and Motion - rockets, and Tournament of Minds.

Winter months are notoriously wet and muddy. We ask that children remove their shoes before coming into the classroom to help protect our carpets, and 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 whānau through our upcoming events this term, such as **Learning Conferences** and **Matariki** celebrations.

Noho ora mai,
Te Moana Teachers



PS. We left off tissues on the stationery list but would welcome any donations of a **box of tissues** for the term.

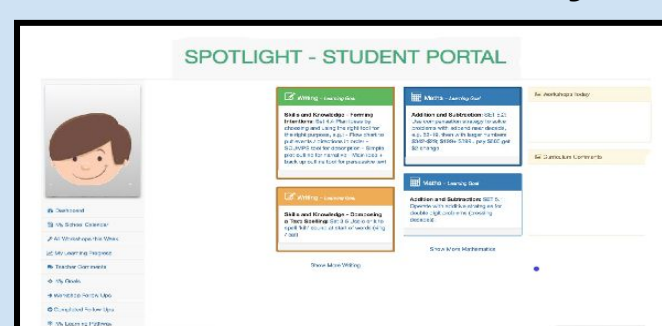
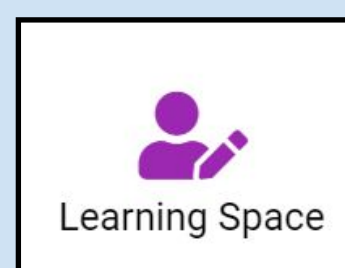
Learning Conferences

On Tuesday, June 20th, we will be having a Teacher Only Day to hold our Learning Conferences. During these conferences, you will have the opportunity to share your child's learning progress in the classroom. They may show you their spotlight goals, samples of their work, art, projects they are working on, and discuss their future goals. We look forward to seeing you at these conferences. If you need to meet with the teacher independently from your child, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time.

What is in the @school App? Learning Space

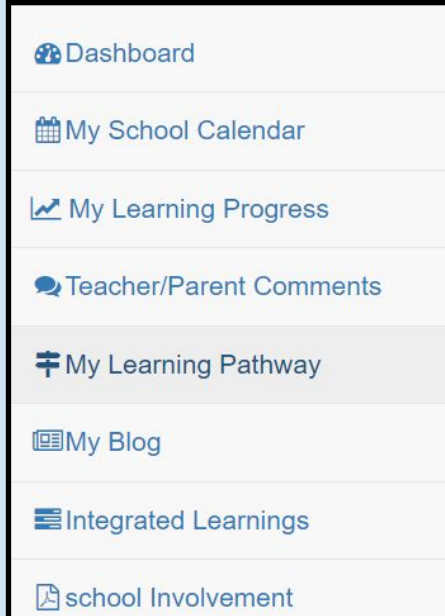
This is where a lot of the 'magic' takes place. Your child will have assigned learning objectives to work towards. This may be an independent learning activity, a group task or the whole class working together. Students can upload examples of their learning in a variety of ways. Such as video recordings, photos, google docs etc. When the teacher has seen that your child has achieved success at the assigned goals they will mark them as achieved.

Some goals take a short time and some can take a whole year depending on the tasks.



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

The Dashboard will look different for each student as the goals/WALTs are often personalised to the needs of the student. Teacher comments can be seen in the dashboard.



DATES for your CALENDAR

Week 2

Thursday 4 May - Parent Education Evening
"Kids Online" checkout www.ourkidsonline.info/for-parents

Week 3

Thursday 11 May **Camp Fundraising**
Meeting 6:30 pm

Week 4

Friday 19 May - Pink Shirt Day

Week 5

Rippa with Ryan
Tuesday 23 May Te Moana Cross Country

Week 6

Thursday 1 June - Rugby League Te Moana

Week 7

Monday 5 June - King's Birthday
Tuesday 6 June - Interschool Cross Country

Week 9

Tuesday 20 June - Teacher Only Day for Learning Conferences

Week 10

Matariki Event
Tuesday 27 June - Regional Cross Country PP 29 June

Future Dates

Term 3: Wednesday 2 August Storylines National Story Tour
with Isobel Te Aho-White

Term 4: Camp Wednesday 22 November - Friday 24 November



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](#)

www.ourkidsonline.info/for-parents (RECONNECT50 discount code)

Our Learning:

Over the first two terms our school **inquiry focus** will be on Health & Wellbeing "How we can look after ourselves". We will also be looking at traditional tales stemming from our learning of **Matariki**.

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

Health and PE - Fitness, Cross Country, Winter Sports

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 PE and Traditional Tales**. Oral Language will become a focus going into Term 3 whereby students will retell a traditional tale to their classmates through storytelling.

Mathematics

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