

Korimako Hub Newsletter

Term 1 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa! Welcome back to a new school year at Pinehaven School. We hope that you all had a relaxing, reinvigorating holiday break and are ready and rearing to begin a new year in the Korimako Hub!

Our team of fantastic teachers in Korimako Hub include: Rachel Johnston, who teaches in Room 6 on Monday and Tuesday, Elizabeth McKee, who teaches in Room 6 on Wednesday Thursday and Friday, Kate Beaumont-Yee in Room 7 and Rebekah Simpson in Room 8. Leading this team as Hub Leader is Rachel Johnston.

All teachers within the Hub encourage an open door policy, so please don't hesitate to pop in to see us in the classroom, or alternatively, contact your child's teacher directly via e-mail if you have any questions or concerns. Our e-mail addresses are:

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As you have probably noticed, building work is well underway in our Junior Block, and we look forward to watching it's progress over the term.

Term One Curriculum Overview

What are we covering this term?

Inquiry Topic (Science, Health and PE)	Brains and emotions How our brain develop and our	
Literacy	Descriptive writing, Questioning, Explanation writing. Guided, Shared and Independent reading	
Mathematics	Number Knowledge, Addition & Subtraction, Place Value Fractions	
The Arts	Expressing our inquiry learning through art	
Te Reo	Practicing Mihi and simple commands	
PE	Bike track	Co-operative skills

	Fitness and cooperative games	
ICT	Develop classroom expectations around using technology with more independence	

Value of the Term - Respect

This value is a great one to start the year with. In Korimako we are trying to ensure that we can all treat each other and our environment with respect.

Ways you could help with this:

- Reminding your child to say please and thank you
- Getting your child to pick after themselves
- Your child using a respectful tone of voice

Stationery

The beginning of the year is a busy time for everyone. It is also a really important time for classes to set the expectations and routines they want for the year. Please ensure your child has the required stationery to begin the year and that all stationery has your child's name on it. Sharpen your pencils and we are all ready to go!

Hats/Pōtae, drink bottles and sunscreen

Please make sure that these arrive at school everyday. With it being so warm lately, we want to stay well hydrated and protected from the sun.

Homework

We think doing 15-30minutes of reading every night will really support your child's learning at school. There is more information about home work on our website, including a guide for parents, spelling lists and the number stages. Please talk to your child's teacher if you would like more information on their individual needs.

Pinehaven Community Library

Students will continue to make regular visits to the Pinehaven Community Library - usually three visits per term. If you would like your child to be able to have a book issued they will need to have a library card. Your child's teacher will let you know the dates they will be visiting the library.

Lost Property

The Lost Property Box is located in the Hall Foyer in a big black bin. To assist with the safe return of items it would be appreciated if you could clearly name your child's clothing. Unclaimed items are donated to charity at the end of each term.

Wheels Wednesday

Students can bring scooters, skate-boards, roller blades or skates, etc. (no bikes please) to use on the courts at lunchtime. Please ensure they come with the necessary safety equipment. It is important to note that students need to walk their scooters within the school grounds before and after school.

Absences

Remember to phone or email the school if your child is away from school. The email address you can use for this is absentees@pinehaven.school.nz. If emailing teachers about absences, please ensure you also cc in the absence email. If you are planning on taking your child or children on holiday during the school term, you will need to inform the Principal in writing or by email before you leave. We do not encourage taking children out of school during term time, but we also understand that in some cases, this is unavoidable.

Endnote

If you have any concerns regarding your child's performance, both academically and / or socially, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher and/or the Learning Hub Leader, Deputy Principal or Principal. It is always better to address concerns early so that they can be resolved positively and quickly.

Kind regards,

Rachel Johnston, Elizabeth McKee, Kate Beaumont-Yee, Rebekah Simpson