

TUMANAKO TEAM NEWSLETTER



Term 1, 2020 (Term 1 dates: Feb 3rd – 9th April)

KEY DATES:

Community BBQ

Friday 14th 5:00

Mufti Day

Friday 28th February

Camp

2nd – 5th March

Cornerstone Gala

Saturday 7th March

Tribe Fun Day

Thursday 9th April

GETTING STARTED

Welcome back to school! We have a busy term planned. Together we will 'Learn, Serve and Grow in God'.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all children who are new to the school this year. A special welcome to Olivia Parsons (C1), Kaylee Waller (C1), Isobella Allan (C2), Charlotte Ross (C2), Nerine Ferreira (C4), Luka Özdemir (C4), Lachlan Ross (C4), Jolie Taylor (C4), Charli Weel (C6), Brianna Parsons (C6) and Campbell Kingsbeer (C6). This year we have two new additions to the classroom teachers in the Tumanako Team. Mrs Lee and Mrs Fordyce will be teaching in C1 together (Mrs Fordyce on Wednesdays). Mr Smith will be teaching in C2. Mrs Simpson is teaching in C4. Mr Henderson and Mrs Gunning are teaching in C6 (Mrs Gunning on Tuesdays)

OUR LEARNING THIS TERM

Our main focus this term is "God calls us to be Explorers". Our key value for the term is Respect.

Other learning topics are:

- Theme – We will be exploring "The Smarts" – A look at how God has created each of us with different skills, talents and gifts. The Life Ed bus will be joining us early in the term to help with this.
- PE – Some students will be going to swimming sports and interschool swimming. Cross-country training will take place towards the end of this term in preparation for the Term 2, Week 2 Cross Country event. We will also be doing table tennis and badminton in the gymnasium.
- Writing – Narratives and Recounts - A focus on having a bold beginning, a clear introduction and writing in the past tense.
- Maths – Statistics (probability) and Numeracy (addition and subtraction).
- Garden to Table – Over the course of this year, we will continue to work in the school garden.
- Camp – The Year 6s are all heading away on camp in week 5. There we will be able to explore the NZ bush and God's creation.





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CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

High standards of presentation are expected in all books. Children will not be allowed to doodle on covers. You may want to consider buying book covers or covering books in duraseal as a good way of keeping exercise books neat and tidy.

SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Homework is set each week. Children are expected to read each night as well as to learn their memory verse and spelling words from Monday to Thursday. These words will be tested on Friday. There will be other tasks that teachers will set every week. We encourage children to go to the library as most children will not bring reading books home.
- We welcome parents to attend Tumanako Team assemblies, which occur on Fridays at 2:20pm, in the Library.
- Please notify the school office of all absences. They oversee this process and follow up on any students who are marked as not present by the teacher on the school roll. Feel free to let the classroom teacher know, but in the first instance contact the office.
- Payments – These are the payment options to make it easier for parents to pay small amounts. The two options are:
 1. Online – This is the preferred payment option. The Cornerstone bank account number is: 02-0727-0154852-00. Student name and event will need to be included.
 2. Cash Box – The correct money must be in a sealed envelope with student name, class and event written on it.
- Waste Minimization Strategy – We want to continue to encourage students to be responsible for their own rubbish, recycling and composting. Part of this will include students taking home their own lunch rubbish. There will be bins for messy foods like yoghurt containers. Fruit and vegetable scraps can be composted.
- This year we will be doing our traditional portfolios in a digital form using Class Dojo. In order to receive the Portfolio learning, you will need to have signed up to Class Dojo. Your child's teacher will provide sign up details if you are not already connected.
- Following the community BBQ on the 14th of February, the Tumanako Team teachers will pop over to their classes for around 30 minutes for a chat with anyone who wanted to meet us and ask any questions or have a look in class. The BBQ starts at 5:00 and the classrooms will be attended around 6:00.
- **We have several children in our team and the wider school community with severe allergies to peanuts. Please avoid sending any nuts, peanuts or peanut butter to school in the children's lunches.**

UNIFORM

- It is compulsory for the student jackets worn at school to be black.
- Please make sure your child has their school sunhat at school this term as they must wear it outside at break times.
- Students must be wearing the correct school footwear when entering and exiting the school.

We look forward to meeting you as the term progresses. Also let us know if you can be part of our learning in any way – you are most welcome to contribute!

Kind Regards

Tumanako Team Teachers

Please download and sign up to "Class Dojo".

