

PIWAKAWAKA NEWS

Y4 @ PAPATOETOE CENTRAL SCHOOL

WELCOME TO Y4 2019 @PCS

Kia ora, whanau and welcome to the Piwakawaka Team. We have a busy term planned and our learning programmes are well underway. We are looking forward to a great year ahead.



TERM ONE IN THE PIWAKAWAKA TEAM

The Piwakawaka Team is lucky to have two new teachers with us this year - Lili, new to PCS, and Sian, who has moved up to the senior school from Y2.

We also welcome Miss Nisha, as a new learning assistant and Sue Mac, who has many years experience at PCS.

We are excited to have them join us in Y4.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Race Relations Day:
21st March

School Photos:
5th April

ANZAC Ceremony:
12th April

Room 27 Assembly:
2 March

Swimming Zones:
10th March

Cricket/Playball
Zones: 14th March

Last day of Term 1:
12th April

IT'S HOT, HOT, HOT

We have been blessed with lovely weather lately, so please ensure your child has a bottle of water for the day and their hats. We won't allow children without hats to play in the sun and it is a good idea to put sunscreen on before school.



SWIMMING AND P.E.

We have our very own specialist PE teacher again this year. Each class will go out to spend 45 minutes a week with Mr Matautia. He is brand new to our school, so if you see him around say "Hi" and introduce yourself.

Our other sport for the term is swimming, which is taking place now and will continue for five lessons in total per class. Please ensure your child has their togs and towel ready for their swimming lessons.

We will need to see a note from the doctor if they are not swimming as this is an essential part of the New Zealand Curriculum.



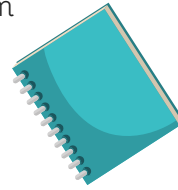
INQUIRY LEARNING

We have been enjoying getting to know your children as part of the school-wide focus of "Our Place". We have also been finding out about our local area, our country and some of its colonial history. Later in the term, we will learn about the ANZACs as well. If you make it to Rm27's Assembly, you will be able to see some of our learning about women getting the vote in New Zealand.

READING AND WRITING

Good readers use strategies to help them understand the texts they read. Making predictions, using what we already know and self-monitoring, are the types of strategies taught during reading lessons in Y4.

Every week the children take home words to learn to help them when completing writing tasks at school. Being able to spell many words is a definite advantage for developing writers. This term's writing genres are informal letters, recounts and narratives.



BRAIN FOOD AND WASTE FREE LUNCHES

Starting this week, the Piwakawaka Team will be adding "Brain Food" to our morning routine.

At the start of each school day, the children will be given opportunity to get a healthy snack from their lunchbox.

Research says this will give the students more energy to learn, enabling higher level brain function and allowing them to experience more success with learning. It also helps develop lifelong skills around healthy eating.

To prevent your child from becoming too hungry, encourage them to eat breakfast and remember to send a healthy mid-morning "Brain Food" snack.

In addition, our school is trying to reduce the rubbish we use and the amount of litter around the school by encouraging children to have lunches without packaging.

HOME LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

Children are expected to read at home every night.. Students may choose from a variety of reading material e.g., comic books, magazines, websites etc. Please encourage reading by having your child read to you. Ask them questions about what they're reading. Understanding the text is key at this level.

Children in the Piwakawaka Team have access to Mathletics and can log in at home to complete tasks. The subscription for this is part of the school donation. We recommend 10 minutes a day on this website.



PCS ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

We expect the children to have:

- Polite interactions and amazing manners
- Sensible behaviour around the school
- Consideration towards others
- Respectful language all day long.

Please touch base with us at any stage by either dropping in, phoning before and after school or by emailing. We would love to talk to you about your child and how they are getting on at school and at home.

Kind regards,

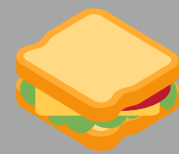
Jennifer, Paul, Venitha, Sian, Lili, Jael, Sue and Nisha

BRAIN FOOD IDEAS

Brain Foods are generally unprocessed and ensure a slow release of glucose rather than a quick fix provided by high sugar/fat filled foods. The best brain food is a sandwich for mid-morning Brain Food and fruit for later in the day. Here is a list of suitable morning snacks:

- A wholegrain sandwich or bun with Marmite, Vegemite, Peanut Butter, butter, or served plain
- A small wrap
- Plain unsalted pop corn
- A hardboiled egg
- Crackers and cheese
- Salami, chicken or other cold meats.
- Slices of cheese from a block

Note: no packet foods like muesli bars, chips or strings.



A warm
welcome to the
new PCS
students in Y4:
Ilaisaane
Terrence
Amtoj
& Soe