

MANUKA TEAM NEWSLETTER

Meet the Teacher and School Picnic

Thursday 21 February
4.45 - 7pm



Parent Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 5 March to
Thursday 7 March

Morning and afternoon
sessions available. More
information will be emailed
closer to the date.

Swimming Days

Monday: Rooms 23 & 24

Tuesday: Rooms 23 & 24

Thursday: Rooms 20 & 21

Friday: Rooms 20 & 21



Welcome to Term One!

Tēnā koutou katoa, Greetings to all,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our returning families and our new families who have started at ENPS. It is wonderful to have your children in the Manuka Team this year.

Our topics this year are:

Term 1 'I am an Environmentalist'

Term 2 'I am an Astronomer',

Term 3 'I am an Innovator'

Term 4 'I am a Performer'

The artists who will be inspiring the children's art this year are Yayoi Kusama, Jane Galloway and Michael Parekowhai. Our composer this year is Andrew Lloyd Webber. We are excited about the year ahead and are looking forward to the inspiring teaching and learning which will take place in the Manuka Team!

Swimming

Swimming will start as soon as we get the go ahead that the pool is ready to use. Swimming is a compulsory component of our Physical Education curriculum. The Year Ones are timetabled to swim in the afternoon as the water is usually warmer at this time. Children are welcome to wear a wetsuit if they feel the cold. If your child is unwell and unable to swim, please let your child's teacher know either via email or a note sent on the day. The children need to bring their togs, towel and swimming cap to school on their swimming day. Please make sure your child's swimming gear and bag is clearly named. Parent helpers are needed to support us during our swimming lessons. If you are able to volunteer your time, please let your child's teacher know.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'I am an Environmentalist'. As part of

School Powhiri

**Tuesday 19 February,
9:15am**

The New Parents' Information session will take place after the Powhiri.

Sun Hats



It is compulsory and important for all children to wear an ENPS full, broad-brimmed sun hat when outside during Term 1 and Term 4. Please ensure your child has a named school sunhat in their school bag to protect them. Sunscreen is available in all Year 1 classrooms.

Lunchtime Activities

Monday: Jump Jam with Miss Yamashita in the hall.

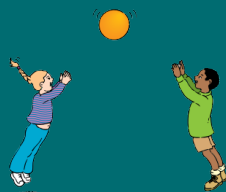


Tuesday: Ripper Rugby with Mr Helu on the junior field.

Wednesday: Mixed Games on the junior courts with Miss Morris, Auckland Football Club coaching on the senior field.

Thursday: Basketball with Mr Hopkins on the junior courts.

Friday: Science Club with Miss Jacobs and Miss Morris in Room 23. Mixed games with Miss Potter on the junior courts.



this topic children will 'walk in the shoes of' and 'think in the mind of' an environmentalist.

The questions below will be emailed on a Monday and discussed weekly in the classroom. Please discuss these questions with your child at home. The purpose of the questions is to give your child an opportunity to develop their knowledge of the topic and bring back some ideas to discuss with their classmates.

Oral Topic Discussion Questions

Week 1/Wiki Tahi: *What are some things that you do/can do in your community to help protect the environment?*

Week 2/Wiki Rua: *How has the environment changed since your parents were your age? Why do you think this has happened?*

Week 3/Wiki Toru: *Some countries, such as Singapore have litter laws. Why do you think they have put these in place?*

Week 4/Wiki Wha: *What plants/animals live around you? What are some things they depend on for their survival?*

Week 5/Wiki Rima: *What are little things that we can do at home to help preserve the world we live in? (Preserving water/electricity, recycling, reducing waste etc.)*

Week 6/Wiki Ono: *What would you want the environment to look/be like in an ideal world?*

Week 7/Wiki Whitu: *Where does our rubbish go?*

Week 8/Wiki Waru: *What do you think about supermarkets banning plastic bags? Do you think this is effective?*

Week 9/Wiki Iwa: *What items can go in the recycle bin? What do you think happens at the recycling plant?*

Week 10/Wiki Tekau: *Whose responsibility is it to care for our environment?*

Ngā mihi, kind regards,

Sarah Jacobs (Rm 23), Georgia Cavanagh (Rm 24), Fiona Lovatt (Rm 20), Hayley Morris (Rm 21) The Manuka Team