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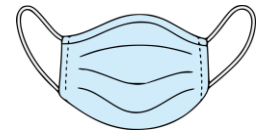
Team Moana Newsletter – Term Two 2022

Kia ora parents and caregivers



Welcome to term two. We hope the holidays were a chance to recharge and spend some time with family. We also hope you have remained healthy and happy over this period. Thank you to students who last term coped well with having masks on all day; we know it's difficult and we acknowledge students' and whānau support of the guidelines we were asked to follow.

This term, Russley School is recommending mask-wearing for students when indoors. Staff will also continue to wear masks indoors. Facemasks are *compulsory* on school travel, so remember masks on Mondays when we bus to Kirkwood for technology. At the **orange** traffic light setting, parents and caregivers are now permitted onsite – masks are recommended for any visitor entering school grounds – and essential for those entering school buildings.



Hanmer Springs Camp Parent-help

Thank you to parents who have already put their name forward to help at our camp at Hanmer Springs in term three (24 - 26 August). If more parents can offer support by helping at camp, please get your form to Mr Innes this week.



Learning Programme

Our literacy programme will initially look at persuasive texts and then at explanation texts within reading and writing. This integrates nicely with our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) inquiry focus this term. Resources include Science Kits, EPro 8 and the Wonder Project Rocket Challenge. In maths we will investigate probability and statistics, as well as continuing with number and algebra.

Winter Sport and Korfball

We are waiting to hear about the possibility of beginning these programmes this term. We will let you know soon.

Cross Country

Our school cross-country will be held on Wednesday 25 May (wear a [house t-shirt](#) for this event) and training will begin shortly. The week following is the North-west Zone Cross-country event to be held on Wednesday 1 June.



Technology

Technology resumed at Kirkwood Intermediate today. Thanks to students and whānau who organise themselves to bring the materials requested by the Kirkwood technology teachers.

Home Learning / Excellence Awards

Homework consists of spelling, reading, and occasional mathematics and is to be completed weekly. We encourage reading for at least 20 minutes per weeknight. We continue to use the optional school home

learning programme which acknowledges and encourages students to have ownership of, and contribute to, their own learning. They will be rewarded with points that enable them to earn an excellence badge. Students who have signed up for science badges need to continue working on the respective challenges that have been set and regularly checking in with their teacher for the signing-off of each completed task.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 June

In week eight, teachers will host mid-year conferences with students and their parents to discuss the child's learning achievements and challenges. School will close at lunchtime on Tuesday 21 June (only) to allow teachers time to hold these meetings.

Devices

Students are encouraged to bring Chromebooks to school. If you do bring a device, please ensure it is charged before coming to school and remember to take it home at the end of the day.

Social Media

Some students in this age group begin using social media independently and more often. We encourage parents to monitor and engage with their child if they have access to social Media. To protect children from possible harm, many parents install monitoring apps on their child's social media accounts. This is a great idea! Netsafe and other organisations fully recommend parents monitor their children's usage on devices and teachers support this as well. We also support no devices or televisions in bedrooms.



Hats, Drink Bottles and Uniform

Thank you to students who bring their own named water-bottle to school each day. Pre-teens and teenagers go through a lot of energy in a school day, so please ensure they have more than enough food; they can always take leftovers home. Please ensure your child's **uniform is named**. Students do not require sun hats in terms two and three. We continue to have high expectations that the Year 7/8 students will follow the uniform code for Russley School and set a good example to younger students. Moana students are doing an excellent job so far this year. Parents can check Russley uniform requirements at <https://www.russley.school.nz/uniform.html>

Don't hesitate if you have any questions or require further information. Contact your classroom teacher by phoning the school office or emailing them. If you need to contact your child during school hours, please don't message them directly; instead, contact the office.

We look forward to a great term with you and your children.

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