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## Team Waka Newsletter – Term 2, 2022



Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to our second term of 2021! We hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable break with whānau and friends. We are looking forward to hearing what the children have been up to, and hopefully to a slightly more normal term in orange traffic light.

### Educa

Thank you for your engagement with our online ‘real time’ reporting platform. Each learner now has at least four items in their journal, and it has been great to see parent feedback. Teachers will continue to post throughout the term about different areas of a child’s learning, and Educa will also increasingly be used as a notice/message app. Please ask your teacher if you have questions or if you’re having any trouble accessing your child’s journal.

### Reminders

- **Uniform** <https://www.russley.school.nz/uniform.html>

Please ensure all clothing is clearly named, especially sweatshirts and fleeces which are frequently taken on and off. Shoes need to be suitable for running and outdoor games, and children need to be able to independently take them on and off. Children may like to bring a pair of slippers to wear inside when the fields are muddy. Sunhats can be packed away for the winter terms.



- **Food and drink**



Children are encouraged to bring a named drink bottle to school (containing water only) to have in the classroom. They need to bring a full lunch box with enough food for a carb break in the morning (e.g., sandwich, crackers, or vegetables), morning tea, and lunch. We encourage healthy options with minimal packaging where possible. It is helpful for their carb break to be in a separate container and easily accessible.

- **Toys**

A reminder to please leave toys at home unless specifically invited by the class teacher. If a child has something special to share, one option is to email a photo.

### Important Term 2 dates

- **School cross-country** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May (wear a [house t-shirt](#))
- **Teacher-only day** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- **Queen’s Birthday holiday** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June
- **Student-led conferences** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- **Matariki** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June
- **Last day of term** School closes 3pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July



## Learning Programme

- **Literacy**

Reading and writing are at the core of our teaching and learning. Children will take part in a wide variety of experiences such as shared reading, small group spelling and phonics, poetry, singing, writing in a variety of genres, and oral language.

Team Waka is continuing to make progress with our structured literacy approach. Thank you for your support with the children's home practice of reading and learning new letters or spelling patterns.

From school, children will bring home a book that they can read for enjoyment and/or share their own learning with you. The books will be at a level that they can read on their own, enjoy and experience success in. Please note they also may not always have a new book every day; they may reread a previous book, choose something from their browsing box, or bring home a high interest book that they will read together with you.

Please help your child to remember to bring their reading folder each day and return the book as we need the books for group reading and small group teaching.

- **Numeracy**

Maths will be taught both in small groups and whole class, with lots of hands-on activities and use of materials. We have a strong number focus, and we will also be looking at measurement this term.

- **Inquiry**

Team Waka's inquiry concept is **Aotearoa NZ History**, focussing on migration and mobility, looking at:

- Māori voyaged across the Pacific and became tangata whenua - the indigenous people of this place.
- Māori navigation to Aotearoa New Zealand was deliberate and skilful.
- Migrant connections with the Pacific have been important and continue to be so.

- **Strand Maths: Measurement -Time and Temperature**

Students will understand the vocabulary used with measurement of temperature and time and use this in simple problem solving.

- **Physical Education - Sending and Receiving**

Children will practise the skills of passing, throwing, kicking, which can be transferred into games.

## Playtime Donations

Play continues to be an important part of our learning programme at Russley. We are always on the hunt for new resources to widen the options available to our students. Especially blocks or other construction equipment, dress-ups, puzzles and board games. Chat to your class teacher if you can help!



We are looking forward to an engaging and fun term ahead. Please contact us with any questions.

Nga mihi nui

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