

## WOODSTOCK SCHOOL

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*"E tū kahikatea"*

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure all of our tamariki achieve success within our culturally dynamic society.

## School News

### Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

#### **Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,**

We are now into our second week of school and it definitely feels back to normal here, although we are still currently at alert level 2. The children have all settled in well and, for the most part, are extremely happy to be back at school, especially as it allows them to socialise with their friends and play a wide range of games that were unavailable to them during lockdown. The grounds were very well used last week by lots of very excited children. There were also some very happy parents dropping their children off on the first day of school last week. Just to clarify that the final day for term two is Friday 3 July.

We normally have our student led conferences towards the end of term 2, but we will now be holding parent conferences in term 3. Children will be welcome to attend these conferences with their parents/caregivers.

#### Staffing Changes:

This term we are farewelling Vivienne Ferris, who has decided to retire from her teaching career. Vivienne has been at Woodstock for over 20 years, first as a classroom teacher and then as a syndicate leader, before changing to a part time position some years ago.

We are also welcoming Miss Angela Page, as a learning assistant in the Conductive Education Unit. Her appointment is a result of the growing number of students in the unit under the leadership of Mrs Bronwyn Nicholas.

Before the end of the year we will be adding to the new arrivals in NZ with Miss Cathcart, Mrs Overmayer and Miss Hirst all expecting their first baby. We are very pleased and excited for them all.

For those of you who have expressed concern for Miss Archer, she still continues to hold her own and she is never far away from our thoughts.

#### Changes Around the School:

A few things have changed since we went into lock down. The new crossing area on Anson Avenue has almost been completed, there are just a few items that need to be finished off,

including a new drop off zone (Kiss and Drop) for parents. We are still in communication with the Council as to exactly when this will be installed and the number of cars for which it will cater. There will be more information to follow, along with guidelines from the Council.

We have also had the first part of our new cricket pitch installed, which will be well and truly ready for this summer. Go ahead has been given for the new classroom buildings and the remedial work that is required on the hall, and you will find more information about these projects in the BOT news segment of this newsletter.

Finally, thank you all for efforts over lockdown to keep you children connected with their learning. Whether that be following the online learning provided by the teachers, or choosing to do other learning activities completely outside of what the teachers planned, or a mixture of both, your children have all come back eager to take up their learning again.



## Pohutukawa Syndicate



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

We would like to extend a warm and safe welcome back to school after such extraordinary times during the nationwide lockdown. We are very pleased to be back and seeing the children's smiling faces each day! Teaching from home certainly wasn't the same as being in the classroom for teachers and we're sure this would have been the same for many of our students learning from home too. A big thank you to all parents/caregivers who took on the important role of supporting their child with their home learning tasks. We hope that you all adapted to the new 'normal' at home in the meantime and are looking forward to life seeming a bit more normal from now on. A special welcome to those families joining us for the first time this term, we take this opportunity to introduce our knowledgeable and enthusiastic team of teachers who will be working alongside you and your child/ren this year!

Room 12 - Mr David McHugh

Room 13 - Miss Kirsty Cathcart

Room 14 - Miss Staci Buckman

Room 15- Mrs Bridget Overmayer

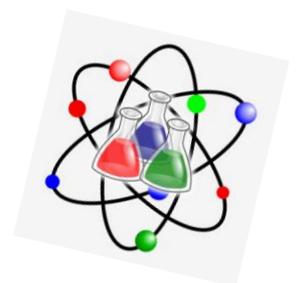
### Our learning this term:

**Big Learning:** This term we will be continuing with Social Sciences for the first few weeks in order to complete the work we did not get to finish before the lockdown. Therefore, students will be learning about the importance of having a growth mindset, how to resolve conflicts in constructive ways and how to deal with peer pressure. Towards the end of the term we will focus on doing some fun science experiments for the children to engage in.

**Maths:** Number - Addition/Subtraction and Multiplication/Division.

**Oral Language:** Extending children's vocabulary and conversational skills.

**Reading:** Reading for meaning (comprehension strategies such as inferencing, summarising, retelling, making connections and questioning).



**Health and Physical Education:** Winter sports ball skills, Cross Country training, importance of being a good team player and self-managing when participating.

**Maori Language:** Pepeha, Karakia, correct pronunciation, sentences in Te Reo and waiata.

### Library Days:

Room 12 - Tuesday

Room 14 - Wednesday

Room 13- Wednesday

Room 15- Thursday



### Winter Months

As winter approaches the weather becomes cold and wet, so we ask that you please send your child to school with a change of clothes in case they have an accident during the day (please ensure all clothing is named). A box of tissues donated by every child would be appreciated too! Slippers are also welcome to be worn inside the classroom to keep your child warm.

### Syndicate Outing to Leap and Waterworld

Our syndicate outing was postponed last term due to Covid-19. The plan is for this fun outing to still go ahead, however it will be deferred until term three. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children involved. If you paid in term one and wish to have your Kindo payment reimbursed, please contact the school office. Otherwise all payments will remain on file for when we reschedule again. We will keep you updated once we know more.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any queries, concerns or a positive comment to share. We look forward to the term ahead!

The Pohutukawa Syndicate teaching team -

*David McHugh , Kirsty Cathcart, Staci Buckman and Bridget Overmayer*

## ***KAURI SYNDICATE***

**Dear Parents, Caregivers and whanau,**

Welcome back to term two! We are pleased to say that the students have settled well back to school and have taken all the disruption and changes in their stride. Although we are carrying on the learning from where we left off from term one, we are aware that it is not quite business as usual. Teachers will be focusing on re-establishing routines and relationships as well as paying close attention to the emotional well-being of the students. If your child is having any issues (e.g. anxiety or friendship) about settling back into school, please contact your child's teacher.



**Here are some important notices for Term 2.**

**Curriculum Overview for term two**

**Maths** -addition & subtraction and measurement

**Writing** - descriptive writing, places and people

**Reading** - prediction (what is going to happen next), visualisation (creating a picture in my mind)

**Science** - Natural World, raising native seeds

**Oracy** - expanding sentences - can you say more?, can you add on to what someone else has said? New vocabulary

**Health & Physical Education** - team building games including large and small ball skills

### **Term 2's Big Learning Curriculum focuses: Social Science and a bit of Science**

For the next four weeks we will be finishing off the Big Learning from term one. We will continue to investigate the roles, rights and responsibilities people have as part of participating in groups. Essentially this will involve students understanding a range of roles within classroom relationships, ways to establish and maintain these, and how to respond to changes.

The last two weeks of this term we will be having a mini Science unit investigating our native plants and what they need to grow well.

#### **Stationery**

Your child may receive a note requesting some stationery to replace lost or used up equipment or exercise books. We do ask that the correct exercise book is bought, as having the correct size lines and squares is important to match the developmental needs of your child(ren).

#### **Personal Belongings**

Please help your child to be responsible for their own things by naming all their belongings, as well as his/her stationery. In this way, children are protecting their belongings and it's much easier to reunite the rightful owner with a mislaid possession!

#### **Winter Months**

With the cooler months, children are allowed to wear their slippers at school. A box of tissues, donated to the classroom is always much appreciated too.

#### **Spare Clothing**

Please keep a spare set of clothes in your child's bag at all times. There are many incidents that occur at school that result in a change of clothes being needed (e.g. cross country training, messy activities, falling over in puddles). If your child does not have spare clothing you will be contacted to come into school to bring some. No matter the age of the children, we still recommend they have spare clothes at school.

#### **Library**

If your child has received an overdue notice from the library, could you please endeavour to find and return it to the library. If a student has an overdue book then he or she will not be able to borrow any books.

The Class library days for this term are:

Room 4 –Thursday

Room 5 – Tuesday

Room 6 – Wednesday

Room 10 – Monday

Room 11 – Thursday

#### **Meeting with Teachers**

While teachers are usually available to talk with parents before or after school, it is not always convenient or private so, if you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

#### **Calendar of School Events and Activities**

Remember to check your emails regularly to keep up to date with school news, information and events. All notices are delivered this way now, including sports notices, unless you have previously advised the school office that you don't have an internet connection.

Kind regards,  
Kauri Syndicate Teachers

Miss Mehrtens (R4), Mrs Kowalewski (R5), Miss Connolly (R6), Ms Read (R10) & Mr Ward (R11)

 **Rimu Syndicate Newsletter**   
**Term Two 2020**

**Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau**

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to school for what we anticipate to be an exciting rest of the term. We hope you were able to enjoy some quality time with your lockdown bubble and want to thank you for your cooperation as we have entered back into a new kind of "normal". A special welcome to those families joining us for the first time this term. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our teachers...

**Room 1 (Reception Room) - Mrs Tracey Wickham**

**Room 2 (Year 1) Miss Tayla-Jay Dearlove**

**Room 3 (Year 1) - Miss Hannah Goodbehere**

**Room 7 (Year 1 and 2) - Whaea Nakita Cunningham**

**Room 8 (Year 2) - Miss Rebecca Gilbert**

**Room 9 (Year 2) - Miss Frances Durbin**

Our Learning

This term we are concluding our Term 1's learning in Social Science with a focus on belonging and participating. For the remaining weeks of Term 2, Rimu Syndicate will be focusing on Science looking particularly at changes of state in the material world. Each week our classes will be doing a fun experiment to understand how materials undergo chemical/physical changes and at different rates. This learning will be integrated into our Oracy programme.

**Woodstock Learner:** Participating and Contributing

**Maths:** Geometry, Numeracy

**Oral Language:** Expanding children's ideas and vocabulary in order to engage in conversations

**Written Language:** Conveying a clear message to an audience

**Reading:** Reading for Meaning, Prediction and Retelling, Making Connections, Questioning

**Physical Education:** Cross Country

**Māori:** (Continuation of Term 1's learning); Fostering the concept of Whanaungatanga; Language - Pronunciation and Greetings, Mihi, Karakia, Waiata, Feelings, Family, Food - He kai hauora.

Library Times

Your child's class visits the library once a week. For your child to be issued with a book they need to bring back their previous book and have their book bag.

**Room 1:** Friday      **Room 2:** Tuesday      **Room 3:** Friday      **Room 7:** Monday  
**Room 8:** Monday      **Room 9:** Friday

### Illness

In light of COVID-19, all tamariki who are sick are to remain at home. For more details please refer to Jenny's email at the beginning of term 2.

Just a reminder that children who have experienced a vomiting illness need to be kept home for a 48 hour period before returning to school. This time enables your child to recover fully, and increase necessary energy levels, as well as prevent the likelihood of illness being spread among students and staff. Thank you for your support in this area.

### Appointments with Teachers

We welcome opportunities to meet with you. Please do not hesitate to approach your child's teacher if you have an enquiry, question, concern or positive comment to share. To ensure there is quality time for a discussion please make an appointment with the teacher.

With the weather patterns changing, classes would appreciate donations of tissue boxes.

We look forward to the exciting term ahead.

### **The Rimu Syndicate Teaching Team:**

*Tracey Wickham, Tayla-Jay Dearlove, Hannah Goodbehere, Nakita Cunningham, Rebecca Gilbert, Frances Durbin.*

## **Rata Syndicate**

Kia Ora,

A much anticipated welcome back to school for what remains of the term. A huge thank you for all your efforts over lockdown. I hope you managed to enjoy some quality time with your family amongst the pressures of work and other responsibilities. I would also like to thank my amazing team who participated in all our zooms and contributed photos and time at school when needed. It was great to be able to connect with everyone.

This term I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Tyler Watkins and his Mum Kelly. We are so excited to have you join our family. We are also lucky enough to have Angela Page join us as a new learning assistant.

Due to the many restrictions still in place there will be no horse riding this term. I am hoping we may be able to continue with this next term but will keep you updated.

### **Our Learning**

To begin the term we will be recapping on our term 1's learning in Social Science with a focus on belonging and participating. If you have any favourite lockdown photos it would be great if you shared them with us. For the remaining weeks of term 2, we will be focusing on Science. This will include some multi sensory experiments that



look at changes of state such as freezing and melting.

**Woodstock Learner:** Participating and Contributing

**Health Education:** Making Healthy Choices: What does being healthy look like?

**Maths:** Geometry and Numeracy

**Oral Language:** Expanding children's vocabulary, We all share

**Written Language:** Conveying a clear message to an audience

**Reading:** Reading for Meaning, Prediction and Retelling, Making Connections, Questioning

**Maori Language:** Pronunciation and Greetings; Karakia; Waiata; Following basic commands; Symbolism in Maori Art

**Library Times:**

Our class library day is Thursday. For your child to be issued with a book they need to bring back their previous book and have their book bag.

**Clothing:**

Please ensure your child has some **extra clothes** in their bag so we can still go outside as the weather gets colder. As well as this it is helpful to keep a **spare set of clothes** in your child's bag in case of any accidents.

**Illness**

In light of COVID-19, it is even more important that if your child is sick they are to remain at home. If they are coughing and sneezing you will be contacted and asked to come and collect them from school. This will ensure that all our students and staff, especially those with compromised immunity, are kept safe and healthy.

I am so excited to be back at school. As always please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

The RATA syndicate

Bronwyn, Niki, Colette, Ben, Rebecca and Angela

## NEWS from BOT

Kia ora Woodstock whanau,

Welcome back to school. I'm sure I'm not the only parent that was pleased to pass my children back into the care of their classroom teachers and revert to 'just' being Mum. I understand that some families may still feel anxious about the transition. Hopefully, the passing of time and the relaxing of such strict health procedures will bring back a feeling of security. It is a new world that we find ourselves in and we still need to show kindness, consideration and patience for one another.

Over lockdown the Board has appointed a contractor to begin work on our new classrooms. For those families new to Woodstock, the plan is to replace rooms 10 & 11 (which are well outside their best-before date!) with a new two-classroom block, to be situated at the far end of the senior classroom block. This will mean that the year 4 children will be closer to the other senior classes. The design and tender process has been pretty slow and tortuous, but we are very close

to breaking ground now and hope that the building work will be completed by the end of the school year.

The decked area outside rooms 7, 8 & 9 is due for replacement and an upgrade and this is scheduled to take place this year.

Our hall will hopefully be repaired by the end of 2020 too. We are close to calling for tenders for the strengthening work.

Finally, I wanted to, firstly, thank Mrs Mills and the entire teaching staff for their amazing efforts to keep our children engaged with school during lockdown. The daily Zoom meetings and the carefully crafted schoolwork was strange for our kids but quite soon became part of a new routine.

And secondly, I wanted to thank you, the Woodstock community, for being largely supportive of the school and for leaning into the on-line learning experience. It's not something any of us chose to do, but I know that the teachers have enjoyed relating to parents on a whole new level and have appreciated the support shown.

Going forward, life is going to be challenging and different for many of us. It is my hope that school can be a calm, safe place for our children to continue their learning journey.

Be safe. Be kind.  
Your Chair,  
Johanna Park

## News From the P.T.A.

Hi Everyone,

Our first meeting date of this term is **Monday 8 June at 7.00pm** in the staffroom at school.

Not much else to report at the moment except that we are back into our fundraising again this term and the order forms for Oxford Pies will be sent home this week, with Pie Delivery Day on June 22nd.

Kind Regards,  
PTA



## Welcome to the following children:

*Leilah Kruger, Ozzy Parsons, Summer Larsen,*

*Leiani Page, Eric Page, Antonio Waugh Gamondes,  
Neve Brown, Tarawau Keri, Tyler Watkins  
and Jai Mould*

**Keep in Touch with Woodstock School:**

We have numerous forms of communication with our school community that complement our tradition newsletters.

**Subway Lunch Orders – please read carefully**

Subways are available on Thursday only and orders must be in before school. Please note that the ingredients are set and that you cannot request a particular sauce or no tomato etc. However you can request “no cheese”, but this is the only special request available. Cookies are not available for ordering. Please ensure the order includes your child’s name and room number as well as the type of subway to be ordered.

Tōfā soifua  
Nga mihi  
Have a great day

**Jenny Mills  
Principal**