

# **KAITORO - MIDDLE TEAM**

## **YEARS 2 - 4**

### **PARENT INFORMATION**

### **2020**



# **MIDDLE TEAM ORGANISATION**

**Room 5 - Years 2/3 - Miss Eve McSoriley**

**Room 6 - Years 3/4 - Mrs Belinda Duff**

**Room 7 - Year 3/4 - Mr Garth Powell (Middle Team Dean)**

**Room 8 - Year 3/4 - Mrs Sarah O'Neill**

**Rachel Phillips** – Release Teacher for Room 7

**Bronwyn Holgate** - Release Teacher for Room 8

**Susan Irvine, Kerry Bristow, Amy Moir, Kylie Dallas and Michelle Day** – Teacher Assistants

# UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

We see the wearing of our uniform as a mark of high standards, and we are proud of our school, and its reputation. The uniform is in our school colours, being jade and navy blue, and includes our school logo on all items. There are various choices available which consist of the following:

## GIRLS

- Jade Polo Shirt
- Navy Polypro (colder weather)
  
- Navy Culottes
- Navy Skort
- Navy Tracksuit Pants
  
- Navy Polar Fleece
- Navy Merino Jersey
  
- Navy Tracksuit Jacket (*optional*)
  
- Navy Bucket Hat (*compulsory Terms 1 & 4*)

## FOOTWEAR

- Practical Shoes / Gym Shoes
- White or Navy Socks, Navy Tights (Girls)

## SPORTS UNIFORM (UNISEX)

- P.E. Top
- Navy Sports Shorts
- Navy Tracksuit – Jacket & Pants (*optional*)

## BOYS

- Jade Polo Shirt
- Navy Polypro (colder weather)
  
- Navy Shorts
- Navy Tracksuit Pants
  
- Navy Polar Fleece
- Navy Merino Jersey
  
- Navy Tracksuit Jacket (*optional*)
  
- Navy Bucket Hat (*compulsory Terms 1 & 4*)

# UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

More information about our uniform can be found on the school website.

Click on the following link:

[EAST TAIERI SCHOOL UNIFORM](#)

# TRANSITION TO KAITORO - THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- \* Increased independence
  - \* Coming into class on their own
  - \* Unpacking bags and organising equipment required for the school day
- \* Taking more responsibility for their learning
- \* The older children being role models and buddies for the younger children

# MEET THE TEACHER

- We have decided that this year we will trial giving parents the option of making a time to meet their child's teacher for a 5 minute chat.
- Parents can email teachers directly so that a convenient time can be arranged.
- A reminder that mid year interviews take place next term when students' learning progress and achievement is discussed in depth. East Taieri School has an open door policy and you are welcome to contact teachers to organise a time to catch up with teachers.

# THE CURRICULUM

## Essential Learning Areas

- Mathematics
- English
- The Arts
- Science
- Technology
- Physical Education
- Health
- Social Sciences
- Māori

Literacy and Mathematics are  
integrated into everything we do.

# READING

- School Programmes - Fab4, High5 (Guided Reading)
- Home Reading
- School Library
- Reading Log
- Choosing Independently





# THE NEW ZEALAND MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM

## Geometry and Measurement

- Shape
- Position and Orientation
- Transformation
- Length
- Area
- Volume and Capacity
- Mass
- Angle
- Temperature
- Time

## Number

- Number Strategy
  - Addition/Subtraction
  - Multiplication/Division
  - Proportions/Ratios
- Number Knowledge

## Statistics

- Investigations
- Graphs
- Probability

# MATHEMATICS

- \* DMIC (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities) - a 3 year professional development project
- \* Kiwiana group
- \* Maths information booklet - on the school website
- \* Basic facts and problem solving focus
- \* Pathways and workshops

# STRATEGY AND KNOWLEDGE

- **Strategy:** How the children solve a problem

**Example:** If there were 13 geese in a pond, and 14 more geese flew in. How many geese are there altogether?

**Answer:** Use doubles:  $13 + 13 = 26 + 1 = 27$

- **Knowledge:** The understanding of number that children require when using a strategy

Doubles to 20; basic addition/subtraction facts to 20; counting forwards and backwards to 100 or 1000 etc

# MATHEMATICS AT HOME

- Practising basic facts
- Practising times tables and division
- Reading and solving word problems
- Discussing the strategies used when solving problems
- Counting forwards and backwards to/from 20, 50, 100, 1000 etc
- Cutting items into fractions e.g. apples in quarters
- Telling the time – both digital and analogue
- Looking at prices when at the supermarket
- Making patterns
- e-ako, XtraMath and Studyladder

# Homework

## \* Expectations

- \* Homework will be sent home on Monday and is due back on Friday. If for any reason you are having issues with the homework, please contact your child's teacher to discuss. We are very supportive and understanding.
- \* Homework will not come home if it is a short week, or the end of term.

## \* Content

- \* **Spelling** - list of word to learn
- \* **Reading** - each night with reading log filled out
- \* **Maths** - a termly basic facts booklet sent home
- \* **Recorder** - practise what has been learned in music lessons

# **INQUIRY AND RESEARCH**

At East Taieri School we encourage our learners to be inquisitive. Our Inquiry programme allows for children to develop skills and knowledge within a specific framework. Within this framework, children are able to develop learner agency and follow their passions and interests.

## Research Questions:

1. What makes a good research question?
2. How do I find and use information to answer my question?

## Research Questions:



### QUESTIONING

- I can form a research question about a topic



### FIND

- I can use a reference book to locate specific information



### INTERPRET

- I can read and locate key words and ideas from the information I have gathered



### ANSWER

- I can begin to attempt to put the information into my own words to answer a question

# OUR INQUIRY MODEL...

## TREES

- **TUNING IN** – What information do I already know about the topic? What do I want to find out? Define – Ask a BIG question.
- **RESEARCH** – Locate – Identify resources that will help answer the BIG question. Find and sort out information to help answer the BIG question.
- **EXTEND** – Select and Organise – Organise the information that will answer the BIG question. How will it be presented. Can I take my information further?
- **EVALUATE** – Assess – Has the BIG question been answered? Could I have done it differently?
- **SO WHAT?** – Present – Decide the best way to present the information. How will I use this information in the future?



# 2020 INQUIRY TOPICS

**T1 - Health & Wellbeing**

**T2 - Design & Technologies**

**T3 - Continuity & Change**

***T4 - Passion Projects***

*Watch weekly notes and the school newsletter for events relating to these things.*

# OUR SCHOOL VISION



***At East Taieri  
School we  
Empower, Inspire  
and Care as we  
Learn and Grow  
Together***

# VALUES PROGRAMME



***Our values are:***

- Kindness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Resilience
- Personal Best

# LEARNER QUALITIES & VALUES

- \* At East Taieri School our programmes reflect our Learner Qualities and our Values programme
- \* We have a focus value for a 2 week period of time.
- \* Children are recognised for consistently demonstrating these values and learner qualities at assemblies.

# LEARNER QUALITIES



# DISCOVERY TIME

Discovery Time provides opportunities to help scaffold and extend students' learning through a variety of different learning experiences, ranging from science and technology, to building and the arts.

The children develop skills in:

- \* Cooperative learning
- \* Leadership across a range of ages
- \* Questioning and social conversations
- \* Relating to others

# DISCOVERY TIME

Discovery Time begins in Term 2 and runs through to the end of Term 3

This is for all of the Middle and Senior classes.

We encourage parents and grandparents to either help lead or support their children with activities / workshops

For more information please contact: Sarah O'Neill

[sarah@east-taieri.school.nz](mailto:sarah@east-taieri.school.nz)

# SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

- Specialist Teachers – Alison Tay (music), Jolene Casey (P.E)
- Swimming- Jill Clarke
- Library - Each class attends the library for 1 session a week. Check with your class teacher when this is
- Team Singing - Tuesday afternoon
- Kaitoro Sport - Friday afternoon
- Whanau Hui - every Friday morning
- Junior/Middle Kapa Haka - will be on a Thursday, starting around Term 2



# **SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES AND AGENCIES**

- Learning Support Coordinator - Denise Hannagan
- Reading recovery
- Teacher Aide Support within the classroom
- Kiwiana - Gifted and Talented programme
- Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLb)
- Group Special Education (GSE)
- Speech Language Therapy (SLT)
- Public Health Nurse
- Vision and Hearing
- Various outside agencies (e.g. Police Educator, Life Education...)

# COLLABORATIVE TEACHING

*As a reflective staff who aspire to continually improve and enhance our teaching practice we are all involved in collaborative teaching. This enables students to benefit from the strengths of more than just their home room teacher and interact with a wider range of students.*

# MONITORING PROGRESS

- \* **Standardised Testing**

- \* **Assessment**

- Beginning of year assessment

- \* **Reporting to Parents**

- Mid Year Report & Interviews
      - End of Year Reports

- \* **Australasian Assessments**

- See Natalie King about these



# HIGHLIGHTS



Swimming  
Discovery Time  
Tirohanga Day  
Trips



Year 4 museum sleepover

Speakers

Kaitoro Stars

Gymnastics

PolyFest

Junior/Middle Kapa Haka Group

Many Others!!



# YEAR 4 MUSEUM SLEEPOVER

- A highlight for the Year 4 children is our annual Year 4 Museum Sleepover.
- This is an introductory camp for the children. We spend the evening at the Otago Museum doing a range of activities. The next day we head to the Edgar centre for sports and then finish off with Subway for lunch and a swim and hydroslide at Moana Pool.
- More information about this will be sent home early next term.

# EXPECTATIONS

## → Sun hats

- ◆ Must be wide brimmed and worn whenever outside during Terms 1 and 4

## → Clothing and Belongings Named

- ◆ Please name all clothing very clearly
- ◆ Lost items are placed in the lost property bin in the office foyer
- ◆ Vivid is not an effective method as the ink smudges

## → Toys

- ◆ We encourage the children not to bring toys to school, but if they do they are the responsibility of the child

# EXPECTATIONS

## → Snack Attack

- ◆ We have a healthy quick snack at 10am
- ◆ Suggested food: fruit, vegetables or nuts

## → Notes for Phys Ed

- ◆ If your child is unable to participate in physical activities, you must send a note to school

## → Notify Absences and if a bus person

- ◆ It is important that you contact the office if your child is going to be late for school or away for the day. If your child is a bus pupil, you must let Annette know if they are on it or not

# EXPECTATIONS

## → Road Safety

◆ If your child is on the bus, walking, scootering or biking to school, they are required to wear a high viz vest. These can be purchased at the 2 Dollar Shop. Please use the crossings at the designated sites. Please do not park in the entrance to the church - this is a no parking zone. These are clearly marked by cones.

## → Appointments

◆ If you have any issues regarding your child, please make an appointment with the class teacher in the first instance. If you require further support, contact the Middle Dean. If necessary, the Principal will then become involved.



# Drop off Zones

Due to the large volume of traffic we encourage students to walk or wheel to school or utilise our drop off zones from which children can safely walk to school. See the map to locate your nearest drop off zone.



# CONTACT

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

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