



**Term 1 - 2019**

## **Kowhai Team Notice**

**(Rooms 5, 6, 7, & 8)**

**Monday 28th January 2019**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. We hope you have had a relaxing holiday break with your families and enjoyed the amazing summer weather! No doubt your children will be refreshed and recharged for the new school year.

### **School Start Time**

School starts at 9am and children are expected to be inside the classroom by this time. If children are late, they must report to the office before coming to class.

### **Absences**

Please email or phone the school office if your child will be away, so rolls are maintained correctly.

### **Stationery**

The stationery requirements for each class are on the school website, under 'School-wide Notices'. Children need all the items in the basic pack. All children also need a school sunhat, a home reader packet, a recorder, clear file (40 page) and a 'My Word Mate' dictionary, so please purchase these, if your child does not have them. Covering books is optional, so please let your child's teacher know if you would like them sent home for this.

### **Earphones/Headphones**

Children need to supply their own earphones or headphones to use with I pads and/or Chromebooks at school. Sound regulated ones are recommended. These need to be in a named pouch/case.

### **Sunhats and Paint Shirts**

If your child brought these home for washing at the end of last year, please send them back to school this week. The school has a sun safe policy for Terms 1 & 4 - No Hat/No Play. This means children may only play outside if they are wearing their sun hat.

### **Swimming**

Term 1 Jill Clark School swimming lessons (x8) for Kowhai classes will be as follows:

**Mon 18th - Wed 27th Feb (Wk 4/5) - Room 5 & Room 6**

**Mon 4th - Wed 13th March (Wk 6/7) - Room 7 & Room 8**

Parents are most welcome to watch their child's swimming session, but we ask that you refrain from entering the changing rooms while children are getting undressed or dressed. We expect Year 3 & 4, children are independent enough to dry and dress themselves.

## **Homework**

Once classroom routines are underway, children will be given weekly homework on a Monday, to be completed by each Friday.

## **Topics**

This term we begin with a health topic - 'Happy, Healthy & Safe' (incorporating sun and water safety). We will focus on our school pillars (Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Reflection) and what these mean. As part of this topic we have planned a whole day trip to Tirohanga next week.

## **Kowhai Team Trip to Tirohanga Tuesday 5th February (Postponement Friday 8th Feb)**

We will be leaving school shortly after 9am and returning by 3pm. Children will need:

- Water in drink bottle
- Substantial Morning Tea
- Lunch
- School uniform and school sunhat
- Appropriate footwear for bush activities
- Togs & towel in plastic bag inside backpack (for waterslide activity)
- Waterproof Jacket
- Sunscreen applied before school

Costs for this trip will be covered by your child's activity fee. To enable us to complete health and safety requirements for the trip, please return the slip at the end of this notice **as soon as possible** this week.

## **Shared Activities**

The Kowhai Team classes join together for a singing and sharing time each Wednesday morning, as well as sports activities and games on Wednesday afternoons.

## **Friendship Lists/Contact/Family Details**

Please update us with any details regarding family arrangements, health issues etc. on the form below. Class 'Friendship Lists' are available for families who may like to contact other families, to arrange playdates after school etc. Please complete the attached slip and return to the class teacher by **this Friday 1st Feb.**

*(Children whose parents have given their consent to be on the friendship list will receive a copy of this once details have been typed up.)*

## **School Uniforms**

Please name all clothing items to avoid confusion and for easy return if they are lost.

## **Class Notice**

Children will bring home a class notice next Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, with specific information about individual class routines and organisation.

## **School Notices**

All school notices can be accessed on the school website: <http://www.andybay.ac.nz>.

## **Meet the Teacher Afternoon- Thursday 7th February 3 - 4pm**

We look forward to meeting you soon at the 'Meet the Teacher /PTA Sausage Sizzle Afternoon' next week.

Kind Regards,

**Kowhai Team Teachers**

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***Please return the following information to your child's teacher, by this Friday 1st February***

**PARENT EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Parents' email addresses are useful for teacher/parent communication.

Child's Name:

Room No.

Parent Names:

Email Address:

**CLASS FRIENDSHIP LIST**

*I give permission for the following information to be used on R8's Class Friendship List.*

Child's Name:

Room No.

Parent Name/s	Address	Phone Number/s	Parent's Signature

**UPDATES/INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL RECORDS:**

Details or changes regarding:

- Home/Family
- Before/After school care arrangements
- Address/Phone Numbers
- Health Issues/Allergies

**Any other details that would be useful for your child's teacher to know:**

## Parent Help on Tirohanga Trip

*(Please send thi slip back to your child's teacher by **this Friday 1st Feb** if you can help)*

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Child's Name/Room Number** \_\_\_\_\_

I am available to accompany my child's class to Tirohanga **next Tuesday 5th February 9 – 3pm** \_\_\_\_\_

I am also available on the postponement day **Friday 8th February** \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*(Your child's teacher will confirm with you by email)*