



TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

Year 3 2026

Kia ora koutou and welcome back!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy holiday break. We are diving straight into a fantastic 10-week term filled with exciting challenges and new discoveries for our Year 3 students.

Curriculum

In term 3, we continue to build on the knowledge and practice of the refreshed curriculum.



Inquiry

This term, our learning kicks off with a focus on Matariki, celebrating the Māori New Year together. Following this, our main inquiry focus will take us back in time as we explore the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt!

We are also thrilled to welcome The Beat Station this term, where students will get hands-on with instruments to explore rhythm, beat, and the world of music. In Week 1, we have the Junky Monkeys visiting to facilitate creative, loose-parts play-based learning.

Mark your calendars! From Monday, 21 September to Friday, 25 September, our school will be celebrating Cultural Week! This special week is all about celebrating the wonderful, diverse cultures in our school community, learning about the world around us, and bringing everyone together.

Throughout the week, our Year 3 students will be diving into the rich traditions, language, arts, stories, and foods of South Africa!



Home Learning

There is no formal set homework; however, we do strongly encourage students to read for 20 minutes each evening and practise their basic facts in a method that suits them.

Here are some other useful links you may want to use at home with your child:

- Reading- <https://thebookshelf.co.nz/>
- [Hit the Button](#) (basic facts, multiplication, and division practise)
- [Daily 10](#) (quick-fire number activities)
- Ministry of Education maths practise- <https://nzc-maths-practice.nz/>



Teacher-Led Meetings

Teacher-led learning meetings will be held in **Week 2**. These 10-minute meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's learning progress, celebrate their achievements, share mid-year assessment information, and talk about next steps for the term. There will also be time for any questions you may have.

Meeting Times:

- Wednesday 29 July: 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Thursday 30 July: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Meetings will be held in your child's classroom.

To book a meeting, visit schoolinterviews.com.au, click 'Make a Booking', and enter the event code **4xsyr**. Bookings close at 4:00 pm on Tuesday 28 July.

School Essentials



Uniform

To help keep our lost property bin empty and our students looking smart, please take a moment to review our uniform policy. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named. This is especially important for fleeces and raincoats, which are often the first things to go missing during play times.

As we are now in a cooler term, school hats are not required as part of the daily uniform. However, if you would prefer your child to wear their hat during playtimes, please feel free to send it along (just make sure it's clearly labelled!).

With the winter sniffles still making the rounds, we would be incredibly grateful if you could send a box of tissues in with your child for their classroom. The school hand towels can be a bit rough on little noses, so having some soft tissues on hand makes a big difference!



Communication

For any communication that requires action during school hours, such as collecting your child early, please contact the school office directly. Reminders will be sent out via Seesaw, while all other notices will be shared by email or sent home as a hard copy. Please feel free to get in touch with your classroom teacher using the emails below.

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