



WELCOME TO KERERU 9 2024

Kia ora e te whanau,

My name is Tumihi McKinney, and I will be your child's teacher for 2024.

I am looking forward to a great year of learning and getting to know the tamariki and whanau in our class - Kereru 9.

Our Inquiry focus this term is on the waterways of Ngati Awa - Whakatāne and outlying areas. We will also look at water and sun safety.

UNIFORM

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and that it is **named**. It is a good idea to name shoes, lunchboxes, drink bottles and hats as well.

BELL TIMES

The morning bell is at 8.45. Please support your child to be on time as this sets them up for a successful day of school, The final bell is at 2.40.

FACEBOOK

Te Ara Manu (Middle team) has set up a Facebook page to share notices and information with you. Please make sure you join our Te Ara Manu team FB page. Scan this QR code to join.



SWIMMING

Our swimming days are scheduled for Thursdays and Fridays, with the bonus of middle school boys able to swim at lunchtime on Monday, and middle school girls swimming on Tuesday at lunchtime. We will be building confidence in, on and under the water as well as learning some water safety skills, and stroke skills. If you have any old togs, we would love some spares.

PLAY BASED LEARNING/MAKERSPACE

There will a combination of play based learning and makerspace in Kereru 9 this year where the tamariki work together collaboratively to gain hands-on

experience with new technologies and processes to design and build projects focusing on our Inquiry studies for Term 1.



HATS/POTAE

We are a sun safe kura and all students are expected to wear a sunhat in Terms 1 and 4. It is a good idea that they have a named hat that stays at school in the classroom.

BRAINFOOD AND LUNCH

Please include a healthy snack in your child's lunchbox for their morning tea. We have fruit in schools and lunches are provided as well.

HOME LEARNING

Home-school partnerships are so important. Your child needs to know that we are working together to support them to be successful learners. Most nights they will bring home their book bag which most days would include a reader or alphabet/word charts. Please support your child's efforts and remind them to bring their book bag each day.

IMPORTANT DATES

6/02 Waitangi Day

14/02-15/02 Parent interviews

29/03-01/04 Easter weekend

12/04 Last Day of the term

8/05-9/05 Camp

CONTACTING ME

You are welcome to contact me before and after school in person, or you can phone the school office 3087645 and leave a message.

**Nga mihi nui
Whaea Tumihi**

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