



MISSION

We will achieve our personal best in a happy, supportive environment.

Ka tutuki e tatou katoa i roto i te wairua

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Newsletter

Term 1 – No 1

Wednesday 5 February
2020

Kia ora tatou whanau

We welcome you all back to Aorangi School and a special welcome to our new students and families. We hope 2020 is a great year for you all. We have had a wonderful start to the year.

Tyler Paul-Robinson	Y.1 R.5	Whaea Peggy
Santoro Mason-Poi	Y.1 R.5	Whaea Peggy
Avah-Rose Hartley	Y.1 R.5	Whaea Peggy
Hazel Hobson	Y.1 R.5	Whaea Peggy
Francis Hallie	Y.1 R.5	Whaea Peggy
Sophie Raupita	Y.1 R.5	Whaea Peggy
Te Aroha Te Para	Y.5 R.3	Mrs Anderson

STAFF

Our staff for 2020 is:

TEACHING STAFF	CLASS	LEVEL
Debra Harrod	Principal	
Clayton Lund	Assistant Principal	
Peggy Meagher	Room 5	Y.0/1
Cassandra Torrey	Room 6	Y.1/2
Wendy Bhana	Room 10	Y.3/4
Te Aroha Bidois	Room 4	Y.4/5
Karen Anderson	Room 3	Y.5/6
SUPPORT STAFF	POSITION	
Anna Steed	School Secretary	
Deirdre Mabey	Resource Manager	
Debi Barnes	Teacher Aide	
Victor Mercep	Teacher Aide	
Karissa Cunningham	Teacher Aide	
Tilat Shehreen	Teacher Aide	
Barry Collinson-Smith	Caretaker	
Leo Gordon	Caretaker	

2020 TERM DATES

The term dates for this year are:

Term 1 - Monday 3 February to Wednesday 8 April.

We have a Teacher Only Day on Thursday 9 April and then it is Good Friday.

Term 2 - Tuesday 28 April to Friday 3 July.

Monday 27 April is the Anzac Day holiday.

Term 3 - Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4 - Monday 12 October to Monday 14 December (TBC).

TIMETABLE

We have changed the daily timetable this year. The first teaching session will run from 9:00am until 11:00 with a short break for a toilet break and milk. This will be our literacy time. Playtime is from 11:00 until 11:20. From 11:20 until 12:30 is maths time. The afternoon session stays the same.

MEET THE TEACHER

We invite all parents to attend an informal gathering on Thursday 13 February at 5:45 pm in your child/ren's classroom. This is an opportunity for you to meet our teaching staff, hear about what will be happening in their classroom and ask any questions or share any information. This will be followed by a disco for all students in the hall.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO

A welcome back to school disco will be held in the hall from 5:45pm - 7:00pm on Thursday 7 February. This disco is open to Aorangi School students. **Entry is free** and ice blocks and cookies (\$1) and chippies (50c) will be on sale. Only students of our school may attend and please note that an adult must pick up all children at 7:00pm.

LUNCHES

Students do not need to bring lunch this year as it will be provided as part of the Lunch in Schools programme. Ka Pai Kai will continue to be our provider. We encourage all our students to eat the lunches provided. Yes, they are packed with vegetables and may be things your child does not usually eat but all items are healthy and nutritious. Sometimes, we need to keep trying things to develop a taste for them.

FOCUS VALUE – RESPONSIBILITY

We will be working on being responsible school citizens. This includes:

- being responsible for our own clothing at school.
- being ready for class each day.
- taking our learning seriously.

At the end of this term, each class will choose a student who has been an excellent role model for our focus value, and these students will receive a special reward.

CORONAVIRUS

The Ministry of Education is sending us regular updates about the spread of the virus. We will continue to be vigilant. It is important that if your child is sick, they stay at home.

ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for the year will be at 2:30 on Friday this week as Thursday is Waitangi Day (no school). We hope you can join us in the hall.

SWIMMING

Swimming for the year begins on Monday 10 February. All children need to bring togs, towels and a plastic bag to school every day. Swimming is part of the Health & P.E curriculum and with the weather being so hot, a cool down at the end of the day is important. There is no charge for swimming this year as the Board of Trustees is funding costs.

HOT WEATHER

We are having a spell of very hot weather. We are encouraging our students to bring water bottles to school and our new drinking fountains have taps to refill bottles. All students outside must be wearing a hat. We have ordered new hats, however, any brimmed hat is fine.

ROAD PATROL CROSSING

Our senior students work really hard on road patrol. They train and are on duty in all weather. Please set a good example for your tamariki by using the crossing after school and not crossing the road in front of the school grounds.

SPORTS CORNER

Touch

Touch is back on again this term. We have sent home permission slips with those children who have shown interest. Thank you to those who have returned these. Also, thanks to those who have emailed me. For me to be able to enter teams we need to have enough children to make up the numbers plus have reserves as well. It would be great to see as many of your tamariki participate as possible. Interested parents/caregivers in coaching would also be much appreciated. I will keep you updated. Thank you once again.

Karen Anderson - Sports Co-ordinator

COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 6 Feb	Waitangi Day - School Closed
Monday 10 Feb	School Swimming Programme
Wednesday 19 Feb	Prep Class Starts
Thursday 20 Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting

