

2nd February 2017

Term 1

Room 5

Coromandel Area School

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 1 at Coromandel Area School!

Over the first few weeks back at school we will focus on each child understanding that they are in charge of their own learning. What it means to have a 'growth mindset' and be a great learner in Room 5! We will cover the multitude of routines, activities and expectations that will make our year successful! I will also endeavour to build strong learning relationships with each individual child. Beyond this, we will investigate our local environment and the impact we have on it, blending Science and Technology.

Literacy - Literacy will be based as much as possible around topic to assist in linking reading and writing. Children will cover a variety of language experiences relating to themselves (personal writing), and their environment (explanation writing).

Numeracy -Room 5's major focus this term will be on numeracy/basic fact knowledge around addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We will also look at the strand of statistics, in particular, investigation and classification. This will again link with the term's theme. Furthermore, students will also have opportunities to explore independent learning regarding day to day maths that interests them.

Health and PE Our main focus this term will be learning about themselves as a learner, swimming and in particular working towards being part of a successful learning environment.

Reminders - Monday 6th February is a public holiday and on the 13th February we have a Teacher only Day scheduled.

Communication - I like to update parents/Caregivers weekly or fortnightly (depending on what's on) via email regarding important notices and what's coming up in Room 5. I should be able to get most emails from our school data base, if you have a new email address or don't receive any emails from me by the end of February please come into class and let me know or send a note in with your child. If you don't have email I will still send notices home for those really important messages!

**Please Remember
Hats for Term 1**



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Parent / Whanau help in Class

Teaching a class of approximately 30 children is so much more rewarding and FUN with parent help! If you have a spare hour in a week or know someone who is able to help with writing, maths, reading groups or has an interest in conservation, science, technology, art... and wants to give back to the school community, please make contact with me and we will give our children some extra learning beyond the class walls!

Finally, a bit about me and my little whanau!

Ko Tainui te Waka
Ko Tainui te Iwi
Ko Taupiri te Maunga
Ko Waikato te Awa
Ko Eli raua ko Newa Manukau oku Tupuna
Ko Barry raua ko Paki Colmer oku Matua
Ko Barry-George Colmer taku ingoa

I was born in Hamilton. When I turned 3 my parents moved our whanau onto my grandparent's farm at Te Rerenga. I attended Te Rerenga Primary School and Mercury Bay Area School.

After leaving the Peninsula I travelled around the world before landing back in the Waikato region, later moving to Mt Maunganui for 15 years.

Here I married Julie and we had 2 beautiful girls, Teia-Marie and Cieara. The pull of the Peninsula began to call and here we are back in paradise!

I have been teaching for a decade and find it to be the most rewarding job! This year I have the pleasure of teaching my own daughter and shall treat your children with the same respect and aroha!

I look forward to working alongside you and your child this year. If you have any queries at any stage, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, see me after school or if you require a more lengthy discussion, please make an appointment.

Warm regards,
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