

1st February 2019

Term 1

Room 5

Coromandel Area School



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 1 at Coromandel Area School- 2019!

Theme – Being E.P.I.C.

Our focus this term is around building relationships that support learning and manaakitanga of one another. We hope to extend this support beyond the class to whānau, offering everyone a healthy and caring environment.

We will grow understanding around our new set of values that was created by the community last year. Children will be reminded of these throughout everything we do at CAS. Over the next few weeks you may like to ask the children about what these words mean to them and your whānau?

E – Empower – How can I empower myself regarding my learning?

P – Protect – What do I need to feel protected?

I – Identity – What makes me precious?

C – Community – Where am I from? How did my whānau get to Aotearoa?

Literacy – Literacy will be based as much as possible around our theme of being E.P.I.C. to assist in linking reading and writing to relevant learning for the children. This term we will cover a variety of or informative and poetic language ideas.

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 statistical investigations relating to ourselves and our community.

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 (team building).

Reminders – Children are required to wear a hat during term 1, all students must bring their togs/towels daily or a note to say why they are not swimming.
Tuesday 6th February is a public holiday.

Communication – I like to update parents/caregivers weekly or fortnightly (depending on what's on) via email regarding what's coming up in Room 5. If you have a new email address or don't receive any emails from me by the end of February please send your email address in with your child. If you don't have email, I will still send notices home for those really important messages!




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Parent / Whanau help in Class

Teaching a class of approximately 24 children is so much more rewarding and FUN with parent help! If you are interested in helping by taking some fun maths games or reading with the children please pop in and chat to us, we will provide simple games to help children learn basic facts etc.



Room 5 Term 1's Days (This is likely to change as we progress through the term)

Monday - Library Session

Tuesday - Timetabled Swimming Day

Wednesday - Timetabled Swimming Day, Music with Whaea Maria

Thursday - Timetabled Swimming Day, Kiwican, Primary School Assembly

Remember, school now begins at 8.50am and finishes at 3.00pm Monday to Friday

Children should bring togs daily just in case we are able to add a swim lesson into our day.



Stationery

Please put your child's name on **ALL** of their Stationery. Especially pencils, pens and glue sticks as the teachers will hold these for the children and give them out as required. We find this stops wastage of their stationery. Books can be labelled as below.


2 x 1B5 = Personal Presentation (Leave one blank but put your child's name on it)

2x 1B8 2Write = Literacy (both)

1 x 3B1 notebook = Spelling

1x Clever Kiwi Company Activity Book = Inquiry

2x 1E8 quad maths book with margins = Mathematics (both)



We 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,

Barry-George Colmer and James Grierson

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Room 5 Teachers

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

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 Ciera. The pull of the Peninsula began to call and here we are back in paradise!

I have been teaching for over a decade and find it to be the most rewarding job! This is my third year teaching at Coromandel Area School and I look forward to working alongside the school community for many years to come.

This year I have obtained a research position looking into the wellbeing of students and staff across the Coromandel Peninsula. This means I will be out of the class for 2 days a week.

We are delighted to have appointed James Grierson to cover the other 2 days. After a short time working with James I can see he has children's learning and welfare at the centre of his teaching and I know he will be a positive addition to Room 5 and CAS. Please make sure you and your whanau come in and say hi over the first few weeks.

Kia ora koutou

Ko James Grierson ahau,

I was born in Auckland. I have lifetime ties to the Coromandel Peninsula through spending many happy times on my Uncle's farm in Mercury Bay since the late 1960's. I left home and Auckland to find my way in the world at the age of 16. After working in a variety of manual labouring jobs and travelling the world I decided to chase my dream of becoming a teacher at the age of 30. After completing my Bachelor of Education I taught in Otago for three years and then moved to the far North. I have been teaching in Northland since 2002 and have finally achieved a lifetime dream of moving back to the beautiful Coromandel.

I look forward to building strong and positive relationships with you all and providing your tamariki with a safe and exciting learning environment.

James

