



Kea Team Newsletter - Term 1, 2023

Welcome back to a new year of learning in Kea Team.

Here is some important information for you to read



WELCOME

We would like to welcome you and your child to the Kea Team, A warm welcome to our new families joining us - Ah-In Yoo in HG 13 and William Kim in HG 14

The Kea Team

In the Kea Team we will be encouraging the children to be curious, creative, contributing and critical thinkers - just like the Kea bird! The next four weeks will be a time of settling in as we get to know each other, and the children adjust to their new learning spaces and settle into routines. We will do this through various experiences to help our tamariki (children) learn what is expected of them.



As the teachers of the Kea Team, we intend to provide the very best learning environment and opportunities for the children. To achieve this we aim to create a happy, caring, warm and supportive team atmosphere.

The Teachers in the Kea Team are:

Home Group 12 (Ohanga):

Mrs Jean Linehan - Year 2 jeanl@sj.school.nz

Home Group 13 (Nest):

Miss Annette Woodhead (DRS)/ Miss Shona Douthwaite - Year 2 annettew@sj.school.nz

Home Group 14 (Nest):

Mrs Martinique Anthony - Year 2
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The Kea Team works collaboratively, this means that your child will get to know, and be taught by all Kea teachers.

The school day begins at



This is NOT ARRIVAL TIME .

Please have your child at school **at least 10 minutes prior** so they can get ready for the day ahead.

- School bags to be hung on bag racks or on shelves (HG12). These need to be zipped up at all times
- Book bags to stay in their school bag at this stage
- Hats to stay in bags - we recommend the front pocket of bag and clearly NAMED
- Notices to teacher - to be given to HG teacher at this stage
- Water bottles to stay inside bags - Please make sure that it is only water



We value the children's birthdays but ask that you do not send in cakes or other goody bags as we have children in our team who have severe allergies to particular food items. We also ask that children hand out birthday invitations either before or after school (or give them to their teacher) as children feel left out when they are not invited.

School Uniform



Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Black shoes only. Girls/Boys hair needs to be tied up if it is past their shoulders with either a plain blue, red or black hair simple hair tie only. Please make sure all items of uniform are named clearly. Please also ensure lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly named.

During Terms 1 and 4 we require all students to be wearing a school sunhat (No hat, No play), and strongly suggest all students have a roll of sunblock in their bags, as well as on their skin.

Packing spare underwear and shorts / pants / skort in a plastic bag that can be kept in their school bag in case of an accident, is advised. Even if your child is not prone to toileting accidents, settling into school can give rise to the odd accident.



Kea children will go to the Library once a week - day to be advised - and they can choose TWO books to take home.



It would be appreciated if each child could bring a **box of tissues** to school for use in the learning space during the year.

Book Club Orders: These pamphlets are sent home throughout the year. Parents can order from these **ONLINE** if you wish.



HOME LEARNING

Your child will have a Home Learning Book. In this book you will find your child's reading log for the week and relevant updates and communication from the Kea teachers.

Please ensure you read these notices.

Each night your child will bring home a reading book. Beginning readers will need you to sit with them and listen to them read. The children who are independent readers will need questioning work to help them develop a deeper understanding of what they are reading. Remind your child to make their reading sound interesting. Once they have enjoyed the story, ask them to tell you the story in their own words. Most importantly we are developing the child's attitude, 'Reading is fun'. Please remember to **sign the reading log (in your child's Home Learning book) and return the book to school the following day.** On a Friday your child will bring home a poem in their Home Learning book that you can read with them.

All children will have their password for Mathletics glued inside the front cover of their 'Home Learning' book. This is the same as last year. Please work with your child initially and encourage them to go to the Statistics content as we find this is the best place to start the year at. Find the sound button so that they can listen to the problems. Rainforest Maths also has a Statistics section.

Religious Education work will come home at regular intervals with work that needs to be done with family support. Please see that your child completes all work with the reverence it deserves. It is important that this work is returned the next day. Work must be completed using HB pencils for written work and coloured pencils **only** for illustrations (**no felt pens or crayons**).

Lunch orders are available on certain days of the week. See school website for ordering lunches.



COMMUNICATION



Important dates and events are on the school calendar on the school website, www.sj.school.nz. All newsletter alerts, notices, teacher and team emails are sent to the parent email address on the school records. If you have any questions or concerns during the year please communicate them with the home group teacher as we will be able to help answer your questions and clarify any confusions immediately. The best way to address any concerns is to arrange an appointment with the teacher either through the office or with the teacher directly. Mornings are usually busy, so arranging a time ensures that you have our undivided attention.

We ask that you also keep up to date with school related information via the Principal's Message which is sent out and can also be found under news on the school website.



Parent Help: Once we have settled into our learning routines we will be asking for parent / grandparent help.

E.g sharpening pencils, reading / writing /math one on one support (training will be given)

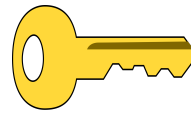
We will let you know when we will need this help, likely to be from week 4. We will send home more information closer to the date.

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Yours sincerely,

Kea Team Teachers

Annette Woodhead, Jean Linehan, Martinique Anthony,
Shona Douthwaite



Key Dates for Term One

Week 1	7/2 10/2	Day One of learning School Prayers in the Hall 8.50
Week 2	17/2	School Prayers in the Hall 8.50
Week 3	21/2 22/2 24/2	Team prayers in the Nest - every Monday from here on. Ash Wednesday - Liturgy in afternoon School Prayers in the Hall 8.50 Beginning of the Year School Picnic
Week 4	3/3	School Prayers in the Hall 8.50
Week 5	8/3 9/3	Beach Ed Kea Team TBC School Mass 9:15am Church
Week 6	17/3	School Prayers in the Hall 8.50
Week 7	24/3	School Prayers in the Hall 8.50
Week 8	30/3 31/3	Sharing the Learning School Prayers in the Hall 8.50
Week 9	6/4 7/4	Holy Week Liturgy Last day of Term 1 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am

We will be having a **Kea Picnic** in the next couple of weeks. Please keep an eye out for dates in your child's home learning book and your special invite.

