

# MEET THE TEACHER



**PIRONGIA SCHOOL**

**Tawa Team**

**2015**

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## Meet the Teacher Evening

Kia ora and welcome to Tawa Team for 2015.

### School Rules:

- See Golden Rules in Homebook. A copy of your child's Classroom Treaty is also included in homebooks for them to sign alongside parents.

### Big Idea:

- Our Big idea for this term is Responsibility. Students will be learning that we are responsible for making our own choices. The choices we make have a direct impact on others and ourselves, and we all have a role to play in the classroom, community and at home.

### Communications:

- Team Newsletter, School Newsletter, Homebooks, School Website, Emails, Blogs or Team Wiki, P.T.A Facebook page. There is nothing better than face to face communication so please come into school and see us if needed. If you have concerns please see your classroom teacher first.

### Reading:

- Times - Block 2
- Fluency and comprehension are our main focus. We may revisit a text several times to read for different aspects and to consolidate a range of skills. Reading books or poems will come home everyday.
- Library Days - Monday for Rooms 6 & 7, Wednesday Room 11.

### Spelling:

- We will be using an adapted version of 'Spelling Under Scrutiny' (spelling patterns & rules) and Gaye Byers Set words A-Z. Spelling lists on Homebook pages will be compiled from a combination of five "Set" words and five Spelling Pattern words each week. These 10 spelling words will be tested at the end of the week.

### Maths:

- We will be exploring all strands of the Mathematics Curriculum throughout the year.
- Your child will have specific maths skills to practise at home each week; these will be glued in the Homebook.
- We have the opportunity to use Mathletics this year. We are excited about how this supplements our maths learning both at home and school.

### Portfolios:

- Our wonderful reporting system will continue this year. The portfolio offers a detailed reflection of your child's learning journey. They will come home at the end of Term 1. Learning conferences will be held early Term 2 and later in Term 3

### ICT:

- Throughout the year we will be using the internet and developing an awareness of cyber safety. We strongly recommend home computers to be closely monitored and always visible by an adult. We have a Team Wiki accessible from our schools website. These are safe online sites that will celebrate learning and will include games.
- The health and safety of our tamariki has been carefully considered with regards to digital learning. In the beginning weeks of our school year we will support to develop student's awareness of how to use digital devices safely.

- **General Information:**

- Students are to arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.50am, with exceptions for the first bus students and staff children. School care is available for early starters.
- Please name all property from stationary to hats, togs and clothing.
- Absences to be rung into office.
- Students are to check in to the office if they arrive late.
- Please ensure your child's lunch is nutritious and healthy. We stop at 10am for a quick healthy snack of fruit or veg.
- We recommend that your child brings a named water bottle to school daily; these are kept inside the classroom so student may refresh themselves without leaving the class.
- Teachers are available Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons if you wish to make contact

### **Swimming:**

- Within the first term we implement a Swim Safe program where students develop the basic skills and the confidence to be in the water; please note we are not training them for the Olympics, just to be safe and confident swimmers.
- Junior Swimming Sports is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, there may be a postponement date. The students put on a display of their learning followed by a fun water circuit after lunch.
- Senior Swimming Sports is on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March (pp. 9<sup>th</sup> March). This is for all 8 year olds in Tawa Team (and those who will be turning 8 before the date). They will spend the whole day at the school pool competing in a range of events.

### **Homebooks:**

- The Homebook will come home in book bags Monday to Thursday (no book bag = no reader/library book).
- The Homebook is where your child keeps track of any reading and maths completed at home as well as additional notes such as class or school events.
- Please sign homebooks daily to acknowledge that your child has completed their homework.

### **Parent Helpers:**

- We always appreciate help with putting readers/journals away, reading one to one with children as well as testing spelling on a Friday. If you are able to offer your time please let your child's teacher know.

### **Raglan Trip:**

- Was planned for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of February, due to Linda's accident we have postponed this.

Thank you for your support ☺

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