

PIRONGIA SCHOOL

RATA TEAM

Room 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10
Year 0, 1 and 2



TOGETHER WE CLIMB
PIKIA TŌ TATŌU MAUNGA

2023



RATA TEAM TEACHERS

Room 6: Miss Aysha Singleton (Year 2)

Room 7: Mrs Anita Mills (Year 2)

Room 8: Mrs Dee Wilson (Year 0/1)

Room 9: Mrs Sally McLuskie (Year 0/1)

Room 10: Mrs Debs Smith (Team Leader) (Year 1 and 2)

Junior Deputy Principal: Helen Austin

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INTRODUCTION

- Our team is made up of five classes...
 - Two year 0/1 classes - Rooms 8 & 9
 - One year 1/2 class - Room 10
 - Two year 2 classes - Room 6 & 7
- We are named after the Rata tree which grows on Pirongia Mountain.
- The children in our team also belong to houses - Kakapo, Kea, Kiwi and Tui. We have regular sporting and cultural house competitions and events. The children stay in the same house throughout their time at school.

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-Sally



TRACK

The 5 values we believe to be most important at Pirongia School are:
Integrity, Respect, Positive Attitude, Compassion and Kindness.
We have turned these values into the acronym **TRACK**.

InTegrity
Respect
Positive Attitude
Compassionate
Kind

Rata students are on TRACK!!!

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CAPABLE
Kia kaha

CONFIDENT
Kia māia

CONNECTED
Kia hono



LITERACY

Students will have a range of reading and writing opportunities throughout the week. These include:

- Shared Reading
- Guided Reading (with teacher), different readers
- Writing & Handwriting
- Poems
- Library
- Oral Language
- Word Work e.g. letter-sounds & spelling patterns
- Spelling

To support your child's literacy learning a range of activities and/or readers will be sent home.

It is important to read to your child/ren.

-Debs



MATHEMATICS

We will be exploring all strands of the Mathematics Curriculum throughout the year (e.g. number, patterns, shapes, measurement).

In your child's **Junior Information Booklet** there are maths sheets that are appropriate to your child's stage of learning. Please use these to help increase your child's number knowledge to a mastery level.

-Anita

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At Pirongia School we believe that play has a vital role in a child's development.

Through play children learn many skills that will set them up for deeper learning later on in their schooling.

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LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

- Play compliments and can be woven through all the Learning Areas of The New Zealand Curriculum e.g. Numeracy, Literacy, Science, Health and PE etc.
- Play also supports a child's holistic well-being, learning and development through the Key Competencies e.g. Managing Self, Thinking, Relating to Others, Participation and Contribution, Language, Symbols and Text.
- Play is always meaningful and purposeful to a child. We use their interests to guide our planning and deepen their learning.
- Through play teachers will build insight into how your child learns.

“PLAY is our brain’s best favourite way of learning.”

Diane Ackerman

-Dee



OPPORTUNITIES

SPORTING EVENTS

Junior Swimming Displays - Friday 24th February,
each class will have a 10 minute showcase.

Cross Country - Term 3

Athletics Day - Term 4

Te Awamutu Rugby Sport & Recreation Club

Ollie / Mikaera - Monday PE Sessions / boys club

Team Sports - netball, rugby, soccer, cricket etc



CULTURAL

Enviroschools

Trees for Survival

School Singing / Waiata

Colour Fun Day / Pink Shirt Day

Ag Day / Group Day

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Dee



HOME BOOKS AND COMMUNICATION

The home book will come home in book bags Monday to Thursday. Please bring these every day. Homework sheets will be glued in each week to keep track of reading, spelling and sometimes maths tasks. It is also a place that you can leave notes for your child's teacher. Children may use the home book to practise their home learning in. Teachers will include any up and coming school or class events in the home book - please check this regularly.

We communicate information in a variety of ways. Please check out the school's newsletter, Facebook page and Website.



Educa is an online platform that we use to connect with our families.

-Anita



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GENERAL INFORMATION

- School Hours: 9.00am-2.55pm
- Students can arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:50am (preferably) with the exception of bus pupils.
- Parent help - we love having helpers for jobs such as putting books away, reading with children.
- After school arrangements
- Food and packaging - please support us by providing a lunch box rich with healthy fruit and vegetables. Limit packaged food as much as possible please.
- Please name all property (lost property is in the school hall)
- Absences (skool loop, email, phone call)
- Teachers are available Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and mornings from 8:30am to 9:00am if you have any concerns. Please see your child's teacher first if you have any concerns.
- Please use the Kea crossing at the front of the school or the entrance at the back field. Children are to cross with support from the Duty Teacher.

-Aysha

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THANK YOU FOR COMING!

QUESTIONS?

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