

Timata Team Newsletter Term 3 2020

Welcome back to Term 3 and a very warm welcome to our new families!

Learning Focuses

Our Conceptual Curriculum focus for the year is 'Identity: Identity is shaped by relationships, connections and environment'.

Term 3 Context: What we wear.

This term the whole school is focusing on the **School Values: Caring** and **Honesty** and the **Key Competency: Using Language, Symbols & Texts** and **'Participating & Contributing**.

Literacy:

Developing our Reading and Writing skills and strategies, and developing Oral Language in our daily learning.

Maths:

Number Knowledge and Strategies (solving addition/subtraction problems etc),
Shape and Transformation.

The Arts:

Visual Art: Drawing & Painting using a range of materials and techniques.

Drama / Dance: Use movement, gestures and facial expressions to explore our Conceptual Curriculum focus.

Physical Education and Fitness:

Fundamental Movement Skills - Balance, Side Gallop, Skipping

Fitness - Cross Country, Cosmic Yoga, Jump Jam

GET READY FOR CROSS COUNTRY!!

Our School's Cross Country Day is scheduled for Thursday 20 August (TBC).

We will be training at school to build up the childrens' stamina, but you may want to encourage your child to train during their free time as well!!



Dates to Diarise

14 August.... Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED

20 August.... Cross Country (TBC)

28 August.... Daffodil Day

25 September.... Last day of Term 3

12 October..... Term 4 begins

Germey Germs!



Children who are not well must be kept at home so that they can recover quickly and to minimise the spread of any infection.

Please reinforce the message about washing hands before eating and after using the toilet.

Absences Please advise the school before 9am if your child is going to be absent. You can advise a student absence in a number of ways:

- Phone: 09 299-7490
- Freephone: 0800 CGCALL / 0800242255
- Email: admin@cgschoolac.nz
- On the school website: www.conifergrove.school.nz - click on 'Contact Us' and then 'Absences'.

Message the teacher via ClassDojo

Uniform

- Please **clearly name all items of clothing** with your child's name.
- If you are using a second-hand uniform make sure that all previous owner's names are covered up, to ensure that they are returned to you if misplaced.
- Black shoes, not boots, are the correct footwear for winter uniform. Please remember that nail polish, jewellery and temporary tattoos are not part of our school uniform.
- Hair accessories need to be either green, red, black, brown or white.

Mums, Dads and Grandparents - We Need You!

If you have a spare hour between 2-3pm each week and would be interested in being a Parent Reader, please see Emma Morgan in Room 5.

Timata Teaching Staff

Ms Robyn Aston & Miss Katie Brooks (Ara Tūāpapa),
Mrs Andrea Ng Waishing (Rm 1), Mrs Janice Metcalf (Rm 2),
Miss Hayley Bilk (Rm 3), Mrs Sally Davidson (Rm 4 & Senior Teacher),
Miss Emma Morgan (Rm 5), Miss Olivia Burden (Rm 7),
Miss Natalie Lamb (Rm 8).

30 Questions to ask your child instead of asking “How was your day?”

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
3. Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
4. Who did you play with today?
5. Who did you sit with at lunch?
6. Does everyone have a friend at Morning Tea and Lunchtime?
7. What was the book about that your teacher read?
8. What's the word/alphabet letters/sounds of the week?
9. Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
10. What was the best thing that happened today?
11. Did you help anyone today?
12. Did you say “thank you?” to anyone?
13. What made you laugh?
14. What was the least favourite part of the day?
15. Did you do anything creative today?
16. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
17. What is something that challenged you?
18. Was someone kind to you today? Who were you kind to?
19. Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.
20. What questions did you ask at school today?
21. Tell us your top two things from the day.
22. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
23. Teach me something I don't know.
24. If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
25. What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?
26. What kind of person were you today?
27. What made you feel happy?
28. What made you feel loved?
29. Did you learn any new words today?
30. If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

Questions sourced from www.herviewfromhome.com

Reminders

Attendance: Attending school on a regular basis is hugely important. Every day counts towards a child's learning and pays huge dividends for their future. Regular attendance is needed for children to continue learning and improving their basic reading, writing and other skills they need. It also means they are more likely to experience educational success. Please remember that school starts promptly at 9am with all students being at school **no later than 8:45am** to ensure they are settled by the bell. Late students are a disruption to the rest of the class and it also means your child may miss out on key concepts at the start of the day.

School Playgrounds: Students should not be playing on site before or after school, even with parent permission and supervision. The school takes no responsibility for students on site after the end of the school day. The only students in the school at this time are After School Care and organized clubs who lease our facilities and are responsible for their students.

Accessing the Timata area: Students need to walk around the Administration and Timata block regardless of whether they are with a parent or not – the Office is **not** a thoroughfare.

Lunches: Please ensure your child has a **healthy** lunchbox with food suitable for school and a **water** bottle to keep hydrated during the day. Students need to take rubbish home in their lunchboxes. Please also assist your child by cutting up hard-to-peel fruit e.g. oranges, and cut a slit in pre-packaged snacks. Please provide a teaspoon if you have packed a pot of yoghurt/jellied fruit.

End of day: If you are collecting your child at the end of the school day, **please arrive no earlier than 2:50pm** and wait outside your child's classroom at a distance that won't distract the children from completing their end-of-day routines.

*** If you are collecting your child earlier than 3pm, please sign them out at the School Office and the Office staff will organise for your child to be released from class.