

MATOMATO NEWSLETTER

Term 1, 2024

Welcome to 2024

Welcome back to school, everyone! We hope you had a great start to the year and are ready for an exciting learning adventure. This term is packed with awesome activities created just for you. We can't wait to see the fantastic achievements our students will reach.

This term is set to be a big success, with engaging experiences planned to not only expand our student knowledge but also create a vibrant learning environment. From fun activities to group learning adventures, our aim is to provide an atmosphere where each student can thrive and reach their full potential.

Together, let's explore, learn, and make lasting memories. We're confident that the shared experiences will contribute to the success and growth of each student, leaving a mark on their educational journey. Here's to a term filled with accomplishments, personal growth, and memories that will last a lifetime!

Term One Learning

Reading

This term, students in Matomato will focus on developing a range of comprehension strategies such as making connections, forming and testing hypotheses about texts, asking questions etc. For those developing reading strategies, we will be teaching students how to apply letter sounds to read new/ unknown words.

Writing

Our focus for Writing in Term One will be punctuation and spelling. We will be teaching students to use a variety of punctuation correctly. Additionally, students will be learning the rules for common spelling patterns.

Mathematics

Number will be the primary focus for Maths in Term One. Students will be focusing on place value, number identification and groupings. Later in the term, students will apply this knowledge to solve mathematical problems involving addition and subtraction.

Conceptual

This year for Conceptual learning, students will be learning about their "Identity" and how it is shaped by relationships, connections and / or the environment. The focus for the first half of the term is on 'Me, Myself and I'. Later in the term, students will be learning about 'Cultural & Traditional Games'

Term One important dates:

- Hikoi community walk - Tuesday 27th February
- Counties Ki O Rahi and Cricket - Tuesday 5th March
- Whanau Talanoa fun night - Wednesday 6th March
- Counties Nz Tag - Wednesday 13th March
- Class photos - Friday 22nd March

Meet our Matomato team



Mrs Ashna Nathman

Kia ora everyone, I have had the privilege of being a part of the Conifer Grove School community for the past two years and get to teach in Room 17, 2024. Additionally, I look forward to taking on the role of Pedagogical Leader for the Matomato team this year. I love guiding and inspiring students throughout various stages of their educational journey. I look forward to working alongside our students, parents, and teachers to make 2024 a year of meaningful learning experiences and shared accomplishments.



Miss Aimee Jeffrey

Hi everyone, my name is Aimee Jeffrey (Miss Jeffrey) and I am the teacher in Room 16, 2024. This is my first year of teaching and I am super excited to be a part of the Matomato team at Conifer Grove School. My passion for teaching comes from a strong love for children as well as growing up surrounded by teachers and people who work with kids. I cannot wait to start working alongside our learners and getting to know them and their families.



Mrs Subashni Prakash

Kia ora whaanau, it is wonderful to be part of your child's educational journey this year. I have 20 years of teaching experience and I am committed to creating a positive and engaging learning environment that fosters both academic growth and personal development. I believe in open communication and collaboration, and look forward to working with Room 23. Together, we can bring out the best in our children.



Ms Emma Wolstenholme

Kia ora whaanau, I am so excited to be teaching in Room 18 this year at Conifer Grove School. I love teaching as seeing children progress gives me a great sense of purpose. I encourage a growth mindset in my learners, often communicating the idea that we are lifelong learners. I look forward to getting to know your child this year, to help them grow and develop their love for learning. I believe clarity of learning is very important and look forward to a meaningful 2024.

Matomato - to grow vigorously!

