



Tipu Newsletter

Term 1 2024

Dates to remember:

Identity Parade

Wednesday 28 February @ 11:45am

Whaanau Fun Night

Wednesday 6 March @
5.30pm-7.00pm

Photolife Class Photos

Friday 22 March

Easter Holiday

Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April
(School reopens Wednesday 3 April)

End of Term 1

Friday 12 April

Start of Term 2

Monday 29 April



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 / 0800242 255
- Email: admin@cgschool.ac.nz
- On the school website: www.conifergrove.school.nz (click on 'Contact Us' and then 'Absences')
- Via Skool Loop APP

Welcome back to our existing whaanau and a warm welcome to new families who have recently joined Conifer Grove School. We are looking forward to a fantastic year supporting your children in their learning journey.

The Tipu team includes our youngest tamariki as they start school. When children turn 5 and begin at our school, they join our **Pihinga** learning space. Here they are welcomed to school and supported in developing learning focussed behaviours with our wonderful kaiako **Mrs Annie O'Donogue**, or **Mrs O** to the children.



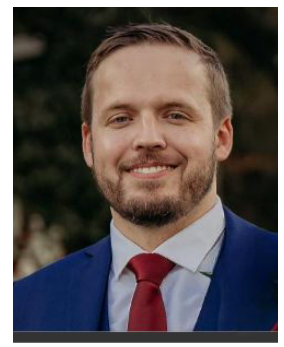
When a group of children are confident and ready to join one of our other Tipu classes, we will speak with whaanau to let you know about moving to a new space. We currently have one other Tipu class in **Room 4** with the amazing **Miss Yiyang Wang**.

If you would like to speak to anyone about your child's learning or day at school, the first contact should be with the class teacher. Teachers are available for brief questions between 8.30am-9.00am, or can be contacted by email to organise longer conversations. If you require further support, you can contact our pedagogical leader **Mr Daniel Wickman**.

We're looking forward to working with you and your children to have a successful year.

Naaku noa,
Tipu Team

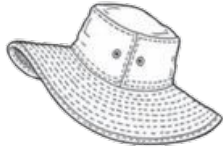
2024 Tipu Teachers:

		
<p>Pihinga Mrs Annie O'Donogue annieo@cgschool.ac.nz</p>	<p>Room 4 Miss Yiyang Wang yiyangw@cgschool.ac.nz</p>	<p>Pedagogical Leader Mr Daniel Wickman danielw@cgschool.ac.nz</p>

Reminders

Sunhats:

A reminder that wearing the red school bucket hat is **compulsory** during Term 1.



Please make sure there is a **named** hat in your child's bag each morning. Hats are available from the office for \$15.

School Uniform:

Please name **all** items of clothing with your child's name. Shoes should be black sandals or shoes with black socks.

Nail polish or makeup are not allowed to be worn at school. No jewellery other than one pair of studs or cultural taonga are appropriate. Please note earrings must be studs due to health and safety reasons.

Stationery:

All stationery required is provided for free by our kura.



Lunches:

Healthy lunchboxes are encouraged with easy to eat items. Please pack a teaspoon if children have yoghurt or jellied fruit.

Drinks:

Please note we are a **water only** school - juice is not a suitable drink for school. A named water bottle is particularly helpful in summer.

Learning Focus

Conceptual Curriculum 2024:

This year, our school wide concept is focusing on **Identity** and we will be exploring the big understanding of

'Identity is shaped by relationships, connections and environment.'

Tamariki will explore this concept through a variety of curriculum areas, with our main focus in Term 1 starting with our own identity and the relationships, connections and environments that shape us. We will then be continuing to explore this understanding through the context of **Games**, particularly as part of physical education.. We will be learning to:

- Understand we have personal qualities and strengths that contribute to our sense of self worth, and
- Developing skills and strategies (such as resilience, risk taking, teamwork, and problem solving) that help us manage ourselves and relate to others.

Literacy:

At Conifer Grove School we follow a structured literacy approach, where we systematically learn how to decode and encode sounds and words that enable reading and writing. There will be opportunities to share more about how this approach works throughout the year.

Mathematics:

In Tipu we will be developing early number knowledge and strategies to solve problems, and exploring other mathematical strands such as measurement, geometry

Values:

Our focus for Term 1 is **Mana Motuhake**, or **Responsibility**. You can help develop this by encouraging your children to take responsibility for their own belongings before and after school.

The best way to support your child's learning is to talk to them about their day. Please feel free to contact our kaiako if you have any questions about their learning.