

CONIFER GROVE SCHOOL

Matomato Newsletter



Term 3 2025

Welcome back to School

Kia ora whaanau,

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break. As we step into Term 3, we're thrilled to embark on another exciting journey of fun and learning with our tamariki.

Last term, we delved into the fascinating world of bodily changes where it allowed students to explore the challenges, opportunities and reactions we face daily.

This term, we will focus on a new context where students will be able to express and relate to their lives through Music. During this context, students will learn how music has changed over the generations as well as different types and uses of music. Stay tuned for more updates and details about the upcoming Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori celebrations in Week 10.

In addition, we will also be practicing for Cross Country, which will be a whole school event taking place on Friday the 25th of June.

Let's make this term unforgettable with passion, creativity, and lots of fun!

Ngaa mihi nui,
Team Matomato

Important dates

- **Week 2, Tuesday 22nd July** – Whole School Powhiri at 10.15 am
- **Week 2, Friday 25th July** – Whole School Cross Country
- **Week 3, Monday 28th July** – Teacher Only Day
- **Week 5, Tuesday 12th August** – Parent Information Evening (Te Mataiaho – Literacy) at 6pm
- **Week 5, Wednesday 13th August** – North Counties Cross Country (Primary)
- **Week 5, Wednesday 13th August** – Year 6–8 Mathex Competition at Papakura Normal School at 5pm
- **Week 8, Friday 5th September** – Teacher Only Day
- **Week 9, Tuesday 9th September** – North Counties Basketball
- **Week 9, Friday 12th September** – Senior School Musical Walkabout – Digital link
- **Week 10, Friday 19th September** – Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori Assembly TBC

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Term 3 Learning Focus

Literacy

Reading

We will be focusing on building students' reading fluency and growing their vocabulary. Students will take part in reading activities that help them recognise sounds, word patterns, and read more smoothly. They will also practise reading out loud with confidence and learn new words in context. This will help them become stronger, more confident readers.

Writing

This term, our focus for Writing is on Spelling, Sentence Structure, and Debates. Students will work on improving their spelling through targeted word work and pattern recognition. We will explore how to use direct and indirect speech correctly in our writing to make it more engaging and clear. Later in the term, students will take part in debates, where they will learn to express their ideas, use persuasive language, and respond to different points of view with confidence.

Conceptual Curriculum

Context: Music

This term, our focus shifts to the rich and evolving world of Music. We will be exploring: How does change in music provide opportunities? Students will investigate different musical styles across time and cultures, and consider how music has changed over the years and what impact has it had on people's lives. Through listening, discussion, and creative tasks, students will deepen their understanding of music's powerful role in shaping the world around us.

**Matomato –
to grow vigorously!**

Numeracy

Maths No Problem

This term, all of the Senior School, including our Year 4, 5 and 6 students, are beginning their learning through the Maths No Problem programme. This programme supports the New Zealand Maths Curriculum and promotes deep understanding through rich problem-solving, mathematical conversations, and hands-on learning experiences.

To support this approach, classes have been thoughtfully split into maths groups to ensure teaching is responsive and targeted to the learning needs at each year level. This means students receive instruction that matches their current level of understanding, while also being challenged to extend their thinking.

Throughout the term, students will focus on building their number knowledge, problem-solving strategies, and confidence in explaining their mathematical reasoning.

We are excited to see our students grow as capable, confident, and curious mathematicians, who enjoy working both independently and collaboratively to explore the wonderful world of mathematics!

Physical Education

For Physical Education this term, we will be focusing on learning about and practicing for Cross Country and large ball sports. Students will develop their large ball skills through sports like Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey, and Football. They'll focus on key skills such as passing, dribbling, shooting, and teamwork while building confidence and having fun through active games and challenges.