



Te One School Pānui

Strong Roots, Wide Horizons

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Week 3, Term 2, 2026

Kia ora,

Arohamai for the lateness of this newsletter. I am currently away on sick leave and appreciate everyone's understanding.

We have really enjoyed having Mr Golding back with us again this year. He has been leading some fantastic sports sessions with our tamariki, focusing on developing rugby skills, teamwork, and confidence. The students have been thoroughly engaged and have loved the opportunity to learn from him.

Planning for the Weka Walk is well underway. This year is especially exciting, as it is the first time in several years that students from all three schools will be attending together, with 15 tamariki taking part in total. There are several fundraising efforts happening throughout the term to help support the trip, so please keep an eye out for information and advertising through the usual Chatham channels. We appreciate the continued support from our community.

We also have some exciting property news. The boat has delivered the wall components for our new tech block, and construction is now getting underway. This is a big milestone for our school, and we are looking forward to having a purpose-built space where students can take part in a wider range of practical and creative learning opportunities.

With the colder weather now well and truly here, winter illnesses are starting to make their way around. Please remember to keep your child at home if they are unwell so we can help prevent bugs spreading through the school.

As part of mandatory attendance reporting, families will receive a mandatory notification letter through HERO when a child reaches 5, 10, and 15 days of absence within a term, regardless of the reason for the absence. Please do not be alarmed when receiving these notifications, as they are part of the Ministry requirements for all schools.

Mel



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Absence Notifications

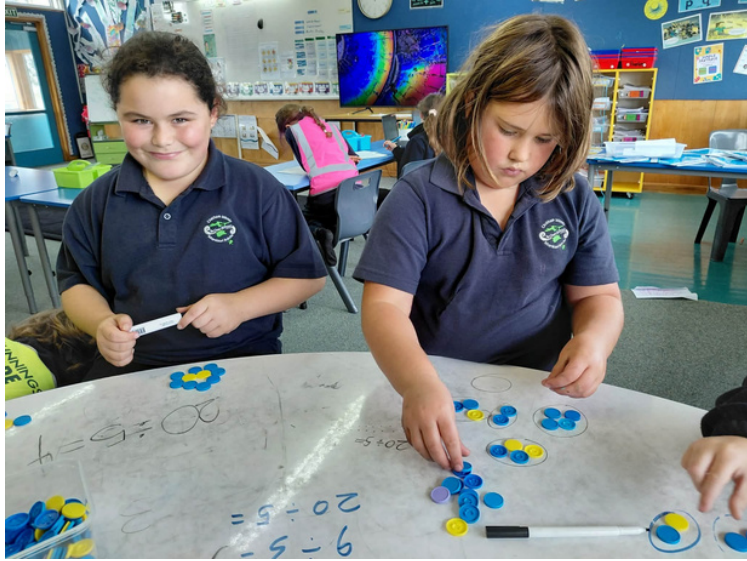
All absences have to be reported with explanation before 9am daily. This is part of our safety processes, to make sure that children who left home in the morning made it safely to school. Also, the new MOE requirements are that any absence for which no reason is given is automatically marked as truant.

HERO Notifications

Remember that all class and school information is being shared via HERO this year. To make sure you don't miss out on anything important, please make sure you have notifications turned on.

Classroom Spotlight - Middle Room

The Middle class have been working hard on their spelling, reading and maths. We have been writing fact files about bugs which require research and planning, these will be published and displayed in the classroom to read soon. Everyone has been getting into creating amazing 3D bugs for the museum display later in the term. Times Tables has been the Middle's focus so far this term in maths and we have also been delving into division.



Learning across the school



Sport with Mr Golding



Message from the Board

School Board Property Committee – Expression of Interest

The Te One School Board is seeking expressions of interest from community members who may like to be co-opted onto our Property Committee.

This role does not require you to be a current parent of the school. We welcome anyone with an interest in supporting the future growth, development, and maintenance of our school property and facilities.

The Property Committee works alongside the Board to help guide planning and development projects, discuss property priorities, and support ongoing improvements to our learning environments.

Whether you have experience in building, project management, maintenance, planning, or simply a passion for helping our kura continue to grow, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact the school office or speak with a Board member.

Current board members:

Presiding Member: Jenna Hoverd

Principal: Mel Sutton

Deputy PM: Heidi Lanauze

Parent elected members: Holly Standring, Nicole Brooke-Sadd, Jayal Lanauze

Staff rep: Amy Kamo



Food for Thought

- Revised curriculum and what that means for our learners

Curriculum Changes in English and Maths

You may have heard discussion around the revised English and Maths curricula currently being introduced across New Zealand schools. One of the biggest changes is that the “goalposts” have shifted, with knowledge and skills now expected at younger year levels than before.

What this means is that many tamariki who were previously working at their expected curriculum level may now appear below expectation under the revised curriculum. This is not unique to our school; it is a nationwide shift being seen across New Zealand.

Our recent reading comprehension and maths data reflects a similar picture to schools across the country. While many students continue to make progress, the revised curriculum expectations mean a greater number of children are now identified as needing additional support to meet year-level targets.

What are we doing at school?

We are continuing to respond proactively to these changes and put support in place for our learners.

- Mr Green is working across the school to support students who need more specialised teaching and smaller-group learning opportunities.
- Bridget is providing additional daily teacher aide support for our Year 3 and 4 learners.
- Mel is supporting mathematics learning in the senior school. With four year levels in one senior class, the new curriculum creates additional challenges because expectations are now much more specifically aligned to each year level. Mel is therefore working with two of those year levels to allow for more targeted teaching.
- Teachers continue to participate in focused professional development to strengthen their understanding of the revised curriculum and effective teaching approaches.
- We also continue to work alongside the RTLB (Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour) where needed to help design and deliver programmes for students with additional learning needs.

What can you do at home?

One of the most important things whānau can do is continue building a positive relationship with learning.

You can help by:

- talking regularly with your child about what they are learning at school
- reading to, with, and alongside your child every day, and discussing the stories or information you read together
- involving children in everyday maths conversations through cooking, shopping, measuring, budgeting, and problem-solving
- encouraging conversations about a wide range of topics to strengthen oral language and build knowledge about the wider world
- supporting healthy routines, including good sleep, balanced screen time, opportunities to relax, and strong connections with whānau.

Keeping you informed

We will continue to keep families updated as these curriculum changes roll out. In upcoming reports, you will see your child's individual progress information and have the opportunity to discuss this directly with their teacher.

As always, we are here to answer questions and support whānau. Please feel welcome to come in, call, or get in touch if you have any concerns or would like clarification. We would much rather have open conversations early than have worries grow unnecessarily or be shaped by misinformation.

Calendar

Friday 15 May	Assembly Juniors 2:15 pm
Sunday 17 May	Library Open Day 12-2
Sunday 24 May	Weka Walk Fundraiser - Housie - 12pm
Friday 29 May	Assembly Seniors 2:15 pm
Monday 1 June	Kings Birthday
Thursday 11 June	Market Prep Day
Friday 12 June	Assembly Middles 2:15 pm
Friday 26 June	Market Day
Thursday 2 June	Assembly Juniors 2:15 pm
Sunday 27 June	Weka Walk Fundraiser - Quiz night - 6pm
Friday 3 July	Hautapu Celebration TBC Term 2 ends
Monday 20 July	Term 3 starts
Thursday 10 September	Weka Walks starts
Thursday 24 September	Weka Walks ends
Friday 25 September	Term 3 ends
Monday 12 October	Term 4 starts
Monday 26 October	Labour Day
Mionday 30 November	Chatham Islands Day
Thursday 17 December	Term 4 ends



Assembly hosted by our Juniors

Come along at 2:15pm to share our learning celebration at assembly, this fortnight hosted by our Junior Students.



Library Open Day Sunday May 17, 12-2pm

Our Library Open Day will be held **THIS SUNDAY** 17 May from 12-2pm, and we warmly invite grandparents, preschoolers, and all whānau to join us. It's a chance to explore our amazing range of books, try out some new games, and enjoy time together.



**Weka Walk Fundraiser
@ The Den
24th May doors open
12pm for a 1pm start.
Hot food for sale, raffle
table and mystery
envelopes. Any donations
towards raffle table is
welcomed and
appreciated.**

Key Links and Information



HERO

Essential for all whānau.

- For sharing absences, student reporting, class and school newsletters, and finance information.
- Use the QR link to download HERO and use the email address that you gave school during your child's enrolment to connect.



New Website (click the link to the left)

- For accessing an up-to-date calendar, newsletters, board information, and general school information.

<http://www.teone.school.nz>



Facebook (click the link to the left)

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/teoneschool>

- Newsletter posted online, some updates and other stories posted



Messenger (click the link to the left)

Messenger - m.me/796262743896162

School Phone Numbers

03 3050 023

- For all general enquires and to report absences if HERO isn't working

027 285 3023 - call or text

- For afternoon bus notices
- For any information all staff need access to

School Emails

teone@teone.school.nz

- accessed by all of our staff
- use for bus messages, and information all staff need to know

office@teone.school.nz

- accessed by our Office Manager only
- use for finance, lucky book and general enquires - not appropriate for bus notices

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Amy Kamo: amy.kamo@teone.school.nz

Mel Brine: mel.brine@teone.school.nz

Mel Sutton: principal@teone.school.nz

School Timetable

8:30am	Students can arrive at school
9:00am - 10:30am	Learning block 1
10:30am - 10:55am	Break 1 - including school kai
10:55am - 12:30pm	Learning block 2
12:30pm - 1:20pm	Break 2 - including own snacks
1:20pm - 3:00pm	Learning block 3

Library Days

Juniors: Friday

Middle and Seniors: Wednesday

Kōhanga: Thursday fortnightly

Pre-Schoolers: Tuesday 9:00 – 10:30