

Welcome to Year 3!

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A little bit about us

Our classroom philosophy

We are privileged to get the opportunity to be the Year Three teachers at Kohia Terrace School for 2019 in Rooms Six and Seven. It is exciting to start this learning journey with your children to ensure they have a positive and wonderful schooling experience. We look forward to working with you all to ensure your child is provided with the best education possible! Our main goal is to provide an environment that promotes collaboration and provides motivating and fun learning experiences that engage our students in order to achieve a successful outcome. We know that every student will have different learning needs; it is integral to us to have fun, flexible learning programmes in Rooms 6 and 7. We want to ensure that students take ownership of their own learning and believe that the best learning comes from children collaborating and working together. Rooms 6 and 7 have an open door policy, so please feel free to come and chat to either of us at any time.

Classroom Routines

When setting up our classroom routines we want to predominantly ensure the children feel comfortable and happy at school and in the classroom. In Rooms 6 and 7, we know the children will bring a variety of different learning experiences with them into our class. We ensure the children know the expectations and when setting up our classroom routines we allow every child to have their say in how they like their classroom to be run. We strongly believe that the children's ideas and opinions should be valued and appreciated. We will be a team in Rooms 6 and 7!

Children are officially allowed in the classroom at **8.30am**. Before this time they need to wait outside. When they enter the classrooms, the children know they need to independently bring in their book bags and place them in one of the boxes. From 8.30-8.50am children can find a quiet activity in the classroom to play with or go outside on the playground. **Morning tea is from 10.30-11.00am** and during this time children are encouraged to have a healthy snack, a drink of water and a run around with their friends. **Lunch is from 12.40-1.30pm**. When the school day ends at **3.00pm** it is important that you wait in the junior courtyard, and each student needs to give us a high five so we know they will get home safely. If you are running late for any reason, please give the office a call so they can let us know, otherwise at **3.15pm** your child will be taken to the office.

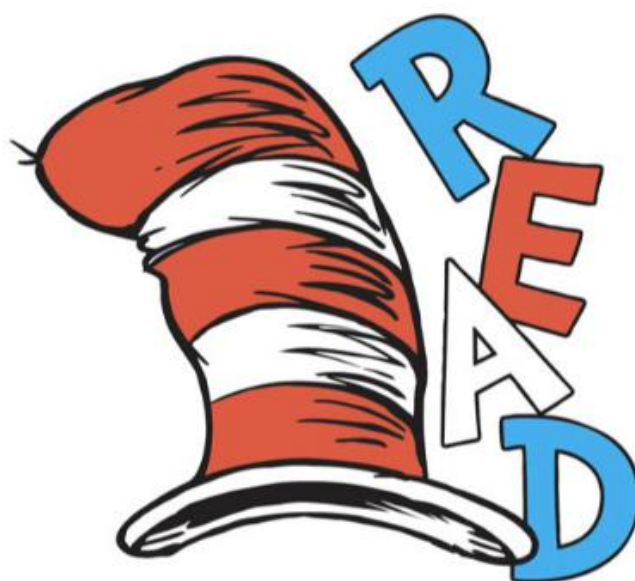


Communication

We will be using the app Hero this year, which is a wonderful way of keeping you all up to date with what is happening throughout the school day. This is a new app to the school and may take a while for the school to set up. Until then we will use emails and once Hero is all set up, we will use email to remind you of important dates and events that are coming up throughout the year. Please check our school website regularly as events will be added to the calendar and there is lots of information on the website.

Library

Room 6's and 7's library time is on Monday afternoon every week. Children are allowed to take out two library books for two weeks. Please support your child in ensuring their library books are in their bags on Monday mornings, ready to be returned. The children can also visit the library most lunchtimes. Jane, our librarian, will not issue new books to your children if they have not returned their previous ones. Please feel free to talk to Jane directly for any other questions.



Positive Behaviour

Kohia Terrace encompasses affirmation of positive learning behaviours. Rooms 6 and 7 will create class treaties in which all members of the class, including us, will come up with a set of rules that create a happy and safe environment for everyone. Positive behaviours are encouraged, and celebrated. Every day a student is recognised for doing something positive the day and is named the 'star student of the day.' These children are the leader of the class for the day. Similarly, if we are concerned with any behaviours in the classroom we can figure out the best strategy together to positively support your child in changing the behaviour.



Home learning and spelling

In Year 3 home learning will consist of reading, spelling words and maths basic facts practice Monday- Thursday with the spelling test on a Friday.



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