

# Team Āria Term 1 Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2023

## Welcome

Welcome to Team Āria!

We are thrilled to welcome you and your child to Team Āria and know that we are all going to have a fantastic year full of fun, friendship and exciting learning.

Team Āria is a Year 1 and 2 learner space located in the green block consisting of 6 homebase classes. These homebases are made up of three 'power teams', of teachers who collaborate closely: HB 7 & 8, HB 9 & 10 and HB 11 & 12.

## Term 1 Dates:

- 6th February : Waitangi Day – no school
- 27th March – 6th April: Āria Swimming lessons
- 6th April: Last day of Term 1

Please keep up to date with future changes via the school newsletter.

## Meet Team Āria



HB 7 and HB 8

Mrs Deana  
Ilton

HB 7 teacher



Ms Claire  
Baker

HB 8 teacher



Mrs Tania  
Toohey

HB 9 teacher



Ms Esther  
Marshall

HB 10 teacher



Mrs Aimee  
Wales

HB 11 teacher &  
Āria Team  
Leader



Mrs Jess  
Hey

HB 12 teacher



Miss Sarah  
Carruthers

Release teacher  
HB 11 & 12

# Important Info

## Learning Programmes

For the first part of Term 1 we will be focusing on building relationships, getting to know one another, establishing routines and learning about the expectations in Team Āria. Our programme will include elements of Literacy and Mathematics, however formal learning groups will not start straight away. Please be aware that this means your child will not receive reading books to share with you at home right away. They will be able to bring Library books home from next week, and we encourage you to read these and books you have at home together.

## Sun Safety

Please put sunscreen on your child before they come to school. If you would like your child to have their own sunscreen to put on during the school day, they must be able to manage this independently. Your child also needs to have a clearly named school sunhat to wear in Terms 1 and 4. If you cannot locate your child's hat from last year, please purchase a new one, as these are a compulsory part of our school uniform.

## Stationery

A big thank you to everyone who has brought in all the stationery from our required list. Children are happy when they have all the tools they need to participate actively in learning. Each item from the stationery list is important, so please ensure your child brings in the complete set, as soon as possible. Any missing stationery can be purchased through Qizzle (<https://schoolpacks.co.nz>). Search for Clearview Primary, enter your child's name and select Āria (Year 1 & 2), then select which items you need from the list. Exercise books and headphones need to be named. Items that will be shared including crayons, pencils, glue sticks etc, do not need to be individually named. If you have any questions regarding stationery, please chat with one of the Āria teachers. We appreciate your support with this.

## Spare Clothes

If your child is likely to need a spare change of clothes, please supply this in their bags. This is useful for if your child has a toileting accident or gets wet or muddy when playing, and prevents a phone call home.

## Back to School Routines

As we come back to school after the summer holidays, it is important to re-establish routines at home. Please ensure your child is going to bed early enough to get adequate sleep, as this will support them to learn and actively participate at school. Our school day starts at 8.55am, with the classroom spaces being open from 8.30am. Please ensure you arrive at school with enough time for your child to put their bag away and to greet their peers and teachers. An organised morning at home, helps your child to be settled and ready to learn when the school day begins.

## Sickness and Hygiene

If your child is sick, please keep them at home. This protects other children and teachers from getting sick, and gives your child the recovery time they need to return happy and healthy to school. At school we will be reviewing handwashing practices, to keep germs away and prevent sickness. We would appreciate it if you could discuss and practise this at home with your child too.

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## Footwear

Please ensure that your child is wearing black shoes that are sensible for school. Children need to be in footwear that they can comfortably and easily walk, run, jump and climb in. This allows them to fully participate in P.E. lessons and on the playground.

## Swimming

We know the beginning of the school year can be an expensive one and for this reason we would like to keep you informed around any upcoming costs. Later this term your child will be involved in Swimming at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. The cost for the 9 lessons will be approximately \$35.00. More information about swimming will be shared closer to the time.

## Lunchboxes

At Clearview we encourage healthy lunchbox choices. Please ensure your child has a nutritious snack for our "Read and Feed" time, as well as food for lunchtime. It is great to see fruit and vegetables in many of the children's lunchboxes already! The children in Āria need to be able to open packaged food independently. If your child cannot open a packet on their own, please pre-cut or open packets, so they are able to manage without the help of a teacher. We are a water only school, so please no juice or other beverages.

## Allergies

Due to a number of children in Āria with moderate – severe nut allergies please do NOT include the following in your child's lunchbox:

- Peanuts
- Hazel nuts
- Brazil nuts
- Walnuts

Thank you for helping us to keep all of the Āria children safe and healthy.

## Digital Device Use

Please watch out for the 'Digital Use Agreement' from your child's power team teachers. It is important that you take the opportunity to read this. Once you have completed this contract you enable your child to be able to use the iPads at school for their learning. We thank you in advance for returning these quickly.

If you have any other questions please pop in and see us or get in touch.

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