

TERM ONE, 2023

# Team Uranga Newsletter



**Kia ora e te whānau**

**The teachers in Team Uranga are excited to welcome all children and whānau/families to school and we are looking forward to a fantastic term and year ahead.**

Team Uranga is currently made up of 5 homebases and encompasses children in Year 0/NE through to Year 1. This year, Team Uranga homebases are located in the yellow block.

Our priority at the moment is to create a learning environment where your child feels safe, happy and valued. The children are learning homebase routines, school rules and getting to know classmates and their teachers.

Soon we will be assessing all children's literacy and maths skills, so we can create a learning pathway for each child.

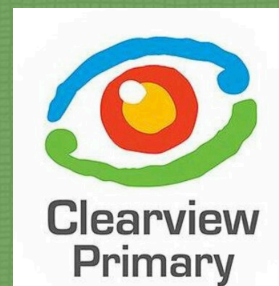
Please make sure you have access to the school HERO app and the Seesaw app. The HERO app sends you all schoolwide information, progress reports at stages of the year, and enables you to send in absences for your child. The Seesaw app is used by homebase teachers to keep in contact with you about your child's learning in the homebase, share photos and class messages and reminders. Please ask at the office if you need help getting set up with any of these apps.

You will find a list of upcoming dates and events at the bottom of this newsletter. Our school website also features regular calendar updates.

Lastly, we know your child will have a great term in Uranga. Please contact your child's homebase teacher if you have any questions, concerns or just would like to know how your child is getting on.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Team Uranga Teachers**



## Uranga Team Teachers

2023



**HOMEBASE 1**  
**Mrs Janine Faulkner**  
Team Leader



**HOMEBASE 1**  
**Mrs Jayne Clark**



**HOMEBASE 2**  
**Mrs Rose Trolove**



**HOMEBASE 3**  
**Mrs Gisela Andre**



**HOMEBASE 5**  
**Mrs Katie Fitzgerald**



**HOMEBASE 6**  
**Mrs Adele Jack**

# Ako in Team Uranga

## Uranga Approach to Teaching and Learning

In Uranga, our approach to teaching and learning is a combination of structured teaching and free play-based learning. We believe this transitions children from pre-school to school and sets them up for future years of learning here at Clearview.

In the homebases you will see whole class lessons, small group lessons as well as children working on independent tasks. In the learning studio, outside the homebases, we have lots of play based activities set up that are carefully chosen by the teachers to support the teaching and learning that happens in the homebases. These activities also support the emotional and social development of the children.

## Our School Values

Our school values are Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, and Ako.

These are the values we believe support our tamariki to develop into **skilled thinkers and communicators stepping out with confidence.**

Please refer to the diagram on the right, outlining our values and the behaviours that we encourage the children to demonstrate at all times.



**"Skilled Thinkers and Communicators Stepping out with Confidence"**

## Reading

At Clearview we have adopted an approach to teaching reading and literacy known as Structured Literacy. This is an approach to teaching reading that is backed by the very best research into how children learn to read. This means that your child will not always be bringing a reader home each night as has happened in past years. More details about this will be sent home soon. We will keep you updated as the year goes on with reading and how you can support their learning at home.

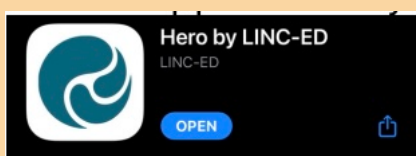
## Digital Device Use

A reminder: If you haven't filled out your child's Digital Contract online form sent to you earlier, please do so as soon as possible. Your child can not use school devices until this has been completed. If you need the link resent to you, please contact your child's teacher.

## School Absences

It is important that you let the school know if your child is going to be absent, either by using the Hero app or phoning the Clearview absence line. If your child is going to be late or if you will be coming to school to take your child to an appointment, we do appreciate it if you let us know ahead of time.

**If your child arrives to school late or you pick them up early from school, please make sure you go to the office to sign them in or out.**



## Sunhats and Sunscreen

Sunhats are compulsory during Term 1 and Term 4. We encourage the children to leave them at school. Please make sure these are clearly named. It is also a good idea to apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school. Each class has sunscreen for your child to apply throughout the day. Please remind your child to do this and show them how to apply sunscreen correctly.



**If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they are completely well again.**

## Upcoming Dates And Events

**2022**

**February 2:** Clearview Twilight Picnic  
5-7pm

**February 6:** Waitangi Day - Public holiday

**February 9:** Mihi Whakatau - 10am

**March 27-31:** Learning Conferences - dates to be confirmed

**April 6 :** Last day of school

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

## Start and End of the Day

In the morning, the children can enter the yellow block building from 8.30am. Please do not drop your child at school any earlier than this as there will not be any supervision before 8.30am.

At the end of the day, please wait outside the yellow block and the children will be brought outside for collection by the homebase teacher.

**Please make sure your child's teacher knows your child's pick up plan especially if it changes.**

**Thank you for your support, take care and stay safe**

