

Team Uranga Newsletter



Kia ora e te whānau



Uranga Team Teachers

2023

It is so lovely to be back at school. The children have been excited to let us know what they have been up to.

Today, Homebases 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 celebrated their 100th day at school this year. We had a dance party in the hall, counted and shared 100 things brought in from home, and completed lots of fun 100 themed activities. Our special guest was Mr Rush who read us the Mr Men story, "Mr Rush". He read this to us in the Staffroom. It was very exciting. Then we headed outside to ride our wheels and finished the day with an iceblock.

This term will see us continue to welcome our newest 5 year-olds to school. Our numbers are growing very quickly and in week 6 we will be starting up Homebase 0, in the Clearview Community Room. Mrs Becky Docherty will be the teacher in this space. Mrs Docherty is an experienced teacher who has been doing lots of relieving in Uranga this year. We extend a warm welcome to her. The Homebase 0 children are very much a part of Team Uranga and most days we will see these children coming over to the yellow block to explore, learn and make new friends.

This week, we will be holding our Parent Teacher Conferences. If you haven't already made a booking to see your child's teacher, you can still do so by contacting the teacher directly. You are more than welcome to bring your child to the conference to partake in or to play in the Learning Studio. At the conferences, you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps and how you can support their learning at home. This will be the priority at the conference. If you wish to discuss anything else, it may be best to make another appointment at another time.

Lastly, please remember to keep your child at home if they are unwell and also to let the school know if they are absent for any reason.

This will be another fantastic and exciting term for the children. Let's just hope the weather improves over the term. If you have any questions, concerns or just want to have a chat about your child, please don't hesitate to come in and see us.

Ngā mihi nui,
Team Uranga Teachers



HOMEBASE 1
Mrs Janine Faulkner
Team Leader



HOMEBASE 1 AND 6
Mrs Jayne Clark



HOMEBASE 2
Mrs Rose Trolove



HOMEBASE 3
Mrs Gisela Andre



HOMEBASE 4
Mrs Megan Odgers



HOMEBASE 5
Mrs Katie Fitzgerald



HOMEBASE 6
Mrs Adele Jack

Ako in Team Uranga

Reading

This term, Team Uranga continues on its journey with Structured Literacy. This is an approach to teaching reading that is backed by the very best research into how children learn to read. Currently this is the best practice for all children to learn to read.

All children in Team Uranga have been making pleasing progress with this approach to literacy. At the Parent Teacher Conference, your child's teacher will talk about their learning and how you can support at home.

"If a child **memorises 10 words**, the child can only read 10 words.

But if a child **learns 10 sounds**, the child will be able to read 350 three sound words, 4 320 four sound words and 21 650 five sound words."

Martin Kozloff, 2002

Maths

In Uranga, we have been focusing on what is called Number Sense. This is learning how numbers relate to each other. For example 7 is 1 less than 8 and 2 more than 5. It is 3 away from 10 and some of its parts are 1 and 6, 2 and 5, 3 and 4. We can recognise dot patterns to 10 and are beginning to transfer this knowledge and understanding to work out simple addition and subtraction problems to 10. This term many of us will begin to explore numbers to 20 and learn more about place value, patterns, probability, shape and sharing objects to groups.

Whanaungatanga

This term we will continue learning about whanaungatanga and in particular making and maintaining friendships. Whanaungatanga is about relationships, kinship and a sense of belonging. We will also be continuing to explore our feelings and emotions through learning about the Zones of Regulation. They will learn about ways to regulate their emotions so they can get to or stay in the "Green Zone" for optimal learning and wellbeing.

Science

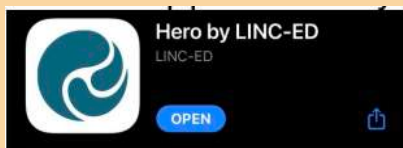
This term, homebase 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 will inquire into "What is Science?" We will learn what scientists do and how to stay safe when exploring our environment.



"Skilled Thinkers and Communicators Stepping out with Confidence"

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 if you let us know ahead of time.



School Newsletter

Please keep an eye out for the School Newsletter emailed home regularly. It will include lots of articles about what has been happening around the school and important information for you to know. Similarly, Team Uranga teachers regularly post, via the Seesaw App, photos of your child and their learning and updates about what is happening in the Team and homebases. If you are not connected to your child's teacher via Seesaw, please contact their teacher so you can be signed up.



Reminders

Some friendly reminders:

The doors to the yellow block open at 8.30am. It is important to have your child at school well before the 8.55am bell. This allows for them to connect with their teacher and friends. We do notice that children are more ready to start learning for the day if they have this time to connect before the day starts.

After school, teachers often have meetings in our block or are preparing for the next day. We ask that you please do not come into the block after school unless it is important.

Please do let your child's homebase teacher know if your child's pick up plan changes or if they are going home with someone different to usual.

Finally, it is important your child is picked up promptly at 3pm and that you let the school know if you are going to be late. If your child is not picked up by 3.10pm we will send them to the office and office staff will contact you.

Uniform

Please check that your child's uniform is clearly named, so that if something does get lost we can get it back to them quickly.

If your child is unable to wear correct uniform, please let their homebase teacher know. Also, sunhats are not compulsory during Term 2 and Term 3.

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

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

Upcoming Dates And Events

2022

July 26 and 27: Parent Teacher Learning Conferences

Friday August 11: Teacher Only Day

August 29-31: School Photos

Friday 22 September: Last day of term 3

Junior School assemblies - lookout for upcoming dates in newsletters

