

Team Āria Newsletter

Term 1

2024



Haere mai and Welcome

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school for 2024. Our block is looking fresh and fabulous with new carpet and paint throughout. Teachers have spent considerable time and effort preparing these spaces for the children's return and hope that they enjoy working in this vibrant new environment as a big year 2!

We would like to make a special mention of the new families joining Clearview for the first time. We hope that you settle in and quickly make some new connections within our wonderful community. We will be formally welcoming you during a Mihi Whakatau on Thursday 8 February at 9:15 am. More information will be sent to you regarding this closer to the time.

The start of a new year can be an anxious time for children, parents and teachers, so we hope that we can all work together and support each other through this transitional time.

This year, Team Āria consists of 5 classes. Homebase 10 will be used as a multi-purpose space while all other Homebases and Learning Studios will be in use to support the learning and development of our tamariki. You are welcome to come in at any time, however if there is a particular issue you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, we ask that you make an appointment to ensure you are given the time and space required to discuss the matter.

We are looking forward to an action packed term, focusing on getting to know you and your children, setting up routines and expectations and beginning to embark on our 2024 teaching and learning journey.

He aha te mea o te ao?
He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.

What is the most important thing in the world?
It is people, it is people, it is people.

Team Aria Staff



Mrs Megan Odgers

Homebase 7 - For approximately the first 5 weeks of Term 1, Mrs Megan Odgers will teach in Homebase 7 while Mrs Deana Ilton is on sick leave. We are so lucky to have such a lovely, experienced teacher join our team for this time. Her familiar face will be a welcome sight for the many children who already know her from Team Uranga.

I have been teaching in various roles, in particular the roll growth classes, over the last 2 years. My husband and I recently moved up from Dunedin to Lincoln. I have 2 married sons (twins), who live in Melbourne. I am lucky to have 3 gorgeous grandchildren. (Robin 7, Lucy 4 ½ and Zander 2) I have a very spoilt dog called Toby.

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Mrs Deana Ilton

I have been a teacher here at Clearview since 2017. I am originally from Nelson, I live in West Melton with my husband and 3 daughters. Sophie is 21 years old, Charlotte is 16 yrs old and Addison is 14 yrs old. The girls are at Villa Maria College. Sophie works full time at Chch Airport. On our property, we have sheep, cows, chickens, a rabbit, a dog called Ruby and a cat called Lily.

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Ms Claire Baker

I am the teacher in Homebase 8 as well as the Team Leader for Team Āria. I live locally and have 2 grown up children. Reuben lives in Christchurch city and Olivia is starting University in Dunedin this year. I have a cat called Mochi and love gardening.

So that I can have time to juggle all of my responsibilities, Miss Sarah Carruthers will teach in HB8 every Wednesday and every second Thursday (odd weeks)

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Miss Sarah Carruthers

Sarah has previously taught full time at Clearview Primary. She is now working part time at Clearview as well as running her own sewing business.

Sarah will be working in HB8 and HB11.

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Mrs Jess Hey

I have loved living in Rolleston for the last 20 years with my husband, Peter. We have two daughters who attend Rolleston College. Piper is Year 11 and Pagan is in Year 9.

I love gardening, bike riding, fishing and have a special interest in digital technologies.

We have two pets - a dog named Macey who is 10 years old and super cute, and a cat named Lucy who is 8 years old and very naughty.

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Mrs Tania Toohey

Kia ora, my name is Tania Toohey. I have two children, Emily who is heading off to Otago University in February and William who is at Lincoln High School in Year 12. My husband, Ken, has his own plumbing business and we own a small lifestyle block in Springston. We have 3 acres with some sheep and a few pets to keep us busy!

I love spending time in my garden with my dogs Pip and Maggie and even my cat, Monica, often joins us! I love most sports and play social tennis in the summer.

Miss Sarah Carruthers will be teaching in HB11 every second Thursday (even weeks).

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Ms Esther Marshall

Kia ora koutou, my name is Esther Marshall. I have been at Clearview Primary since 2019 and absolutely love being part of the Aria whānau!

I have a passion for sport (mostly cricket and football), and I am hopefully getting a puppy in the near future! My partner Rosie is a physiotherapist and we have a house in Halswell.

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Ms Margo Wilson

We welcome Ms Margo Wilson to Team Āria as our Classroom Release Time (CRT) teacher.

During our last round of contract negotiations, teachers were awarded additional time to be released from their classrooms. This time is to plan, attend meetings, complete assessments, and take part in professional development just to name a few.

Margo is a familiar face at Clearview as she has been a valued relief teacher across the school. She brings extensive teaching experience and boundless positive energy to our team. We are lucky to have her.

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Sunhat and Sunblock

During Term 1 it is compulsory for all children to wear a Clearview Bucket Hat when they are outside. We have a 'No hat / No play' policy, so if your child does not have their hat at school, they are asked to sit outside the library in the shade. Please ensure that your child has their correct hat at school everyday and that it is CLEARLY named. We will be doing our very best to ensure hats are not lost, however we strongly rely on children taking responsibility for their own belongings by putting their hat away in the right place after use.

Can we please also ask that you apply sunblock to your child in the morning before school. Coupled with wearing their sunhat and choosing to play in the shade during the hottest parts of the day, we hope to keep all children as safe as possible when enjoying the outdoors.



Twilight Picnic

This year's Twilight Picnic is being held on Thursday 1st February from 5pm until 7pm on the Cola (Covered Outdoor Learning Area). Everyone is welcome to come along and join the fun. Bring your own picnic dinner or buy from one of the many food trucks on site. There will be entertainment for the children and live music playing. This is a chance to meet up with friends old and new as well as staff in a casual, relaxed setting.



Term 1 Clearview Value Focus

In Term 1 we are focusing on the value of Manaakitanga. When children are spotted showing Manaakitanga either in the playground or in their Homebases, they will receive a values ticket. They write their name and HB number on the ticket and then put it in the coloured box in the Green Block. Each week, 2 names are drawn out of the box to receive a dip in the Values Ticket Prize Box. Everyone that gets a dip in the Values Ticket Prize Box, goes into the draw to win lunch with the Principal in the last week of term.



- We are kind with our words and actions
- We respect others and property
- We encourage others
- We show empathy towards others



Stationery

Thankyou for ensuring your child starts the year with all of their required stationery. Can we please ask that you send the **full** stationery order to school so that teachers can quickly access additional stationery should your child need it during the year. PLEASE ensure that all books, reading folders, whiteboards and book boxes are **named** but nothing else needs to be named as pens, pencils etc become shared items.



Timetable Changes

Due to a change in the timing of our morning tea break, children will have a fruit break at approximately 10 am each day. Please ensure that your child has a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables to eat at this time to keep their brains fueled. Children in Homebases 7, 8, and 9 need their snack in a separate named, container or bag to help with easy access and distribution.



Important Dates

Here are a few dates to add to your diary for Term 1.

January 30 - 1-3pm Open Afternoon

January 31 - First day of Term 1

February 1 - Twilight Picnic 5 - 7pm

February 6 - Waitangi Day (school closed)

March 25 - Team Aria Swimming Starts (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)

March 26 and 27 - Learning Conferences

March 29 - Good Friday (school closed)

April 1 - Easter Monday (school closed)

April 2 - Easter Tuesday (school closed)

April 3 - Team Aria Swimming continues (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

April 8 - Team Aria swimming (Monday - Thursday)

April 9 - Last day of Term 1



Āria - In Summer

