



Emerald Block Newsletter 2

We loved seeing so many of you make it to our meet the teacher evening! We couldn't fit everything into Newsletter 1, so here is the information pertaining to Home Learning, Book Bags and Home Reading in Emerald Block this year.

Home Learning

This year Emerald Block is made up of Year 0, 1 and 2 students. At this age and stage of development and learning all the home learning the children are required to do is revision and sharing. We have made some small packs of high frequency words that the tamariki need to learn quickly as a sight word. Please spend a few minutes each day going through these words so your child can read them quickly. (If your child is still consolidating alphabet sounds they will need to work through these as well.) Most Friday's we will send home your child's poetry book. This will have work in it that the children have completed that week for them to read with you. More information about this book can be found inside the cover. It is also expected children come to school with something prepared on their newsday. Please practice with your children what they might say when sharing their news with the class. Please leave toys at home. You may take a photo and email it to us if you wish. For basic numeracy we suggest taking the opportunity to use maths in real life contexts such as cooking or baking, counting letter boxes or making patterns with objects.

Home Reading

It is important that we support a love of reading and a love of books. We would like whānau to dedicate a few minutes out of every day to spend helping your child learn to read. Emerald Block kids will bring home a reader every night. Sometimes this will be a book that has been guided with the teacher but sometimes it may just be an independent book out of their book box. The children will also bring home a reading log for you to sign. This is a way for our children to share their learning with you, and for you to show your excitement at their reading. The kids will then get stickers when they have read at home, to make it doubly exciting. The reading log has some help pages for parents with tips, ideas and questions to ask when reading with your kids.

Thank you for making a commitment to helping your child make the most of this year. Please come and see us if you have any questions. Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai ā tātou tamariki...



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Other Dates and Events

Please check the school calendar for all dates and events and ensure you are signed up to our private school facebook site. Here are some up and coming. More info will come out about these.

- ❑ Whānau Hui for all whānau of Māori Students Tuesday 19th Feb- 6pm in Emerald Block
- ❑ School assemblies every even week starting Week 2 - Fri 15th Feb, all welcome to come starts 9.10am in school hall.
- ❑ Capital E National Arts Festival 2019 trip for Emerald block Tuesday 19th March.
- ❑ Life Ed- Tue 19th and Wed 20th February

PMP

We are in desperate need for parent help for PMP. We cannot do it without you. Mon, Tues, Wed afternoons 2-3pm. Please sign up at the office if you can make it.

Contact Details

Please contact Clare and Katherine as your first point of call for any concerns:

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Please remember to bring your completed forms back and pay the money by Friday 15th March.



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CLASS DOJO

WOW YOU HAVE BEEN A SUPER STAR IN EMERALD BLOCK!

You get to choose one of your class rewards.

- o 15 mins free time
- o Bring a game or toy from home and play with it
- o Take a class friend home
- o 15 mins on the playground (with teacher)
- o Teacher's Helper for the day
- o Change your dojo monster
- o 15 mins ipad time
- o Sit on the couch for the day

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Class Dojo

It is great to see so many of you joined up to our class dojo. These are the prizes that our tamariki came up with for their dojo prizes. Each child gets a prize for every ten points they score. Prizes like couch, class buddy and teacher helper can be claimed on the day (or day after) but for the other prizes we will have dojo time on Fridays. This helps us to manage numbers.

If your child has chosen to bring a toy in from home, please send this on Friday. We will allocate time for them to play with these then.

If your child has chosen to bring a class friend home, please enjoy the evening with this chosen friend and bring back to school the following morning (or on Monday if they are taking a buddy home on a Friday).