

PARENT INFORMATION SHEET



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Kia ora tātou,

Here are some of the initiatives planned school wide for 2019. This information sheet covers some of the key topics we will be sharing at the parent information evening for those who can make it. If you have any questions please email the Senior Leadership Team:

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Make A Difference - Strategic Plan for 2019

BIRCHVILLE SCHOOL
Our Strategic Direction

Our Vision: *Aroha ki te ako. Ako ki te aroha. Love to learn. Learn to love.*

Our Values
GROWTH EMPATHY MANA SELF BELIEF

To talk about our learning
Our initiatives:
Reporting to parents - what this looks like
Showing progress
ASSESSING and reporting the Key comps
ETaP parent portal
3 way conferences
Communication
Dojo used as a parent communication
Children able to talk about their learning
Learner PROCESS
Work Collaboratively
Cluster connections
Teacher Inquiries
Maths PLD

Our success:
All Birchville GEMS and their whanau are able to talk about their learning and next steps to success.

To learn through our GEMS
Our initiatives:
Key Competencies
Deep learning
Play based learning
Maker Space
Science
Technology
EnviroSchools and sustainability
Place Based Learning- connecting to our place
Maths PLD
Leadership PLD
Play.Sport

Our success:
All Birchville GEMS and their whanau know what they need to do to become learners that love learning

eTAP Parent Portal

This year we are opening the Parent Portal option on our school management system called eTAP. This will give parents access to information all school related information on file about your child. Including: attendance, assessment, school calendar and school policies. You can also make contact with the school through the site if you are unable to visit in person. Parents will be given login details and from there they can change passwords to suit. Return often, as we will be regularly adding and updating assessment information. More information and login details will be sent out once it is ready to go.

Maths Professional Learning and Development 2019

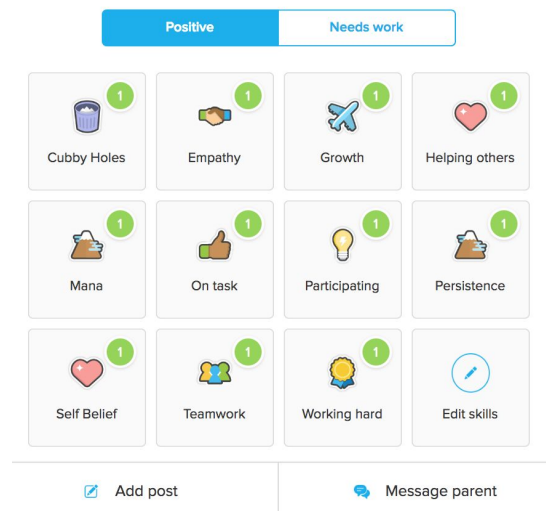
Last year we applied for funding to get support with our Maths Professional Learning and Development for 2019. We were lucky to have this accepted and this year will be working closely with Janine Simpson our Maths facilitator. Maths is an area that hasn't been looked at for a while at Birchville and with the changes in pedagogy around Maths thinking and our new staff on board we are very excited to be on this journey. Our big focus is working on providing sustainable professional development for teachers and support staff to improve outcomes and achievement in Maths for our students.

Some of the expected outcomes for students would be to build confidence and awareness of what is Maths? (outside just the numeracy stages). We want to develop thinking that is cross curricular and not just number based. We want our students to be mathematical thinkers, to be problem solvers and be able to communicate their thinking and ideas to others. For our target students we are looking at how we can use different strategies to build their math capacity.

At a whānau level this will look like more whānau engagement in maths to include a rich dialogue about Maths and to create some consistency between what and how students are learning Maths at school and how parents could be supporting them with this at home.

Using ClassDojo to celebrate our GEMS

Most parents are now connected to Class Dojo. Class Dojo is an online system we are using school wide to celebrate our GEMS and Key Competencies. Students are recognised for showing these values and a range of rewards are available. Parents will be able to view their students points and see what they got those points for. Robyn holds a school wide GEMS Assembly once a fortnight where she will randomise each block to give an extra incentive. She also has a special 'principal dojo time' where she spends some quality time with the top 10 students from each block who have the most points Kids love it. Further down the track there is also an option for students to share learning through their student portfolio tab.



Kindo - Online payment and consent system for Birchville

We will be using Kindo for parent payments, it is an online system that links to our accounting system, Parents have the ability to see which payments they need to pay and can pay part payments for bigger things like camp. The other great feature is online permission forms which means no more paper! A simple click of a few buttons and it sends the school all details in a report. Parents will receive an email with login details once we are all set up.

We are going green! - Sustainability Trust

This year we are working with sustainability trust to be an eco-school! We will be working on various projects across the year. As a start we are replacing our single bins with coloured bins. Our aim is to reduce our landfill waste by 65%.



The property development plan for the next few years and what we will be raising funds towards

Main projects:

Replacing all the sky light roofing material

Install mixers on all basins and supply warm water for hand washing

Clear retractable doors for Moonstone and Sapphire

Bag storage for Greenstone and Emerald

Some remedial roof repairing to Emerald

Creation of an outdoor learning area where the junior playground used to be