

Piwakawaka - Term 1

Welcome to Piwakawaka, we look forward to getting to know you and your child and working alongside you both. Mrs Christina Reddish will be teaching Monday-Thursday and Mrs Kathy Travers will be in on Fridays.

Starting school is a big step for some children (and parents!) It can take at least 6 weeks, sometimes longer, to settle into the routines of school and it is normal for them to be a bit teary and unsure about coming to school. If your child is like this you can help by staying calm and saying goodbye quickly in the mornings.

We are here to support you both during this transition so please feel free to contact us via email or catch us after school (we are often busy setting up for the day in the mornings). If you would like a more formal chat please don't hesitate to schedule a meeting with us.

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Children are encouraged to be independent and to take responsibility for themselves and their own belongings at school. This means that children should carry their own bags to school and be responsible for putting their book bags away in the morning.

Swimming - Our swimming time is 1:30 -2:10 each afternoon. Please send children's togs and towels to school everyday. Please ensure all clothing is **clearly named**.

Library - We visit the library on Wednesday. Children are able to take their library books home, but only in their book bags. Please return the books each Wednesday so we are able to issue a new book.

Education Outside The Classroom (E.O.T.C. Week) - This will be Week 6 (6th-8th of March). We have lots of exciting outdoor activities and experiences planned. A more detailed notice will be sent home at a later date.

Reading - children will bring home a variety of reading material including their choice of library book, poems and guided reading books. Children will move onto guided reading as they show a readiness to begin formal reading.

Mathletics - Children will bring home their Mathletics log in details soon. Please help them to become independent when logging in and give them time to use Mathletics at home. Initially they may need support with some of the activities.

ClassDojo - This is a great tool for sharing your child's learning and communicating with us teachers. A notice has come home with how to download the app, please let me know if you need another one.