

Senior Class News – Term 1, 2022

In the Senior Room, we've been learning about the Waitangi Treaty, co-creating our own class treaty, discovering new books in Mrs Small's extensive class library, and finding out about each other. While the children know one another quite well, their teacher has a lot to catch up on!

Students have already experienced a few small changes to the way we learn. If you have the opportunity to pop into our classroom later this year, you will often find children grouped around the standing whiteboards, problem solving or co-constructing new knowledge. At other times, your children may be independently working towards personal goals, using a rubric to monitor their progress and set new goals, or playing a maths game to build basic facts knowledge.

The outside spaces are important to us all. Every opportunity we get, we will head outside to play and learn, documenting and taking inspiration from the natural world around us. There are lots of butterflies around at the moment, with dozens of them living in the tree near our outdoor classroom!

As the term unfolds, the children will be encouraged to inquire deeply into topics that have grabbed their interest in our field studies, mini lessons and discussions, and we will weave these into our literacy and maths learning.

I have been impressed with the resilience of every student in the senior class, as they have adjusted to our new regime of mask wearing. While none of us enjoys the experience, we are playing our part, taking responsibility for our own and each other's health.

Over the next few weeks, I will be contacting each parent or guardian to introduce myself and find out a little more about your child. Everything I can learn about the children now will help me tailor classroom experiences that grab their interest and make the learning fun. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all, and to an exciting year ahead.

Nga mihi

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