

WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI!

Mākara School Memo

MMS, Term 2, Week 8, 2022

Together we will reach the stars!



Important Dates

Term 2 ends Friday 8 July

THIS WEEK:

- Parent Information evening, Monday 20th
- Zoo Trip, Tuesday 21st
- Kapa Haka sessions - Wednesdays

COMING UP

Matariki Public Holiday- 24 June

Assessment Updates and Snapshot Folders home, Monday 4th July (Snapshot folders Back before 8th of July)

Matariki Whānau Celebration - 29 June

Last day of Term - Friday 8 July

Term 3 - Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September

- TEACHER ONLY DAY - 26 August 2022

Term 4 - Monday 17 October to Friday 16 December

Message from Caro

The winter term is always interesting, firstly for obvious reasons, with the weather is at its worst. For us, this also means students spending more of their time indoors if it is raining or too cold. Our children also like to play in the puddles and any mudded area when they are outside, so please remind them to bring a spare pair of clothes, including socks, for such occasions!

We are finding that some of our children are often eating a lot of their food at morning tea time, and left feeling a bit hungry at lunchtime. Could you please check with your child if they need a little extra to keep them going in the winter terms. An extra piece of fruit for a fruit break is also a welcome addition to their lunchbox. Please also ensure they have their drink bottle, and of course a jacket!

Our Makara Minders, after school care, has started up this week too - and we will be trialling it for the rest of the term. This is a long anticipated service, and we really hope that it becomes a permanent part of what we are able to offer our community.

Our children will be receiving their assessment updates in the last week of term. These will be accompanied by their Snapshot folders. We would love for the folders to be returned during the last week. We will then be holding goal setting chats early next term.

Thank you so much for your attendance at our Parent Information Evening - so lovely to you there, and we look forward to seeing you all again at our Matariki Celebration evening on the 29th of June.

- Caro

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

We have been fortunate to receive over 100 plants from the council! We would love a crew of parents and students to come and help us plant them all!

Please let Kiri or Caro know if you are able to help us out, or if you would even like to take charge of PROJECT PLANT!

We would love to get this done as soon as possible, so look forward to hearing from you!



BBQ DONATION



WE HAVE BEEN BLOWN AWAY BY THE GENEROSITY OF MITRE 10, WHO KINDLY DONATED A BBQ TO US, AFTER OUR OLD SCHOOL ONE STOPPED WORKING.

**THANK YOU
MITRE 10
PETONE!**

IT IS WITH DONATIONS LIKE YOURS, THAT OUR LITTLE SCHOOL CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER AMAZING EXPERIENCES FOR OUR CHILDREN!

STRUCTURED LITERACY

For those of you who attended our Parent Information Evening yesterday, you would have heard a little about our Structured Literacy approach. If you would like more information about it, please read on!

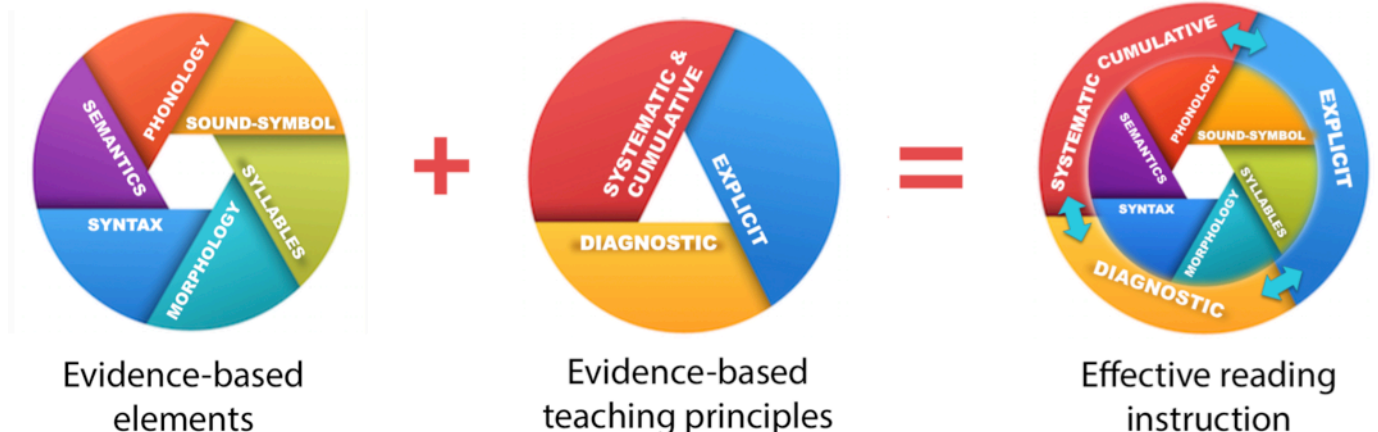
What is Structured Literacy?

Structured Literacy is explicit, systematic teaching that focuses on phonological awareness, word recognition, phonics and decoding, spelling and syntax at the sentence and paragraph levels.

To find out more, please take a look at the [SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION](#) which is linked in the email.

Structured literacy

Explicit teaching of systematic word identification and decoding strategies



AFTER SCHOOL CARE



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE VERY FIRST MMS AFTER-SCHOOL CARE, HAS STARTED THIS WEEK!

IF YOUR CHILD IS KEEN TO JOIN, OR YOU ARE NEEDING CHILD CARE OPTIONS, LET KIRI IN THE OFFICE KNOW.

Kareena Writing

The Fox And The Wolf

"I'm the best hunter," fox said.
"NO, I'm the best hunter!" wolf argued
"Well I'm the best hunter because I am quick, sneaky and smart," fox spat "Not true! I'm the best hunter because I camouflage and have sharp claws and teeth. So **CLEARLY**, I'm better," said wolf with a grin so big you could see it from a mile away. So the fight went on and on until they had a competition.



Fox counted down from three. "Three, two, aaaaaaaaaaannnd, ONE," They were off! Fox was off to a good start with two rabbits in his pile, while wolf only had a few mice in hers. Wolf caught up and now hunted bigger prey that fox wouldn't be able to get but it took a long time to hunt big prey so Fox was able to get over five rabbits while Wolf was able to get a baby ox. Fox was still worried so he decided to scavenge for bigger prey other animals had left in various places. After the day had passed they counted the prey to find the score was even. Disappointed in themselves they both returned to their homes to rest.

Fox lay in a soft patch of his burrow contemplating what had just happened. He watched the outside world until the morning came, as did Wolf who lay alone outside her pack's territory, too embarrassed to tell her pack what happened. They both watched Tiger hunt better than them. Tiger hunted prey big and small quickly in the grassland. So that night Wolf and Fox hatched a plan. They would challenge Tiger to a hunting competition Fox and Wolf versus Tiger to see who won.

Tiger counted down. "Three, two, one, GOOO," And they were off! Fox scavenged while Wolf hunted bigger prey. Tiger wasn't close to their catch at all and by the end of the competition Fox and Wolf won! So all the animals returned to their holes and dens and every animal lived happily ever after.

By Maia Smith

Cross Country

"Well done to the five students who represented MMS at Inter Zone on Thursday 16 June!"

After a postponement on Tuesday to allow the grounds to dry, the event finally went ahead.

Everybody ran their best and it was awesome to hear how everyone did. Well done to Nixon Drew, Sherlock Drew, and Lucas Figuera.

A special mention to Archie Tulloch who came 9th overall in his event and goes through to the Regionals for the Year 8 Boys and Nathanael Minstead who came 1st overall in his event and also goes through to the Regionals for the Year 7 Boys."



KIWI CLASS



ANIMAL REPORTS

SPIDERS

By barnaby billings

Spiders have been around for millions of years that is longer than humans! Some people are scared of spiders it is called arachnophobia but don't worry it is not very common here are some spider facts

*spiders are arachnids * some spiders don't make webs

* spiders have been around for 400 million years

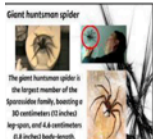


FUN FACT!

In 1990 some people made a film called arachnophobia! Can you guess what it is about?

The giant huntsman spider

The giant huntsman spider is the second largest spider in the world they are huge! Boasting 30 centimeters leg span and 4.8 centimeters body length they look like they came from your nightmares!



The goliath bird eating spider

The goliath bird eating spider is the largest spider in the world they are scary large bigger than an adults hand! They also eat BIRDS! Insane! That's how they got their name

Thanks for reading this I hope you learned something about spiders!

The end!



Spiders - By Mia

Why do spiders have eight eyes?

Spiders' eyes detect motion, which helps the spider to sense danger and to react to it.

Do spiders have teeth?

Most commonly spiders bite their prey and inject venom which immobilises their prey and begins the process of digestion. Spiders don't have teeth.

Why do spiders have eight legs?

Eight legged spiders and two legged people survived and reproduced. We have two legs because our Ancestors had two legs. Our distant relatives are all other two legged primates walking and climbing around. Spiders have eight legs because their ancestors had eight legs.

Snakes - By Amy

Snakes are amazing animals. They smell with their tongues, and if they are in the sand they dig down to find moisture.

What does it mean to be called a viper?

Although viper is a scientific name for a particular family of snakes who poison others by biting them with hollow fangs that inject venom, it is often used generally to describe a spiteful, disloyal of back-stabbing person.

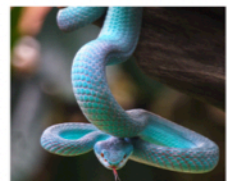
How poisonous is a viper?

Vipers include some of the deadliest snakes. A viper has a stocky body, a wide head, and has long, hinged fangs at the front of its mouth for injecting venom. The venom causes a very painful wound that can be fatal.

Do vipers eat their mother?

When the viper is near to giving birth, her young do not wait for the loosening of nature but bite through her sides and burst out, killing their mother.

I hope you liked my animal report, I will show you some pictures of snakes down below:



TUI CLASS

Tui class has been learning about measuring volume and capacity for maths. We explored this by measuring the ingredients we needed with cups and teaspoons to bake bread. It was educational, fun and delicious!

