

# Kārearea Team Newsletter 2020- Term 1

## Welcome

Welcome to the beginning of a new and exciting school year! 'Kārearea' is the name given to the middle school team at Cromwell Primary School.

Kārearea is the te reo name of the native falcon. The Kārearea is represented in our school emblem and whakatauki:

'Iti kārearea kahikatea ka taea'



*'The smallest falcon can reach the top of the tallest tree.'*

This year, due to roll growth we have a 5th Kārearea Team class consisting of Year 2 and Year 3 students. By doing so we have managed to keep class starting numbers under 26 students per class.

## Teaching Team for 2020

- Kārearea 1 - Rachel Peters  
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- Kārearea 5 - Barbara Caughey  
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- Christina Crossan and Jen Chamberlain - Release Teachers
- Sue Collins will be working within the team as our teacher aide.

Kārearea Hub will be made up of 2 classes and will be working collaboratively in an environment where students will move between teachers according to their needs.

Shona Hamilton has the dual roles of Communities of Learning as well as SENCO (Learning Support Coordinator) and will be released 2 days a week for these responsibilities. Karen Huffadine will step back into K3 to cover these days for the year.

You will still see Nicole Fraser around and about Kārearea classes and throughout the school working in a variety of ways to support learning and teaching until the birth of her baby in April!

We are very lucky to welcome two new faces to the team; Rachel Peters in K1 and Barbara Caughey in K5. Rachel joins us as our new Team Leader and Barbara as the teacher of our newest class of Year 2 & 3 students. Both are very experienced teachers who come to CPS with a wealth of knowledge and expertise of teaching and learning. We also welcome Shona Hamilton, who has moved into Kārearea from Ako this year.

## Communication



Seesaw will once again be our primary form of communication with you from the classroom this year. It is a great way to stay in touch with your child's learning and watch their progress in real time.

Keep a lookout for the email your child's teacher will send you with an invitation to join up.

Our team web page has information about curriculum programmes and links, term plans and dates. You can access it through the CPS website by clicking on the classrooms link.

## Chromebooks

There is always some discussion amongst students and parents about the need for chromebooks in Years 3 and 4. The purchase of a chromebook is completely optional. There are a small number of Year 3 and 4 students who have their own. This year each class, including our newest Year 2/3 class, will have 11 chromebooks and 5 ipads for students to use. If your child does have their own chromebook, they will require a BYOD permissions form. Once returned, their device can be set up for use at school. Throughout Term 1 Kārearea students will be learning about digital citizenship - appropriate and responsible use of devices and appropriate consequences for misuse.

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## Sunhats

In Terms 1 and 4 it is compulsory for students to wear the school uniform sunhat in the playground. Our rule is 'No hat, no play' to enforce how serious we are about sun protection! If your child does not have a hat please purchase a new one from Metrographics for \$16.00.

## Curriculum Coverage

We have an exciting term of learning planned for Term 1.

- **Inquiry** - Whole year focus across the school; Sustainability. Term 1, Sustaining Me
- **Physical Education** - Athletics, EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) Activities
- **Visual Arts** - Observational drawing and Portraits
- **Music** - Recorder

## Year 4 Noho Marae

This year we will once again take all our Year 4 students to Te Rau Aroha Marae in Bluff for an overnight camp in **Term 4**. We will need to do some fundraising across the year to cover transport costs for this trip. We will be in touch with parents of Year 4 students to help with activities each term. Our goal is to raise \$2500.

## Handwriting Book

In the Kārearea Team we have had great success with using pre-printed handwriting books with students. Your child will be assessed in week 1 to work out the best book for them. Your account will then be charged \$4 for this stationery item. If you would rather your child did not have this book, please let their class teacher know. The alternative is for them to copy off the whiteboard into an exercise book.

## Homework

You can support your child at home with learning their basic facts, spelling words and by encouraging regular reading. From time to time there may be special activities your child is asked to complete as part of a classroom investigation. Your child's teacher will let you know the routines and expectations in more detail.

If parents are looking for additional maths homework, this year we will be using Studyladder. All children will have accounts they can access at home and at school. More information will be covered in the Meet the Teachers sessions.

## Education Outside the Classroom

EOTC activities will be spread across the term on the dates below. More detailed information will be provided via email. Please fill out the Google form which will be emailed by the end of Week 1 for all EOTC activities. Also, if you can help with any of these events please let us know via that Google Form.

### Week 2:

[Bike Safety Check](#) all students bring bikes - Garry Milford  
Friday 14th February

### Week 3 TBC:

[Bike Skills Session](#) all students bring bikes - Garry Milford

### Week 4:

[Senior Athletics Yr 4-6](#)  
Friday 28th February

### Week 6:

[Bike Rides all classes](#)  
(parents needed)  
Friday 13th March

### Week 7:

[First Aid Course](#)  
K1, K2 - Thursday 19th March  
K3, K4, K5 - Friday 20th March

### Week 9:

[Kayaking at Cromwell Pool](#)  
(parents needed)  
K4, K5 - Thursday 2nd April  
K1, K2, K3- Friday 3rd April

### Week 10:

[Walking Tracks all classes](#)  
(parents needed)  
Wednesday 8th April

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## Meet the Teacher Evening

Our Meet the Teacher Evening will be held on Tuesday 11th February. We are offering two sessions:

- 6.30 pm - 7.10 pm
- 7.10 pm - 7.55 pm

It is a great opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher about programmes and expectations and for them to answer any questions you may have.

## Profiles Reminder

If you have not yet returned your child's profile from last year, please ensure you do so as soon as possible.

## Assemblies

This term we will once again be holding full school assemblies at the College Auditorium. Parents and whanau are always welcome to attend assemblies.

Assemblies will be at 11:40am at the College Auditorium on:

Week 3 Friday 21st February

Week 5 Friday 6th March

Week 7 Friday 20th March

## Dates to Remember

- **Meet the Teacher** - Tuesday 11th February, Two sessions:  
6.30pm - 7.10pm  
7.10pm - 7.55pm
- **Whakatau / Welcome for new CPS students and families / whānau** - Tuesday 11th February 10.40am. Stay on for morning tea / shared kai afterwards (Finish at 11.15am)
- **Students to bring bikes & helmets to school** Friday 14th and Friday 21st February
- **Senior Athletics Day** Yr 3-6 Friday 28th February
- **Kārearea Team EOTC Events** - check dates outlined in this newsletter.
- **Goal Setting** - Week 9

## Contact Information

To ensure that parents living at different addresses receive email information, please include and return the tear off slip at the conclusion of this newsletter with your email information.

Regards

Rachel Peters, Claire Lincoln, Shona Hamilton, Karen Huffadine, Belinda Thomlinson and Barbara Caughey  
Kārearea Team

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## Parent Email information

Child's Name:	
Mother's email:	
Father's email:	

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## Education Outside The Classroom 2020



Dear Parents and Whanau,

We are all looking forward to an exciting few days of activities outside the classroom across

Term 1 with students. Our main goals are to promote independence, respect for each other and the environment, a “can-do” attitude and a willingness to try new things.

We really appreciate the help we receive from parents and other members of our community. Without this help it would not be possible to provide such a variety of experiences. An online google form is being sent out by the end of week 1 which outlines how you can be involved.

Students will attend school each day for normal hours even if events are cancelled due to bad weather.

- All students need to bring a packed lunch, water bottle, hat and sunscreen to school on each activity day. There is no need to wear school uniform - students are welcome to wear muffi - but they should wear enclosed shoes and no singlet tops please!!

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**Please respond to the online google form for parent helpers by end of week 2.**

To support the school in running these activities across the term, we are asking parents to pay a voluntary donation of \$12. This will cover all EOTC activities for the term.

If you are willing to support us please make payment using online banking and your surname and EOTC Kārearea as a reference.

Account details: 03 1735 000416200