

Webber Class Letter

Term one



Respect
Responsibility
Resilience

We are proud to say we know
the **Hay Park Way** values.



Kia ora

Welcome back to all students and whānau for the 2024 school year. My name is Neelam Patel and I will be the classroom teacher for Webber Class (Room 9). It was lovely to meet some families during our initial learning conversation on Monday 5th Feb. If you did not get a chance to make a booking please pop by to say hi, I would love to meet all our whānau.

Class Artist

This year our class is named after Joanne Webber. She is a New Zealand artist based in Christchurch. Joanne's work is defined by the use of bold colours that dance on the canvas and draw the eye around the scene. She is most famous for her work with Tikis and the use of kiwiana icons. We look forward to exploring her work and using her as inspiration for our masterpieces.

Term 1 Learning

Our theme this term is identity and wellbeing. We will be looking into the Treaty of Waitangi, Ko Wai Au (who am I) and how to introduce ourselves using our pepeha. We will also be using the Te Whare Tapa Whā framework which has a focus on the four main wellbeing dimensions which are mental & emotional, spiritual, physical and whānau as the epicentre. As part of the Aotearoa Histories curriculum we will be looking into a few key historical events of New Zealand, and how these events brought about change. We have an exciting trip to Orewa Beach for a surfing and beach education day. This year we are running new specialisation learning opportunities every second week. This will include Art with Ms Guthrie, PE with Mr Morris, Drama with Mrs Hover and Digital Technology with whāea Teri.

Home Learning

Home learning at a senior level is based on independence and time management. There are three main focus areas for home learning, these are maths, reading and spelling. At home this could look like a 45 minute home learning session; 15 minutes of Xtramaths, 20 minutes of reading and 10 minutes of spelling/writing. Children have access to all the maths and spelling programs on our class site. I encourage children to read a physical book. They can issue a book from the school library or read their Duffy books. If this is not possible there are many online reading options on our class site.

Stationery & Chromebooks - Stationery packs can be purchased from the school office for \$18. These will be delivered directly to the class. If your child is purchasing a Chromebook this year please ensure you have made a \$40 deposit and signed a contract. Children will only receive their Chromebook once the deposit is paid and a contract has been signed.

Library - Our library session is every Monday. Please help your child in returning their books to school on or before library day.

School Uniform - As part of the Hay Park Sun Safe policy, children are required to wear a hat when outside during terms one & four. A blue school bucket hat is the preferred hat as part of our uniform. However, a plain hat is also suitable. Please name all uniform items so we can locate them if misplaced.

Lunches - This year we will continue to receive school lunches provided by the government. Students only need to bring a healthy snack for morning tea. If children wish to bring a packed lunch from home that is fine. A reminder that we are a health conscious school, this means we do not allow children to bring any lollies or chocolate to school.

Water Bottles - Water is a vital part of learning. We encourage all students to bring in a named drink bottle with water only. A gentle reminder that we are a water only school. This means no juice, flavoured milk or fizzy drinks.

Please feel free to pop into class or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Class site: <https://sites.google.com/haypark.school.nz/webberclass/home>

Key dates

Mon 6 Feb - Waitangi Day

Thu 15 Feb - Webber Class assembly

Wed 21 Feb - Whānau consultation hui

Mon 4 Mar - Kawa of Care hui

Wed 13 Mar - Whole school Te Māra Hūpara, traditional Māori playground trip

Tue 19 & Wed 20 Mar - Learning conversations

Fri 29 Apr - Good Friday (No School)

Mon 1 Apr - Easter Monday (No School)

Tue 2 Apr - Easter Tuesday (No School)

Thu 11 Apr - Celebration of Learning Assembly

Fri 12 Apr - 1.50pm End of term 1