

Te Awa 2025



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Learning Assistant



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Learning in Te Awa

Teaching and learning is mainly done within the children's hub. We collaborate across the team in a variety of ways and in a range of curriculum areas.

Children are assessed throughout the year using different tools - we have one-on-one testing and computer based tests to get a large picture of data. We also look at the tasks they complete in class throughout the term to identify what the learning needs are. This is how we plan our lessons.

Inquiry is integrated across the curriculum and covers the themes

Later in the year we participate in the Rehu Tai speech competition - we will need your help with writing and practising speeches at home!

PE is taught by Miss Jorien Fourie. PE gear is required for year 5 and 6, optional for year 4's

- Kaitiaki White, Kaitiaki Braxton and Kaitiaki Ward are on Tuesday
- Kaitiaki Nikki, Kaitiaki Kristie and Kaitiaki Brooke are on Thursday

Home Learning

The team will be using the digital subscriptions Reading Eggs and Oxford Maths as our home learning options.

- Reading Eggs can be paid for on Hero
- Oxford Maths is coming online, more information will be share as we get it
- In the meantime we encourage you to practice basic facts with your child which will support them alongside their in-class learning. This may look like Prototec or simply verbally going through your times tables with a whānau member
- Additional reading daily is encouraged for 30 minutes daily

Devices

- Please ensure that you and your child have read and signed the Chromebook agreement, shared on Hero. It is essential that this is completed as soon as possible
- We have chromebook cupboards in each hub which students must put their device in each day, chromebooks are not to be left in student's bags
- Highly recommended students in years 4-8 bring their own device to school.
- When at school, students must be logged into their device using their school login. This is how LineWize works and enables kaiako to monitor students internet use
- Device use time - used as a support tool in the classroom
- In a typical day students will be using a blend of books and devices
- As we get to year 6 we use them more than in year 4 as device use progressively increased

Communication Channels

- Please see your child's Kaitiaki teacher first. In most cases they will be best placed to answer your question or query.
- We have an expectation at school that emails will be answered within a 24 hour window, this excludes the weekend - please understand the pressures on our staff
- Please email your child's Kaitiaki teacher to make an appointment if you would like to speak with them - they are unable to meet before or after school without prior arrangement.
- Hero - our main platform that notices/permissions for trips, reminders etc - this is also where we share your child's reports, where you can let us know when your child is absent and pay for school costs.
- Facebook Groups - option platform for whānau to join where sharing of learning/team reminders takes place. This is a private group and members must answer questions to be admitted. We will rotate the sharing of learning - 1 hub per week will share a variety of learning so that it doesn't get too busy.
- Kindo - not a communication channel but app for purchasing mostly fundraising things eg sausage sizzles or order lunches (please make sure you have updated your child's class for 2025)

Uniform

Key points: *(Full expectations available via our school website)*

- The uniform is worn all year with variations for seasonal changes.
- All items of clothing and footwear must be clearly named.
- All hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back or up with hair ties or ribbons must match one of the uniform colours (black, beige, brown, navy, white).
- No makeup or nail polish is to be worn.
- Socks in plain white, blue, or black may be worn.
- Jewellery, other than a wristwatch, is not permitted unless it is an item of cultural, religious, or medical significance. These are worn at the owner's risk.
- For safety reasons, one pair of stud earrings only may be worn in the ears.
- Students must wear sensible flat-soled shoes or sandals - we encourage colours that match the school uniform.
- PE uniform is compulsory for years 5-8 (and can be worn in Year 4)
- School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 & 4
- Students must arrive at school in a school uniform shirt, not their PE shirt and shorts. PE shirts and shorts can be worn home from school.

Smart Watches - Phones

- If your children brings a phone to school they must hand it in at the office when they get to school, it is then kept in a named plastic bag in the office for the day, and is to be collected from the office at the end of the school day. Please talk to your child about this requirement and remind them of the process.
- Smartwatches with internet, calling, or texting capability must be switched to either 'school' or flight mode.

Events

- Orienteering - Friday 28th March - Do you think you can help on the day? We need people to be placed around the community to support with safety.
- Cross Country - Monday 16th June
- Athletics - Date TBC
- Field of Dreams Swimming Lessons - This is tentatively booked in for Term 3, more information to be shared later in the term.

MPSSA

- Students are selected to participate in MPSSA sports based on their participation in PE as well as any trials that take place. Extra curricular sports activities especially cannot take place without whānau volunteers so if your child puts their name down to participate, it is important that you consider your availability to help out at the events.
- Year 5 to 6 mainly with the exception of Cross Country which year 4's are selected to participate in.
- Email - courtneyw@reremoana.school.nz if you are available to help with any of the sports.
- Term 1 - Swimming, Cricket, Rippa
- Term 2 - Orienteering, Football, Volleyball
- Term 3 - Football, Netball, Cross Country, Basketball
- Term 4 - Touch, CM Games, Athletics

Representative Sports Uniforms

- When will these be worn; MPSSA, CM Games
- This is not to be worn for PE or during school week.
- We do have a school supply which will be collected and returned in the office the day of the event where students will sign them out/ in. Each student will be responsible for their uniform
- There will be the option for you to purchase these uniforms - the pathway for this will be shared in an upcoming newsletter and the first run will be in Week 5 of Term 2 - 30th May.