



Wadestown School

Room 1 Class Routines 2022 (New Entrants)

Kia ora and Welcome to Room 1

The purpose of this newsletter is to share with you the routines and organisation of Room 1.

Arrival at School - 8:30am onwards

Arrival at school is a prime opportunity for Room 1 students to develop 'self-management' skills:

1. Hang up their coat and bag in the cloakroom.
2. Take out their book bag and drink bottle.
3. Put the drink bottle on their table in Room 1.
4. Put their book bag in the red box by the door.

Once unpacked, students have time to socialise with other class members and play outside if it's fine. 8:50am is the first bell, signalling time for a drink or wharepaku. 8:55am is the classroom bell.

Note for Monday morning, they will need to:

Take out the reading books they have had for the past week and put them on blue table in the bay.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ring the school office before 9:00am 04 472 4779 and leave a message on the answer phone. If we do not hear from you, the office will call to ensure your child is safe at home.

Better Start Literacy Approach

This new Ministry of Education programme forms a big part of your child's Literacy Learning. Students will develop their phonological awareness and letter knowledge. They will hear quality children's stories, develop their vocabulary and their comprehension will develop. The programme recognises the importance of whanau in developing a foundation for literacy success. It is a culturally responsive programme where Maori and Pasifika language and culture can be seen in a range of the book titles and themes.

Homework

Your child will bring home a new reading book, Monday to Thursday. This book should stay in their book bag so that it can be read again both at school and at home. Re-reading of familiar books is a great way to build reading fluency.

Feel free to make a comment in their little red reading notebook if you so wish. Students will also have some high-frequency words to learn.

The poem of the week will come home on Friday and is planned as a shared reading with you.

Library Day

Room 1's library day is Tuesday and two books are issued for a week. There is a red box by the door for library books to be returned to, when they are finished with.

Clothing

We do keep a small supply of clean clothing for those times when children have a toileting accident, but I recommend that you leave a change of clothing in your child's bag, just in case.

During Term 1 and 4 all children are required to wear a sunhat. We encourage the children to bring and apply their own sunscreen.

Conversely during Term 3 it is a good idea for the children to have a warm woollen hat and to bring a raincoat to school in their bag, regardless of what the weather is like when they leave home. This means that when it is not raining, the children can go outside for a run around in some fresh air.

Assembly

On Friday we have an assembly which is attended by Ms Frater. One of our classes will be the host class and they get to present their work to a wider audience. School-wide notices are given, new students are welcomed, and certificates awarded.

Discovery Time is on a Friday. Your child will choose a variety of 'making things' to complete with others.

Communication

Please do not hesitate to contact me in the first instance if you have any concerns about school, whether it is in the playground or class. It is really important that your child's transition to school is as smooth as possible, and they are happy at school. Email is a very effective way to communicate with me or feel free to phone the school and leave a message.

**Thank you all for your support.
With your basket and my basket,
the students will learn.**

**Tēnei te mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.
Nāku te raurau, nāu te raurau,
ka ako ai ngā ākongā.**

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