

THE TTT TERM 1

WELCOME BACK!

*Ko Taupiri te maunga
Ko Waikato te awa
Ko Pōtatau te tangata
Ko Tūranga waewae te marae
Ko Ngāti Mahuta tōku hapū
Ko Waikato te iwi
Ko Tainui te waka
He piko he taniwha, he piko he taniwha
Waikato Taniwharau
Ko Chelsie Morgan ahau*

Kia ora e te whānau,
Nau mai, hoki mai, and welcome to a new year at The Tinfoil Tiger. I am really looking forward to working alongside you and your tamariki as we begin another exciting year of learning together. Establishing strong routines early on helps to build confidence, curiosity, social skills, self-control, and communication skills. Regular attendance is essential in supporting our tamariki to develop these important dispositions and to feel settled and successful at kura. A little bit about myself: I am a mother of two boys who previously attended Waipā Primary School. I grew up in Ngāruawāhia and am also an ex-pupil of Waipā Primary, as is my mother, who still works here at our kura. I have a strong passion for music, the arts, and Te Ao Māori. If you or your whānau have interests, skills, or cultural knowledge you would like to share, we would love to welcome you in to be part of our learning journey. My door is always open, so please feel free to come and see me. I would love to hear about what is important to your child and your whānau, as well as any exciting events or concerns you may wish to discuss.

Ngā mihi nui,
Whaea Chelsie

WHAT'S ON

- **WEEK 2** - Fruit Resumes,
Basic Facts Test
School Spelling
- **WEEK 4** - Watersmart Session 23/2
- **WEEK 8** - TTT & TDD Swimming Display 24/3,
- **WEEK 9** - Easter Raffle, Good Friday! Last week of term

Homework - Starting next week, on Monday of Week 2, your child will have homework. This will usually include worksheets that align with the Year 3 New Zealand Curriculum, along with a reading book. I aim to keep the homework manageable, with each session taking no longer than 30 minutes.

If your child is absent please ensure you contact the office.
Phone: (07)824-8228

CLASS AWARDS

Celebrating the success of others is an important part of life at Waipā. It is also a great way to motivate our tamariki to work to the best of their abilities. Within The Tinfoil Tiger, we use group points, the treasure box, chance cards, and a weekly merit award as tools to support and recognise success.

If your tamaiti has achievements outside of kura, please let me know so we can celebrate these with them too.

T1 LEARNING

Reading:

Whole Class Reading, Small Group Reading (BSLA), The Code (Phonics)

Writing:

Writing Revolution Method - focusing on the correct construction of written language

Mathematics:

Number - addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division

Physical Education (PE):

Swimming

Topic:

All About Me, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Ngā Kaitiaki o te Wai

Art:

Observational Drawings, Watercolour Art

SUMMER REMINDER

Please ensure your child is wearing sunblock before coming to school. I will make sure tamariki have applied sunscreen before the lunchtime break. If your child requires their own sunscreen, please let me know. All tamariki are required to wear a hat during breaks. Our school pōtae can be purchased from the office.

SWIMMING

Swimming is a compulsory activity at our kura and is part of the New Zealand Curriculum. It gives our tamariki the opportunity to build confidence in the water, learn essential water safety skills, and develop both physical and social skills. If your child is unable to participate in swimming, a note is required. If you need support with swimwear, please don't hesitate to reach out.