

WHĀNAU PANUI / NEWSLETTER
Term One, 2020.

Tena koutou katoa ngā whānau.

We hope that you all have had
a wonderful Summer.

This month we are busy
celebrating **Seaweek -
Kaupapa Moana.**

The tamariki will be getting
hands on and exploring this
theme in ways that affirm
their connection to and
mindfulness of the health of
our ocean environment.

Important Dates -

- ❖ **Pirate Dress up Day -**
Thursday 12th March
- ❖ **Grandparents Day –**
Friday April 24th

A big thanks...

Thanks so much to the
families who came
along and supported us
at our quiz night this
week. Congratulations
to the Smith family for
winning 1st place!



We'd like to give a big
warm welcome to our
new **Kaiako Sooz!**
You can find **Sooz** in
Manawa room.

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Aroha Room

In te ruma Aroha/nursery we have been focusing on **exploring with our senses**.

This has included lots of experiences about touch, taste, smell, sound and sight. We made some life-sized models of our tamariki showing how we all have different unique features.

We have been enjoying some messy texture play with mud, gloop, wood shavings, play dough, shaving foam and paint!

This week we have planned a taste testing experience with a range of flavours, I can't wait to see the children's expressions and reactions!

We'd like to welcome Kaiako Samantha to the Aroha team, now consisting of Belinda, Samantha & Sue. We'd also like to welcome some new tamariki to our room.

Te ruma Aroha received a special gift from a local North Canterbury business this week 'Mama Bloom'.

Mama Bloom herself bought us in this beautiful macramé and dried flower creation to display in our room – Ataahua!



Manawa Room

We warmly welcome our new families that have joined us this year, we look forward to getting to know your whānau better.

Some of our Manawa Tamariki have turned four! Happy birthday to our Tamariki and Hunter who are now new members of the Atawhai room (Amber chooses where she goes throughout the day!) Kia kaha tamariki, I know you will make a fabulous contribution to Atawhai room. Manawa tamariki will be transitioning over the next month.

We are right into the swing of things for term one. Our current room focus is on transportation and the tamariki are exploring many avenues of interest in this area.

We have been making lots of our own vehicles out of loose parts and construction materials. I love the experimentation and imagination the tamariki show. It is awesome to see.

If you have any interesting vehicles you could show the tamariki please talk to one of your child's teachers!

Following the interest of the tamariki we will be having pirate day next week. Tuesday 10th March. Come dressed as a pirate for a day of fun!



Atawhai Room

Kia ora whānau,

This year has started with a lot of exciting opportunities for our tamariki. We have begun a new transition program on Mondays, Tuesday & Thursdays which focuses on social and emotional competence skills such as teamwork, expressing feelings, co-operating and other important skills for school.

In celebration of Waitangi Day in February, we decided to create a traditional Korowai which was worn by the Maori chiefs while signing the Te titi o Waitangi.

Putting on our creativity hats, we decided to be innovative by cutting out paper into feather shapes to represent flax. First, the tamariki choose different coloured pencils to decorate each feather shape applying their unique touch. We then practiced our scissor skills by cutting them out and putting it all together into a beautiful cloak.

Swimming lessons resume tomorrow, the 4th of March 2020 and we appreciate any parent help.

In te ruma Atawhai we have welcomed our new Tamariki. It is great to have you all joining us.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are our SHOW AND TELL days. Please be advised that we will encourage tamariki to bring their special treasures on these days only.

Finally, we are developing a whānau wall and would really love if you could provide a family photo from home that we can display in the Atawhai classroom. You could bring one into preschool or alternatively email one to

teachers@sovereignstarpreschool.co.nz

