

From the Acting Principal...

A warm welcome back to families, learners, staff and those new to Conifer Grove School.

School starts on Wednesday 4th February for all of our learners.

On Wednesday morning - If you are unsure of your child's classroom this year - please assemble out front of the office under the big Oak tree, and a staff member will assist you.

Stationery - will be provided by the school.

Uniform - All students are expected to be in correct uniform, including a hat and correct footwear - please see information on uniform expectations (page 3).

Student Phones & Devices - to be switched off and handed in to teachers before school (these are stored in the school office for safe keeping for the day). Please keep smart watches at home.

Lunches - students bring a packed lunch and drink bottle - we are a WATER ONLY school If you need to drop off lunch to your child please report to the school office - please do not enter classrooms. There is no lunch scheme at Conifer Grove School.

Team Newsletters will be sent out to you shortly - please watch your emails.

Road Safety, bikes & scooters - Please remind children to **dismount** from their bike/scooter *before they get to the school gate and walk* to the bike racks. It is advisable to lock up your bike/scooter. Please ensure children are **wearing a helmet and footwear** when riding at all times, head injuries can be life changing. **Use pedestrian crossings** and stop/look before crossing the road, drivers - please take extra care around the school, children can be unpredictable. There are safety concerns we have observed and we thank you for your support in reinforcing these messages to keep our students safe.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday!

Ngaa mihi nui, Lee-Anne Maxwell, Acting Principal



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2026 TEACHING TEAM



2026	Senior Leadership Team	
	Lee-Anne Maxwell	Acting Principal
Senior School	Louise Turmer	Acting Deputy Principal
Junior School	Daniel Wickman	Assistant Principal
2026	Tipu Team	
Pihinga - New Entrants	Alisi Andrews & Kay Stables	
Room 2	Andrea Ng Waishing & Sally Davidson	
Room 4	Emma Wells	Team Leader
2026	Rea Team	
Room 5	Carolyn Dixon	
Room 6	Navneeta Lal	
Room 7	Gurpreet Kaur	
Room 8	Neena Dhingra	Team Leader
2026	Haemata Team	
Room 9	Albie Schultz	
Room 10	Priyanka Narayan	Team Leader
Room 11	Taylor Sparks	
Room 12	Yiyan Wang	
2026	Whanake Team	
Room 13	Suzanne Pope	
Room 14	Emma Wolstenholme	Team Leader
Room 24	Kinjal Borania	
Room 25	Simmy Kaur	
2026	Matomato Team	
Room 15	Subashni Prakash	
Room 16	Mary Ladalla	
Room 17	Aimee Jeffrey	
Room 18	Ashna Nathman	Team Leader
2026	Paapua Team	
Room 19	Daniel Sun	
Room 20	Kamlesh Ram	
Room 21	Evelyn Hopkinson	
Room 22	Shaaman Singh	Team Leader
2026	CRT Team	
	Fiona Moodley / Kristin Rich Gita Agith	

Contacting the Class teacher - to make an appointment please contact the teacher directly via email: [\(link to staff email addresses\)](#) or freephone the school office 0800242255 or Call (09) 299 7490

2026 DATES TO NOTE:

Week 1 - 4 Feb 6 Feb	Term 1 begins Waitangi Day - school closed
Week 2 - 9 Feb 10 - 13 Feb	10:15 Powhiri - All Welcome Paapua Camp
Week 3 - 16 Feb 19 Feb	Whanake Swimming begins 6:30 BOT Meeting
Week 4 - 23 Feb	Haemata Swimming begins
Week 5 - 2 Mar 3 Mar 4 Mar 5 Mar	10:15 Whole School Assembly Rm 7 & 8 Swimming begins Yr 5 - 8 Swimming Tournament Whaanau Fun Night
Week 6 - 9 Mar 11 Mar	New Entrant Cohort 2 begins Yr 5 - 8 Touch Tournament
Week 7 - 16 Mar 18 Mar	St John's in school this week Fire evac safety exercises Yr 5 - 8 Football Tournament
Week 8 - 24 Mar 26 Mar	Matomato Swimming begins 6:30 BOT Meeting
Week 9 - 30 Mar 2 Apr	10:15 Whole School Assembly Term 1 ends

2026 BREAK TIMES:

School starts 9:00am
Morning break 11:00am - 11:45am
Lunch break 1:15pm - 2:00pm
School finishes 3:00pm

2026 TERM DATES:

Term 1 4 Feb - 2 April
Term 2 20 April - 3 July
Term 3 20 July - 25 Sept
Term 4 12 Oct - 16 Dec

GATES:

8:15am School pedestrian gates open
9:00am All Gates close
2:50pm School pedestrian gates open

Need to drop lunches off or collect children during the day?
Please use Evanda Cres entrance and report to the school office first.

Cross
safely
using the
pedestrian
crossings



2026 SCHOOL UNIFORM



Sunhats
Yr 0-6 Red Bucket Hat
Yr 7+8 Green School Cap
(compulsory Term 1 and 4)



Footwear

Black Sandals OR
Black Shoes + black socks
(NO Crocs, jandals, slides please)

SUMMER

Black lightweight sport short
Schooltex Green Polo Shirt



WINTER

Green Polar Fleece
Red Fleece lined Jacket
Black track pant



Sports Uniform

Red Sports Tee
Black Sport Shorts
(Year 3-8 only)



Uniform Guidelines:

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform.

New uniform is available to purchase at The Warehouse, Takanini store.

Please note that if coloured vests/t-shirts are worn underneath your child's polo shirt, it is not to be visible.

- Please name each item of clothing clearly with your child's name in TWO places.
- Hats are to be worn in Terms 1 and 4 (after Labour Weekend).
Red Bucket hats for Year 0-6 students, green caps for Year 7 & 8 students only
- Black sandals or black shoes (with black socks) NO Crocs, jandals, slides please
- Nail polish is not to be worn and long hair should be tied up with brown, black, red or green hair ties.
- No jewellery to be worn other than a small pair of stud earrings.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Conifer Grove Netball Club 2026 Trials

Use this link to register

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/474407>

All trials are held at Papakura Netball Centre courts at Bruce Pulman Park. Please use link above or on club Facebook page to register before attending

3 February – Tuesday – 6pm – Premier and Senior

3 February – Tuesday 6pm – Collegiate – years 11-13 only (1st trial)

9 February – Monday 6pm – Collegiate (year 11-13 2nd trial) and Under 15 (years 9-10)

11 February – Wednesday – 6pm – Intermediates – year 7 and 8

Year 1-6 is online registration only – close 20 February. We will contact you after that to confirm teams.

See the club Facebook page for additional details.

If you have any questions conifergovenc@gmail.com or contact Jill on 0274547868

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