



# Term One Newsletter

**Welcome back to the start of the new school year! We can't wait to support the growth of your tamariki!**

## Upcoming Events

**Week 3:**  
16 - 19 February  
Swimming lessons

**Week 4:**  
27 February  
Non Uniform Day

**Week 5:**  
5 March  
Whaanau Fun Night

**Week 7:**  
Saint Johns in Schools

**18 March**  
Lockdown Exercise

**Week 9:**  
3 April  
Good Friday (Public Holiday)

## Reading

Students will be focussing on comprehension strategies such as making connections to a text and developing the ability predict a piece of text. We will also be working on fluency, through using a variety of techniques such as echo and choral reading. As always, importance will be placed on building new vocabulary, as this is the main factor in a childs ability to read confidently and get the most out of a text!

## Writing

In Writing this term, students will be learning about sentence structure; how to include a combination of simple and compound sentences to their writing which ultimately creates impact. They will also be experimenting with different forms of punctuation such as elipsis and speech marks, to add extra meaning and interest to their writing.

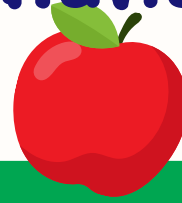
## Maths

Learners will be developing their addition and subtraction abilities by utlising strategies such as place value strategy, rounding and compensating and algorithm. Students will also be learning how to conduct a statistical investigation and present data based off these results. We will also delve into Geometry - including learning how to solve the perimeter and area of different shapes.

## Conceptual

Sustainabiliy is the theme this year and our big understanding is "People contribute to sustainable futures by taking economic, environmental and / or social action." In term one, students will be unpacking what it means to create a sustainable, healthy and safe environment.

# The Fantastic Whanake Kaiako



## Ms Emma Wolstenholme - Room 14



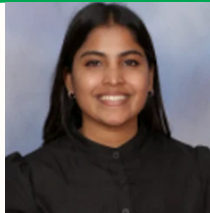
Kia ora Whanake Whaanau! I hope everyone is having a fabulous Summer full of fun with family and friends. I am excited to be a part of a wonderful team with talented and dedicated kaiako. As a teacher, I ensure I am continuously responsive to learners education needs, whilst creating a fun, safe and learning-focussed environment that fosters students' interests. I look forward to getting to know all of you, as we support your tamariki together. I have a 10-year-old son, Sebastian, who is passionate about football and always makes me laugh with his awesome sense of humour. In my spare time I learn Spanish, read, cook, write and like to keep active and healthy.

## Mrs Suzanne Pope Room 13



A warm welcome to you all as we begin the 2026 year!- He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa. It is with pleasure I join the wonderful Whanake Team. I am very excited to teach in Room 13 promising a fun learning centred culture. My goal is to ensure that all learners are successful and my commitment is to deliver a challenging program whilst catering to diverse learning styles. Please partner with me with Whanaungatanga to champion your learners positive experiences and outcomes at CGS. You matter! With me I bring a love for The Arts including Visual Art and Kapa Haka, as well as a dedication to literacy excellence, and proven experience with various mathematical approaches. It's going to be a productive and exciting year!

## Mrs Kinjal Borania - Room 24



Kia ora whaanau! I am excited to be joining Room 24 as a Year 4 kaiako this year and look forward to creating a positive and supportive learning environment where all students can thrive. This is my second year teaching at Conifer Grove School, and I am grateful to be part of such a welcoming community. I value curiosity, creativity, and building strong relationships with both students and their families, and I aim to create a classroom where every learner feels supported and included. Outside of school, I enjoy cooking, travelling, practising yoga, and spending time with my family. I look forward to working together to make this a successful and enjoyable year for our tamariki.

## Mrs Simmy Kaur - Room 25



Kia Ora whaanau! I am excited to be part of the Whanake team again this year. I have been teaching for nine years, and this is my second year at Conifer Grove School. I am really looking forward to being part of my students' learning journey. I value strong relationships, a positive learning environment, and supporting each child to grow in confidence and independence. I aim to create a safe, inclusive classroom where learners feel encouraged to try their best and achieve their goals. Outside of school time, I love taking our family dog, Blue, for walks, traveling, and cooking with my husband. I also enjoy spending some quiet time reading books.