

# Welcome to Room 2- Term 1 of 2019!

PRIDE - Personal best, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Exploration  
Room 2 - The Proud Pride

My name is Sandy Newman and I am very excited to be teaching at Awhitu District school with the amazing students in Room 2. I have been teaching at Waiuku Primary school for the last 6 years and I'm looking forward to continuing my journey here at Awhitu. I have four children - Mitchel 25, Kymberly 23, Jessica 19 and Maddisen 18. My children attended primary school and college in the Waiuku area. I moved into the Franklin district in 1999 from Whangamata. I was born in Australia and came to New Zealand in 1995.

**Swimming** this term is in our school pool and we plan to swim everyday and will have instructional swimming lessons. Students will need to have their togs and towel in a plastic bag and named please.

**Library**- we will visit the library on Tuesdays. Please help your child to be responsible for their library book returns.

**Hats:** Being a sun safe school, wearing a hat is compulsory for outdoor play in Terms 1 & 4. A wide brim bucket hats is best practice and is encouraged.

**Drink Bottles:** Keeping hydrated is an important part of learning. In Room 2, students are encouraged to sip from water regularly from their own bottle in class. We are a water only school.

## LEARNING THIS TERM:

### TE ORA AKONGA ROA – LIFE LONG LEARNERS

- ✓ **Learning the Pride Values** -We will unpack our PRIDE values as well as understanding resilience and caring for ourselves as a learner. Being an active and contributing member of our classroom and school community is important.
- ✓ **Inquiry learning TOPIC**-Essential Questions: How does health impact on our daily lives
- ✓ **Te Reo/Maori:** Days, greetings, basic commands, and my kura (school) as well as our Pepeha.
- ✓ **Writing:** This term writing will be based on our Topic and Inquiry about Healthy Eating
- ✓ **Literacy:** Guided, Shared and Personal reading (close reading of instructional texts). Poetry on a Friday
- ✓ **Numeracy/Maths:** Statistics (graphing), Numeracy (addition and subtraction knowledge and strategies + Basic Facts)
- ✓ **PE:** Swimming
- ✓ **Health** -Topic Healthy Body -Diet
- ✓ **ART-** Visual arts: drawing, cut colour, dye and crayon / Singing each day

I look forward to building wonderful learning relationships and I encourage a strong home school partnership. Feel free to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,  
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