



*Welcome to
Koromatua School*

*Cohort Entry Information
2023*

Kia ora Welcome to Koromatua School

Our school was established in 1905 and is situated on Koromatua Road near the Temple View community. We are a full primary school catering for children from 5 years of age up to 13 years of age.

We are proud of our school and we are pleased that your family has decided to become part of our school community. We run 10 classrooms over the school with roughly 200 students. We have separate junior and senior playgrounds to give all students a chance to build their outside skills and perseverance whilst also providing them opportunities within class and extra curricular activities to build life skills as a lifelong learner.

Koromatua School supports and promotes respectful, reciprocal relationships between staff, families, children and the natural and physical environment.

- Warm & welcoming staff who are passionate about teaching and learning.
- Safe, caring and stimulating environment.
- Private online learning portfolios for parents (sharing photos, videos and stories about your child)

Pre school Classroom Visits

You and your child are invited to visit the new entrant room at least three times before starting school. Visits need to be booked in advance and you are encouraged to contact the school approximately 6 months before your child's 5th birthday to set up the sequence of visits.

Your child will be encouraged to join in with the other new entrant children and participate in the classroom activities provided by the teacher. You are asked to stay for a short while in the classroom but as soon as your child is comfortable we prefer that you wait in the staffroom. We ask if you please wear your mask at all times while at school including in the staffroom. The maximum number of parents in the staffroom at one time is limited to four only.

It is not appropriate for younger siblings to attend because they could distract the children.

You can collect your child from the classroom at morning tea time which is 10:30 am.

All visitors to the school must sign in at the school office and receive a visitor pass before going to the classroom. (So we know who is on site in case of fire or other emergencies).

Enrolments

At enrolment, you will be asked to complete an enrolment form, which gives staff important information enabling them to cater for the specific needs of your child. At the same time, any concerns can be communicated to your child's teacher. Before your child can attend school you need to bring your child's birth certificate or passport and their immunisation certificate.

Starting School

For New Entrants, our goal is to firmly establish the key skills required for literacy and numeracy success, and to build upon the work you as parents and your child's pre-school centre have begun.

Starting school is an exciting time, but it does mean changes for you and your child.

Although most of our New Entrants are familiar with school long before they turn five, some children may need a bit of support when they start school.

To help your child with the transition from home to school it would be helpful for your child to know the following before they start school:

- Recognise and attempt to write their name in the correct order.
- Recognise some the letters of the alphabet out of order and know the sounds the letters make
- Count up to 30 and backwards from 20
- Be familiar with using scissors, crayons and pencils

School Hours

Classes start at	9.00 a.m.
Interval is from	10.30 a.m to 11:00am
Lunch is from	12.30 p.m to 1:30pm
School closes at	3.00 p.m.

School Powhiri

On the first day of each term, a powhiri is held in the school hall at 9.30am. We will keep you updated with the latest information as to how this will look. The powhiri is led by our Kapa Haka group. The whole school gathers in the hall to welcome new students, new whanau, new teachers, staff and friends of the school. If you are coming to the powhiri as Manuhiri (a guest) you are asked to go to the school staffroom at 9.15 am. A staff member will guide you through each part of the powhiri ceremony. At the end of the ceremony, all our new whanau are invited to have morning tea in the school staffroom.

Reports and Interviews

Parents are invited to a 'Meet the Teacher' interview in Terms 1 and 3. Written reports are sent home twice a year. These reports indicate your child's progress and achievement in reading, writing and mathematics and other curriculum areas, although formal parent/teacher meetings are held during the year, you are welcome to organise further meetings if required.

Sun Safety

Koromatua school is a SunSmart school and all students are required to wear a full brimmed hat in terms 1 and 4. Children without a suitable hat at lunchtime have to play in a designated shaded area. Students are encouraged to wear sunglasses and to wear clothing that is cool but gives good sun protection.

Litter Free School

It is our aim to have no litter in the school buildings and grounds. This makes our school more attractive and saves money and time in collecting carelessly discarded litter.

Koromatua PTA/Whanau Group

We have a keen group of parents who help the school to meet the educational needs of all students in the school and lend their time and talents to support the school's programmes. A particularly important role they have is to Fund-raise for targeted needs in the school.

Communication

School Newsletters are sent home fortnightly and are posted on our website:

www.koromatua.school.nz.

Communication with teachers can be via email, classroom dojo, or face to face by making an appointment by ringing the school office on (Ph. 07 8379828), to discuss suitable days and times.

Cohort New Entrant visiting dates 2023

Term 1 Middle	Starting: Monday 6th March Term 1 / Week 6	Morning Block
1st visit	Thursday 16 th February	09:00 – 10:30 am
2nd visit	Thursday 23 rd February	09:00 – 10:30 am
3 rd visit	Thursday 2 nd March	09:00 – 10:30 am
Term 2 Beginning	Starting: Monday 26th April Term 2 / Week 1	Morning Block
1st visit	Thursday 23 rd March	09:00 – 10:30 am
2nd visit	Thursday 30 th March	09:00 – 10:30 am
3rd visit	Thursday 6 th April	09:00 – 10:30 am
Term 2 Middle	Starting: Tuesday 29th May Term 2 / Week 6	Morning Block
1st visit	Thursday 11 th May	09:00 – 10:30 am
2nd visit	Thursday 18 th May	09:00 – 10:30 am
3rd visit	Thursday 25 th May	09:00 – 10:30 am
Term 3 Beginning	Starting: Monday 17th July Term 3 / Week 1	Morning Block
1st visit	Thursday 15 th June	09:00 – 10:30 am
2nd visit	Thursday 22 nd June	09:00 – 10:30 am
3rd visit	Thursday 29 th June	09:00 – 10:30 am
Term 3 Middle	Starting: Monday 21st August Term 3 / Week 6	Morning Block
1st visit	Thursday 3 rd August	09:00 – 10:30 am
2nd visit	Thursday 10 th August	09:00 – 10:30 am
3rd visit	Thursday 27 th August	09:00 – 10:30 am

Term 4 Beginning	Starting: Monday 9th October Term 4 / Week 1	Morning Block
1st visit	Thursday 7 th September	09:00 – 10:30 am
2nd visit	Thursday 14 th September	09:00 – 10:30 am
3rd visit	Thursday 21 st September	09:00 – 10:30 am
Term 4 Middle	Starting: Monday 13th November Term 4 / Week 6	Morning Block
1st visit	Thursday 26 th November	09:00 – 10:30 am
2nd visit	Thursday 2 nd November	09:00 – 10:30 am
3rd visit	Thursday 9 th November	09:00 – 10:30 am
Term 1 2023 Start	Starting: TBC Term 1 / Week 1	Morning Block
1st visit	Thursday 30 th December	09:00 – 10:30 am
2nd visit	Thursday 7 th December	09:00 – 10:30 am
3rd visit	Thursday 14 th December	09:00 – 10:30 am