



Rea Newsletter

Term 1 2025

Upcoming Events and Dates:

Term 1 Assembly Dates:
10/03, 24/03, 07/04 @ 10:15am

Whaanau Fun Night
Wednesday 26 Feb
@ 5.30pm-7.00pm

**Junior School
Grandparents Day**
Tuesday 4 March @ 9-11am

End of Term 1
Friday 11 April

Start of Term 2
Monday 28 April



Kia ora, Namaste, Malo e lelei, Talofa, and Greetings!

We're excited to welcome back our returning aakonga and whaanau to the Rea Team for 2025, and for those who are joining our school for the first time this year. The Rea team includes Year 1 and 2 students across our four classes. Having had some time to settle into our school, we're looking forward to supporting and growing our team into confident learners across the curriculum.

Positive communication is a key element to success at school. Classroom teachers are available between 8.30am-9.00am, or 3.00pm-3.10pm for quick chats, or you can contact them via email or to organise a meeting. For further support you can contact our co-Pedagogical Leaders, Neena Dhingra (neenad@cgschool.ac.nz) or Daniel Wickman (danielw@cgschool.ac.nz).

Kind Regards,
The Rea Team

Reminders

Sunhats:

A reminder that wearing the red school bucket hat is **compulsory** during Term 1.

Please make sure there a **named** hat in your child's bag. Hats are available from the office for \$15.



School Uniform:

Please name **all** items. Shoes should be black sandals or shoes with black socks. Earrings must be studs for safety reasons.

Please speak to your classroom teacher if a temporary uniform pass is required.

Absences:

Please advise the school before 9am if your child is going to be absent. You can advise a student absence in a number of ways:

- Phone: 09 299-7490
- Freephone: 0800 CGCALL / 0800242 255
- Email: admin@cgschool.ac.nz
- On the school website: www.conifergrove.school.nz
- Via Skool Loop APP

Regular attendance is important for your child's learning. Non-medical absence during the term can have a negative impact on learning and achievement.

Lunches:

Healthy lunchboxes are encouraged with easy to eat items. Please pack a teaspoon if children have yoghurt or jellied fruit.

Drinks:

Please note we are a **water only** school - juice is not a suitable drink for school. A named water bottle is particularly helpful in summer.

Stationery:

All stationery required is provided for free by our kura for the 2025 school year.



Meet our Kaiako



Room 5 - Jack Cormack Email: jackc@cgschool.ac.nz

Kia ora, my name is Jack Karl Cormack. After having spent time in 2024 relieving here at Conifer Grove I was so blown away by the students as well as the culture within the school that I never left. I feel extremely blessed to be joining Room 5 for 2025 and going on this learning journey together.



Room 6 - Navneeta Lal Email: navneetal@cgschool.ac.nz

Kia ora! My name is Navneeta Lal. In 2024, I joined the esteemed team at Conifer Grove School, bringing a passion for teaching and a dedication to student development. Currently, I am privileged to teach Year 2 students in Room 6, where I focus on creating an engaging and supportive learning atmosphere. Originally from the beautiful islands of Fiji, I have embraced the vibrant community of Pukekohe as my home. Together with my spouse, we are raising our delightful 6-year-old son. I firmly believe that effective communication between educators and families is essential for student success.



Room 7 - Gurpreet Kaur Email: gurpreetk@cgschool.ac.nz

Kia ora! My name is Gurpreet Kaur, and I am currently teaching Year 2. I have a passion for dance and enjoy bringing creativity and movement into the classroom. I believe in creating a supportive and engaging learning environment where every child feels valued and encouraged to grow. I look forward to working closely with whānau to support our tamariki on their learning journey this year!



Room 8 - Neena Dhingra Email: neenad@cgschool.ac.nz

I am Neena Dhingra, the Room 8 teacher, and I am thrilled to be working with Year 2 again this year. Although I joined Conifer Grove in 2023, I have been teaching in New Zealand since 2020, after completing my Master's in Teaching and Learning (Primary) from AUT. Helping each child recognize their strengths and build confidence in their abilities lies at the heart of my teaching philosophy. My goal for this academic year is to create a warm and welcoming classroom environment that nurtures the overall development of our young learners. I look forward to working together with you to support your child's learning journey.

Learning Focus

Conceptual Curriculum 2025:

This year, our school wide concept is focusing on **change** and we will be exploring the big understanding of **'Change occurs in different ways that may initiate reactions, opportunities, and / or challenges.'**

During this learning, we will be focusing on:

- How the past is important to people and how people's lives have changed.
- How change over time can impact positively or negatively on the present (e.g., clothing, toys, technology, transport, housing, food).
- How positive relationships with people can make their lives happier.
- How people can take action to improve environments that can be enjoyed by others.

Literacy:

We follow a structured literacy approach, where we learn how to decode and encode sounds and words that enable reading and writing. We will share more about this approach through the year.

Mathematics:

In Rea we will be developing early number knowledge and strategies to solve problems, and exploring other mathematical strands such as Statistics and Measurement.

Values:

Our focus for Term 1 is **Whakamiha** or **Respect**. We will be learning what respect looks like in different situations and environments.

Health and P.E.:

This term Room 7 and 8 will be working each week with our new teacher **Kristin Rich** as a specialist Health and P.E. teacher. Rooms will rotate each term with Art.

Visual Art:

Room 5 and 6 will be working with our new specialist art teacher, **Fiona Moodley** for this term. They will swap with the specialist Health and P.E. classes in Term 2.

Supporting at Home:

The most effective way to support your child's learning is to talk to them about their day. Feel free to contact your class teacher if you would like more information about what we're learning!



Junior School Grandparents Day

Join us in celebrating a special Grandparents Day event taking place in your classroom!

**Tuesday, 4th March
from 9-11 AM**

We can't wait to see you there!

