



Tipu Newsletter

Term 1 2025

Upcoming Events:

Whaanau Fun Night

Wednesday 26 Feb

@ 5.30pm-7.00pm

Junior School Grandparents Day

Tuesday 4 March @ 9-11am

Dates to Note:

End of Term 1

Friday 11 April

Start of Term 2

Monday 28 April

Kia Ora! We're excited to welcome back our returning families and greet new ones joining the Conifer Grove School community. We're looking forward to a fantastic year of supporting your children on their learning journey.





Our Tipu team supports our youngest tamariki as they begin school. Children who turn 5 join our Pihinga learning space with Carolyn Dixon and Annie O'Donoghue, where they're welcomed and supported in developing positive learning behaviours. Once children are confident and ready, they may move to another Tipu class. We'll communicate with whaanau about any transitions. Currently, Room 2 is home to another Tipu class, with our amazing job-share teachers, Andrea Ng Waishing and Sally Davidson.

If you have any questions or would like to chat about your child's learning, please reach out to the class teacher. They're available for quick chats between 8:30-9:00am or by email. For further support, feel free to contact Mrs. Annie O'Donoghue, our pedagogical leader.

We're looking forward to working together with you and your tamariki.

Kind Regards,
The Tipu Team

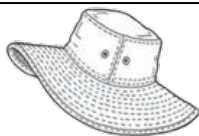


			
Room 2 Sally Davidson sallyd@cgschool.ac.nz	Room 2 Andrea Ng Waishing andreanw@cgschool.ac.nz	Pihinga / Room 3 Ms. Carolyn Dixon carolynd@cgschool.ac.nz	Pihinga & Pedagogical Leader Mrs. Annie O'Donoghue annieo@cgschool.ac.nz
Hi everyone, I am back again for 2025! I am fortunate to be in Tipu Team, job sharing with Andrea Ng Waishing in Room 2. I will be working on Thursday and Friday each week and am looking forward to getting to know the students and Whanau of Room 2.	This year, I am sharing the teaching role in Room 2 with Mrs Sally Davidson. I am excited to nurture a love of learning with your child, by creating a positive and supportive environment. I enjoy building connections with the children in the class and their families. The things that bring me joy include family, travel, friends, dining out, yoga, Reformer Pilates, and shopping!	I am passionate about teaching and learning! I enjoy seeing the students at the centre of their learning, where they can explore, make mistakes, create, build and develop skills for the 21st Century. I believe in forming strong, positive relationships with all my students and their whānau. I look forward to getting to know you all and working together to develop your child's learning this year.	I am excited to meet each new student who begins their journey at CGS, helping them feel welcome and watching them grow. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family, running, and traveling. The beach is my favourite place to relax and recharge.

Reminders

Sunhats:

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



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

Stationery:

All stationery required is provided for free by our kura.



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.

School Uniform:

Please name **all** items of clothing with your child's name. Shoes should be black sandals or shoes with black socks. If lost, we will endeavour to get this back to you.

Lunches:

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

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@cgschoolac.nz
- On the school website: www.conifergrove.school.nz
- Via Skool Loop APP

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:

At Conifer Grove School we follow a structured literacy approach, where we systematically learn how to decode and encode sounds and words that enable reading and writing. There will be opportunities to share more about how this approach works throughout the year.

Mathematics:

In Tipu we will be developing early number knowledge and strategies to solve problems, and exploring other mathematical strands such as measurement and geometry.

Values:

Our focus for Term 1 is **Whakamiha** or **Respect**. You can help develop this by talking to your child about what respect looks like in different situations. For example, respecting personal space, taking turns, or treating others with kindness, regardless of differences.

The best way to support your child's learning is to talk to them about their day.

Please feel free to contact our kaiako if you have any questions about their 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!

