
Term 1 2025 Newsletter



Welcome to Term 1...

Kia ora Whanake Whaanau,

We hope everyone has been enjoying the first couple of months of the year as we wrap up the amazing New Zealand Summer.

Students have been busy the last couple of weeks, ensuring they are confident with the routines and expectations within their classrooms and school, taking part in challenges that build their social skills and getting to know their peers and teachers.

From this week, the explicit teaching begins and students will start working in their Reading, Writing and Maths groups.

For Reading this term, the main focus is based around decoding and reading comprehension strategies such as inferencing and making connections. This will ultimately develop confidence in reading overall.

The focus for Writing is going to be creating a narrative piece of text. This lends itself well to building vocabulary knowledge and using descriptive language that will enhance their ability to craft a piece of text.

Our Maths focus is addition and subtraction. A variety of strategies will be taught while simultaneously using problem solving skills. This allows students to link their maths learning with real-life scenarios and in turn makes the learning more meaningful.

The Conceptual idea this year is 'Change occurs in different ways that may initiate reactions, opportunities and / or challenges.' The goal is to develop learners who have an understanding that change is a constant in life and it's how we respond to this change that determines our results.

We are looking forward to our at-school camp in Week 9 of this term. More details about this event and the parent information evening will be provided in due course.

We are so excited about teaching your tamariki this year and can't wait to get to know all of our students and whaanau.

Read on to the next page to learn more about the fabulous Whanake teachers.

Important Dates for Term 1:

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- 27th February:
Whanau Fun
Night
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- 3rd March:
Beginning of
year reports go
home
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- 2nd to 5th
April:
Whanake
camp
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The Whanake Team

The Fabulous Whanake Team



Aimee Jeffrey - Room 13

Hello everyone! My name is Aimee Jeffrey (Miss Jeffrey), and I am thrilled to be the teacher in Room 13 for 2025!

This will be my second full year teaching at Conifer Grove School, and I'm really looking forward to getting to know your wonderful children throughout the year.

I am a passionate teacher who loves witnessing those 'lightbulb moments' when everything falls into place for students.

I'm excited to be part of your child's learning journey and can't wait to create meaningful and engaging learning experiences together!



Emma Wolstenholme - Room 14

This is my second year at Conifer Grove School and my eighth year teaching overall. Prior to teaching, I worked in marketing and media and I enjoy bringing these creative skills into my work where possible.

I love arriving at work everyday knowing I get to contribute to the education and growth of my students.

Within my teaching, I always refer back to the 'why' of the learning, as this motivates students to build resilience and persevere through challenges.

I live with my wonderful 9-year-old son Sebastian.



Mary Ladella - Room 24

I am Mrs Ladalla. It is truly an honor to be part of your child's learning journey, and I look forward to working together to ensure a successful and enriching experience for them.

A little about me—I have many years of teaching experience and a passion for helping students grow academically and personally. My goal is to create a supportive and engaging classroom where every student feels valued, challenged, and encouraged to do their best.

Communication is key to student success, so please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns throughout the year. I believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential, and I look forward to collaborating with you to support your child's growth.



Simmy Kaur - Room 25

Kia Ora,

My name is Simmy Kaur, and I'm thrilled to be joining the Conifer Grove School community this year as a new teacher.

I have been teaching for 7 years and am a proud local Howick Girl, now embracing life in Conifer Grove.

I look forward to building strong, positive relationships with our students, whanau, and the wider community as we work together to make this a fantastic year of learning and growth.
