



Welcome to Te Aro School

Information for new entrants

Te Aro School is a vibrant, inclusive, multicultural full primary school. The school caters for students from Year 0-8 and provides a wide and varied curriculum. Starting school is an exciting time for everyone. Te Aro School has a process to help ensure your child has a smooth transition to school. This includes opportunities for you and your child to meet the classroom teacher, and to share information about personal interests and needs your child may have with our junior team.

Daily Schedule:

8:30 - 8:55 - Classroom open – Ako Tākaro (play based learning)

8:55 - 10:40 - Roll, Ako Tākaro, writing

10:40 - 11:00 - Paramanawa (morning tea)

11:00 - 11:45 – Reading

11:45 - 12:30 – Numeracy

12:30 - 1:15 - Tina (lunchtime)

1:15 - 2:00 – Topic, inquiry, art, P.E., singing, Te Reo Māori

2:00 - 2:15 – Wa iti (short break)

2:15 - 3:00 - Topic, inquiry, art, P.E., singing, Te Reo Māori continues

3:00 – Home time

The process

Before your child turns five please contact the school with their date of birth and your contact details. We will send you an enrolment pack or you can pick one up from the school office or the pre-school.

You and your child are encouraged to come for two school visits to the New Entrants class. These visits will be at different times during the day so you and your child get a feel for the daily programme. Please contact Kristin by email at kristinh@tearo.school.nz to arrange visiting times that suit you.

The pre-school team will also come to school with your child for a visit. These visits usually include playtime at school. This visit gives your child the opportunity to reconnect with old pre-school friends.

All parents of new entrant enrolments are invited to meet with Sue Clement, our Principal



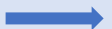

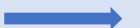

New Entrants Tips for Success

To help prepare your child for success at school we have included some useful tips on literacy and numeracy as well as an outline of what is expected when your child begins school.

Literacy

Reading

Read to your child as much as possible. By helping your child to enjoy listening to stories, you are helping them to develop their understanding of how a book works.

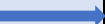





Parent	Your child
By modelling how to handle a book 	Learns how to hold a book the right way up and learns to turn the pages.
By pointing to what is being read 	Knows the words are read left to right.
By looking at the words in the book and how they are made up of letters 	Begins to recognise some letters and words.
By discussing the ideas in the story 	Learns that stories have meaning.
Can extend oral language by talking about pictures, characters etc.. 	Learns new words and ideas about what they are reading.
Wonder what will happen 	Extends their thinking and starts predicting what may happen.

Oral Language

Research has shown that speaking with your child in their first language at home will help them learn other languages at school. We strongly encourage you to talk and read to your children in your home language.

Writing





Please do not encourage your child to write in capital letters, except for the first letter in a name, place or the beginning of a sentence. Encourage them to form their letters in lower case. By encouraging your child to experiment in drawing and writing you are helping them to develop fine hand motor skills using a writing tool.

Parent	Your child
By providing materials and opportunities to draw and attempt to write 	Learn how to use a pencil, crayons.. etc
By modelling the starting point and direction of the letters 	Begins to control a writing tool and begins to get ready to write with the correct directional movement.
By encouraging your child to draw and discuss what they have draw 	Learns to express themselves and communicate their ideas through writing and drawing.
By encouraging your child to draw 	Learns to experience with different shapes and begins to attempt writing.
By modelling to your child how to write their name 	Learns to copy, write and recognise their own name and the letters in it.
By linking letter names to sounds  (This is more important than just learning the letters of the alphabet)	Learns to recognise that letters have sounds associated to them.

Numeracy

Mathematical skills and Language

Bringing maths into everyday life is a good way to start your child on the paths to understanding numbers and maths concepts.

Parent	Your child
By talking about numbers in the world around you; letter boxes, phone number etc.. 	Learn that numbers have meaning.
By singing counting songs, rhymes and counting objects 	Learns to count forwards and backwards.
By using language like big, bigger, biggest 	Learns to sort and categorise things according to size.
By pointing out and discussing patterns 	Learns about shapes and the concepts of pattern.

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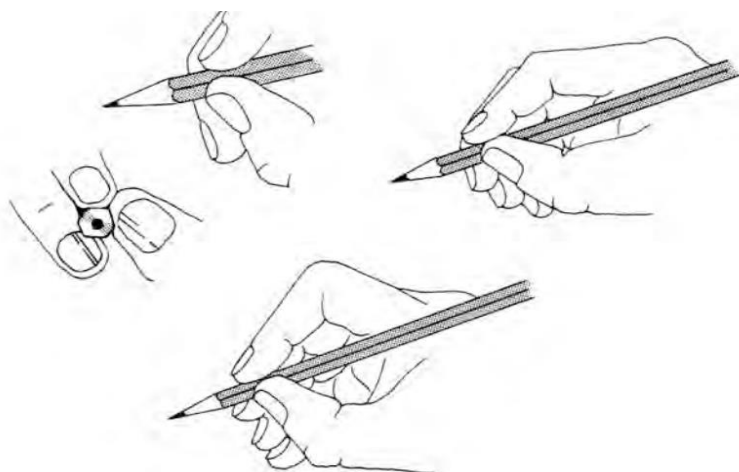
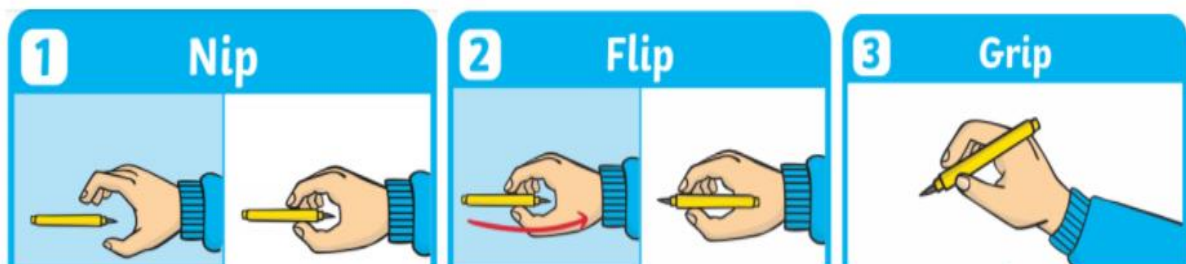
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Skills that will help at school

- ✓ I know my name & address
- ✓ I can dress myself
- ✓ I can go to the toilet by myself
- ✓ I can jump, skip, hop and run
- ✓ I can play with other children
- ✓ I can use scissors
- ✓ I can take care of my play things
- ✓ I can look after my own belongings
- ✓ I can hold a pencil

If your child has difficulty holding a pencil try the 'nip, flip, grip' technique



Contact details

New Entrant Teacher - Kristin Holmes kristinh@tearo.school.nz

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