

# Welcome to Term One in Auaha

Welcome to the 2019 school year, especially those families who are new to our school. We are excited to be with our students in our Auaha learning environment this year. Auaha stands for innovation which reflects the teaching and learning our students will experience this year. Here are a few key points to keep in mind:



**Before school:** Students are able to enter their classrooms from 8:25 in the morning. From this time, there will be one teacher available to answer any queries, discuss absences and check emails.

**Swimming:** Please ensure your child has their togs at school for instructional swimming sessions. These are held three times in class time each week along with lunchtime swims available. We recommend the use of rash shirts to ensure sun safety for our students. If your child is unwell or unable to swim on a given day, could you please contact their teacher/s so that they are aware.

Swimming times are as follows:

Auaha S - Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Auaha 17 - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Auaha M - Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Room 19 - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Room 20 - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

## **Sun Safety:**

**School hats:** These are compulsory during terms 1 and 4. Hats can be purchased at the school office if your child has mislaid theirs at a cost of \$20.00. Please also name the hats to assist us in finding them if they get lost. We are reminding the students that they are not to draw on or decorate their hats.

**Sunscreen:** We have bottles of sunscreen available in classrooms. Students are encouraged and reminded to apply sunscreen at first morning tea and at the start of lunch time. If your child requires use of their own special sunscreen, could you please send some into school for their own personal use.

**Water Bottles:** Students are encouraged to bring in a water bottle that they are able to have with them in class to keep hydrated.

**New Timetable:** This year we are running with a new timetable at Cambridge East School. The times for each block are listed in the table below. We are also using a new bell system where we only use a bell to indicate when it is time to return back into classrooms.

Daily School and Bell Times for Cambridge East School	
8.25am	Students allowed inside classrooms/Road Patrollers go on Duty
8.55am-10.10am	Block One
10.10am-10.30am	Morning Tea
10.30am-11.30pm	Block Two
11.30am-11.40am	Milk/Fruit Brain Break
11.40am-12.45pm	Block Three
12.45pm-1.25pm	Lunch Break
1.25pm (hand bell)	Pack up, sports gear away, students prepare for class
1.30pm-3.00pm	Block Four

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**Brain Break Snacks:** The purpose of the brain break is to promote healthy snacks to sustain the students through their learning block. We are encouraging that during the brain break the students only have fruit, vegetables and either milk (provided by the school) or water.

### **Inquiry Learning**

On Friday the 1st of February, Auaha participated in their hook activity for this inquiry. They rotated around stations learning about balance and how a small shift can affect balance. Over the next few weeks we will be immersing the students in activities that will extend their knowledge of health and well-being.

**Big Idea** - Many things can impact my Wellbeing.

**Key Concepts** - I can identify the different parts of my wellbeing.

- I understand how to take action to restore balance in my wellbeing.

As part of our learning experiences, we are asking if there are any parents with particular knowledge or skills sets that relate to our inquiry who would be keen to come in and share with our students to help extend the learning opportunities for our students. If you are able to assist us with this, please email Lee Bird on [leeb@cambridgeeast.school.nz](mailto:leeb@cambridgeeast.school.nz).

### **Nuts**

This is a reminder that we have children throughout the Auaha spaces that have a severe allergy to nuts. We would appreciate avoiding nut bars and products, peanut butter and Nutella in school lunches. Working together we can put the health and welfare of all our learners in the forefront.

### **Home Learning and Seesaw**

We will be sending out more information regarding Home Learning and Seesaw (a communication tool to share classroom learning) soon and we will discuss these further at the Meet the Teacher evening in week 3.

If you have any questions during the year, please contact us and we will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to meeting you all at our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday February 13th.

Kind Regards

Lee, Anna, Kelly, Ryan, Jacinta, Jenny, Sandra, Marion and Aimee.

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