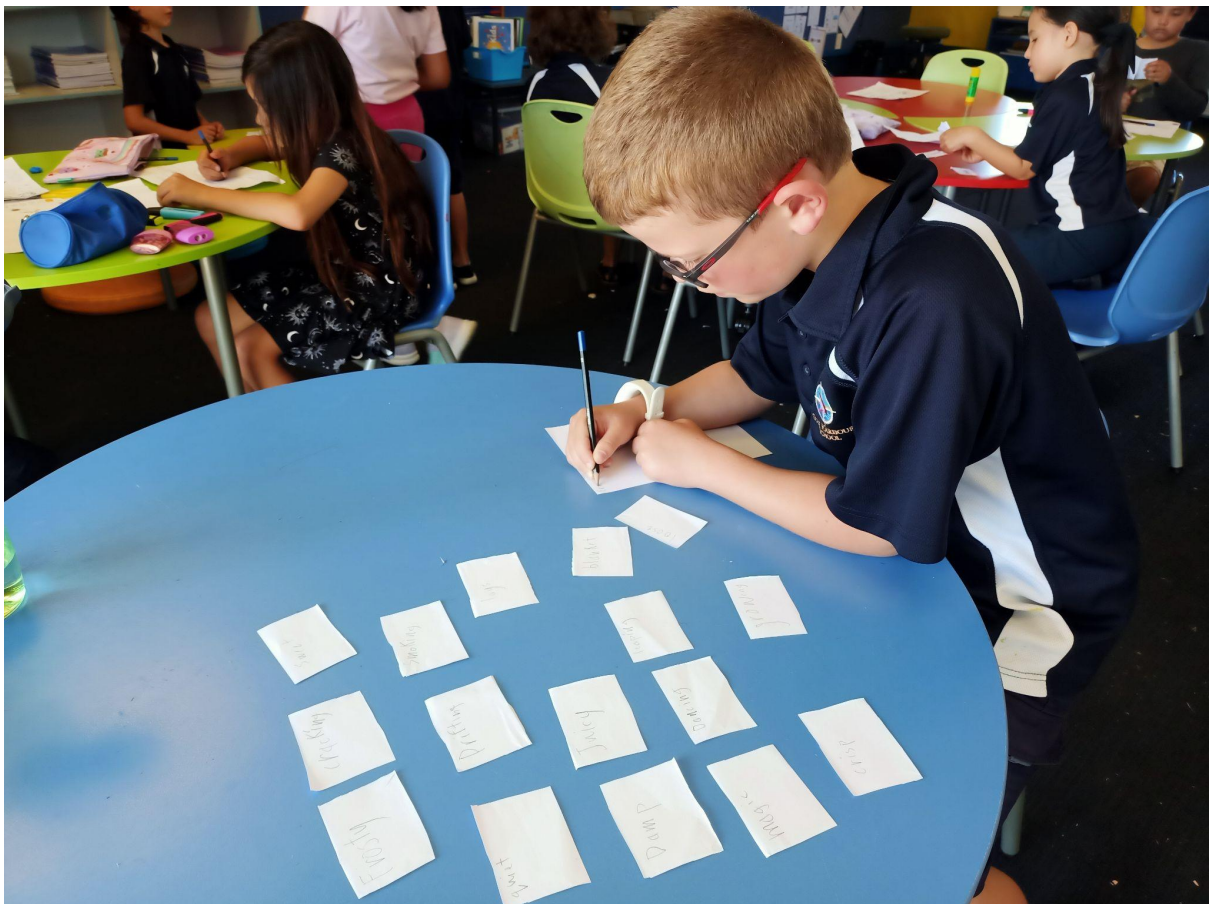


Literacy in the Teina Whanau

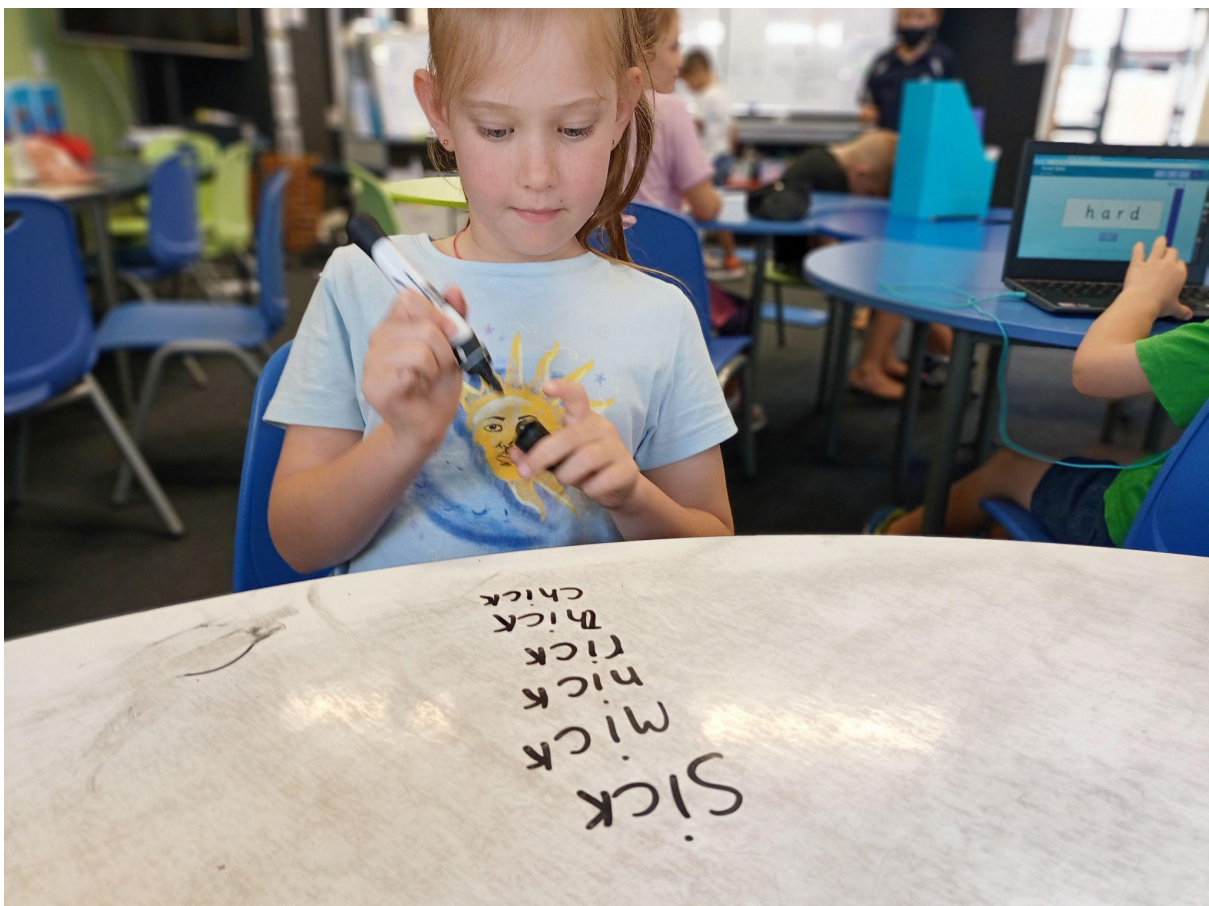
We value good communication and language skills and this shared understanding flows into every aspect of our school day and beyond. Reading, writing, speaking and listening are important life skills that help our students to make sense of the world and share their ideas and interests with others. We help students to engage with a range of texts, think and make connections to their own knowledge, to share their ideas, and ask their own questions. Through our literacy programmes we encourage life skills such as taking turns, active listening and communicating ideas through talk, presentations and writing.



Typically Teina students will be involved in multiple learning focussed class discussions throughout the day as well as specific guided reading and writing lessons with their teacher, tailored to their specific learning goals. They will also practise their reading and writing and thinking skills independently using pencil and paper, paired and group activities such as reading or performing plays or puppet shows, games, and creative tasks that showcase their knowledge of what they have read. We also utilise digital tools which support spelling and support students to gain independence in using digital devices to present new learning.



Students in Teina continue with the GHS Structured Literacy approach through daily sequenced phonics instruction and opportunities to practise specific phonics skills throughout the week. In Teina we will continue to make use of decodable texts to support students with reading and writing specific sound patterns. Teina also has a Structured Literacy intervention programme, for those students that have been identified as needing more support in this area), called Agility With Sound running in every Teina classroom and some students get further small group instruction outside the classroom from our highly trained support teachers.



Our goal for our students is for them to progress with their literacy skills so they will begin to apply their knowledge across a range of learning areas and activities with increasing independence.

[Please watch this video for more information](#)