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## Messages from our Principal

Greetings Everyone

We are almost at the end of a very busy first term. School finishes on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April and restarts for term two on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please make sure that you devote ten minutes per day to reading with each of your children during the holiday break. This really does make a positive difference to their learning.

### Classroom Opening

We are holding an opening ceremony for Team Kiwi's new classrooms this week.

The opening is happening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm.

A warm welcome is extended to all our Team Kiwi parents to attend. Due to a family bereavement I will be away from school all week, so this event will be hosted by Mr van de Klundert and Mrs Booth.

### Staff Change for Term Two

As previously advised, Clare Newman from Team Tui has received a sabbatical award from the Ministry of Education for term two. During this time, she will be visiting a number of schools and researching ways of raising engagement and achievement in literacy at the Year 1 – 2 level. This is a great opportunity for Mrs Newman and we wish her every success during her research. Replacing Mrs Newman for the term will be Lizzie Reynolds who is well known to the students and staff in Team Tui.

David Prchal  
Principal

## Curriculum Focus - Students

As mentioned in the last newsletter our curriculum at Morningside

School is guided by our **Key Competencies** -these being:

**Thinking, Managing Self, Participating and Contributing, Relating to Others and Language Symbols and Texts.**

### Managing Self

This means being self motivated, having a can-do attitude and understanding yourself as a learner.

<http://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-and-development-at-home/helping-your-child-develop-key-competencies/>

### New classrooms

**This Thursday from 2:15pm we have the official opening of our new classrooms - Room16/17.**

**These rooms will be the new home of Team Kiwi and they are very excited.**

**Following the opening our staff will be meeting to begin planning next term's over arching topic - "Our People, Our place"**



## Weetbix Triathlon

On Sunday 2nd April six Morningside students took part in the 2017 Weetbix Triathlon in the Bay of Islands.

Here's what they thought of the day...

Leah - "I loved the swimming, everyone was putting their feet down but I didn't and I never stopped."

Xavier - "I felt very proud as I crossed the finish line."

Lennox - "I felt more pumped as the crowd cheered for me."

Manaki - "It was all awesome - the swimming was my favourite part."

Hemi - "I felt very happy when the crowd cheered for me."

Finlay - "It's so much fun! Try it!"



## Mural for the Foyer

We are very fortunate to have a local artist Rodrigo (originally from Chile) working with us to develop a mural of our team birds for our foyer. We look forward to inviting him in this week to work with some of our students (weather dependent.)

## School Car Park

Our school car park is an area of great concern to us. Please be aware that parents are **NOT** allowed to park in the school car park either before or after school. Please park on Morningside Road or by the soccer clubrooms when dropping off or picking up your children, avoiding the yellow lines at all times.

We also ask that you **do not** send your children across the top of the school driveway or allow them to walk through the car park. Please help us to keep **ALL** children



## Happy Birthday to You!!!

9th April - 30th April 2017

Team Kakariki - No Birthdays

Team Kea - No Birthdays

Team Tui - Daytona, Jim

Team Pukeko - Adriana H, Ashleigh, Baylee L, Hemi

Team Kereru - Chloe, Kaleb, Oliver, Xavier

Team Kiwi - Dion, James, Rayden

## Library

Last week the children enjoyed focussing on the Dr Seuss books during lunch time in the library. They had fun doing a range of activities with the student

librarians help. A reminder, if your child receives an 'overdue library book' notice, please return these books ASAP.



## Community Notices

### Morningside Kids Care

WINZ approved

Before school care \$7 per day

After school care \$12 per day

Call Lynley 021 02320343

(our apologies for having this wrong last time)

Whangarei FC Clubrooms,  
Rawhiti St.

### Dilworth School

Dilworth School in Auckland is offering a limited number of year 7 scholarships for 2018 to good boys from families experiencing financial or personal hardship. An open day is being held on Saturday 6th May at 9:30am.

Further information is available at...

[www.dilworth.school.nz](http://www.dilworth.school.nz)

Or call 09 5233179 (ext 701)



## What's happening in the Teams?

### Team Kakariki

We have been creating some beautiful art pieces in Team Kakariki over the past few weeks. We are all very proud of what we have achieved and would love for you to pop in and admire it on our classroom walls. We have had new students join our Team and have also created class accounts on Seesaw! So if you haven't already, pop in to see Mrs Kitchen with your email address so we can join you up!

### Team Kea

We have had a very busy term exploring our Inside Out theme. We have learnt a lot about our feelings and what to do when we are feeling sad/angry etc. Our little 'fish' in Team Kea have thoroughly enjoyed using the pool and learning many new skills and building water confidence. We have been working hard this term on managing ourselves by looking after our belongings and being ready for school with our book bags etc. We are very impressed with the growing independence of our Kea kids!! Ka Pai!! We hope you have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to go in term 2!

### Team Tui

Team Tui are starting to learn about healthy foods. We will be looking at different foods and how they can help us to 'Go', 'Grow' and 'Glow'. We would still love any seeds or plants that will grow over autumn and winter if anyone has any to give away.

### Team Pukeko

We are busy with our Discovery projects at the moment—focussing on making our Inquiry Islands. We have also started some training for Cross Country so are looking forward to that in Term 2! We will be sending home notices about Seesaw this week, so look out for these in schoolbags over the next couple of days. If you have any questions about this please pop in and see us. A reminder that we would love any spare recycling you have at home e.g. magazines, newspaper, boxes, egg cartons etc.

### Team Kereru

Team Kereru have been working hard towards earning their secret end of term celebration by gaining pompoms in their 'Happy Day Jar'. The students earn the pompoms for good behaviour, having positive attitudes and by demonstrating diligent work ethic! We are on-track to filling the jar—Ka pai Team Kereru! There are lots of names appearing on our 'STRIVE Wall of Fame'—keep up the good work team! Don't forget to check out our class Seesaw page for weekly updates on Kereru award winners. Our weekly assemblies are held in Team Pukeko on Fridays at 2.40pm. We are thoroughly enjoying working on our independent Inside Out projects and will be ready to share these in the not too distant future.

### Team Kiwi

Team Kiwi has been busy over the last couple of weeks getting ready to move classrooms. We are finally in our new room and are getting used to the fabulous new space. We are looking forward to our classroom opening on Thursday.

Our classroom programmes are now humming along nicely, with the children getting better at managing themselves, and taking more responsibility for deadlines. Our Topic 'Inside Out' has moved into the finding out stage, with many deciding to do their work on google docs. Our Emotions artwork is almost done and these are looking great on the walls of our new room.

Swimming has come to an end for Team Kiwi, with the pool temperature being too cold in the mornings for many of the kids.

*"Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi."*

*With your basket and my basket the people will live.*

This Maori Proverb means that when you co-operate and combine resources, you will get ahead.

