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Messages from our Principal

Greetings Everyone

Welcome back to Morningside for term two, and an especially warm welcome to our new students and their families.

Welcome also to three new teachers; Ms Lizzie Reynolds who is in Team Tui while Mrs Newman is on sabbatical leave, to Ms Antonia Fiteni who is working in Team Tui each Thursday and to Mrs Mel Dagleish who will be working in Team Kiwi each Thursday.

We have a very busy term ahead, and have already had the Te Rehia Theatre group perform for us last week.

Coming up we have our school cross country event, rippa rugby training and tournament, our annual badminton instruction and competition plus performances from the Duffy Theatre Group and Whangarei Intermediate students.

School Mural

During the holidays we had a new mural installed in the school foyer. It was painted for us by Rodrigo Rozas, the artist who painted the artworks around the Town Basin Loop, and depicts the six birds whose names are given to our teaching teams: Kakariki, Kea, Tui, Pukeko, Kereru and Kiwi. If you have not yet seen it, please do pop in and have a look.

Attendance and Punctuality

Further to last week's reminder, it is extremely important that all students arrive at school **on time** and are here **every day** that school is open. If your child is going to be late or absent for a **genuine** reason, please contact the school office and let us know. These are legal requirements for all students between the age of 6 and 16, and for any students with regular unexplained absences or patterns of non-attendance, we are **legally required** to refer our concerns to the Truancy Service.

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.

Participating and Contributing

Means being involved in things that are going on, being a good group member, contributing, including and creating opportunities for others.

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

Our New Topic

Following on from our great start to the year with Inside Out we are now widening our understanding with the new topic of "Our People, Our Place." We are very proud of our Kura and our people and we work hard to ensure that all students think of it as their place.

This topic will give us the opportunity to further develop and widen our students' understanding of Whangarei as their place too.

As always we warmly welcome any knowledge and ideas that you have



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The Hearty Arty Hub

The 'HAH' has begun, and what a turn out we have had! This is where students can sign up to be part of a club all about 'The Arts' (Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts). Our club runs every Thursday at morning tea time. This term we will focus on Visual Arts. We have started two amazing projects so far - Duffy calendars and 9x ply cut outs of rugby fans that will be painted, decorated, then displayed on the walkway into Toll Stadium for the upcoming British and Lions Rugby Game on June 3rd.



Also, check out our new piece of artwork, by Rodrigo Rozas, displayed in the office foyer! The talented Rodrigo will be back into Morningside

School during the year to work alongside the tamariki in The Hearty Arty Hub.

Maori

With this terms Tangata Whenuatanga- Our People Our Place topic, many teams are looking for awesome whanau, extended whanau or friends who might be able to share their own knowledge or expertise with Teams. This would allow the children to see the value in learning from others, sharing knowledge of Whangarei and their people from the past and and understanding of how important it is for them and their lives today. If you might be able to help or support your children's teachers please let us know ASAP we would love to hear more!



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 and private driveways 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 safe.



Happy Birthday to You!!!

1st May - 16th May 2017

Team Kakariki - No Birthdays

Team Kea - No Birthdays

Team Tui - Ally-Rose, Dash, Haami

Team Pukeko - Ashtone, Leo

Team Kereru - Te Kowhai, Zearia

Team Kiwi - Olivia, Reuban

Library

Welcome to term 2 from the Library!

It has been great to see so many students using the library since returning from the holidays. Many books have been returned and issued. Our library is such a fantastic resource for both students and whanau so please make sure you pop in and enjoy reading a book with/to your child or perhaps help them make some super book choices for reading at home. The library is open from 8.30am. It's a nice warm place to be on these cold mornings and you are most welcome!



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 in previous newsletters)

Whangarei FC Clubrooms,
Rawhiti St.

People Potential

People Potential offer a wide range of training and education courses designed to assist you in employment.

0800 FOR A JOB or

www.peoplepotential.co.nz



What's happening in the Teams?

Team Kakariki

We have had a wonderful start to the term with lots of new students joining us in Kakariki and many more visiting. We are loving this sunny weather and are trying to play outside as much as possible! We are lucky to have Josh Scrooby join us for 5 weeks as a student teacher. We know he will have a wonderful time with us!

Team Kea

Team Kea has had an awesome start to term two. Already we have welcomed one new student into Team Kea. We are excited about this Terms inquiry, 'Our people, Our place' and have lots of ideas on developing an understanding of what being a 'Kaitiaki' means. Your child will have either letters or sight words in their book bag to practice at home. Please help them practice these as much as you can. We'll be having cross country later on this term so will be out practicing our running to prepare for the big event. We have also been practicing adding photos and videos to Seesaw, so if you are not on Seesaw please send us an email or pop in and we will help you get connected.

Team Tui

We have had a fantastic start in Team Tui and have a busy term planned. We have begun to explore our new topic of Tangata Whenuatanga by looking at people and places that are special to us and why that might be. We also had a visit from our energizer Clark last week to start getting ready for Cross Country. We want to work on pacing ourselves so we don't use up all our energy at the start of the race! We are using Seesaw more and more to share what's going on in class from both the teachers and the tamariki so if you're not connected please let the teachers know ASAP and we can show you how!

Team Pukeko

We can tell everyone in Team Pukeko has had an exciting holiday. We loved hearing about all the different adventures you have had. This Term is going to be exciting one, full of school activities and events. Some of you may have seen us training in the afternoons for the cross country that is coming up. It is going to be a very competitive cross country this year looking at all of the talent we have in our class! We also want to remind you that your child will have 'sight word' cards in their bag/book bag to practice. This is an ongoing task to focus on improving our sight words knowledge which really helps our reading and writing. Please encourage your child to bring their book bags to school each day as we have books from the class and the library that would love to come home with you and be read, but can't if there is no book bag :) Our new topic is based around Our People Our Place. We will look at celebrating who we are and how we fit into life at Morningside and our wider community.

Team Kereru

What an amazing start we have had to Term 2! We have so many exciting things going on / coming up in Team Kereru. Don't forget that STRIVE is still up and running and we will also be starting a 'STRIVE Homework Club' once a week in a break time, where students can have access to the internet, printer, art resources and teacher help. The Year 3 & 4s are involved in a Rippa Rugby Tournament against Maunu Primary this term and have begun training. We have started up the 'Happy Day Jar' again, and we're working towards another celebration day for Week 10. Keep an eye on our team Seesaw page for more updates. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks - Team Kereru.

Team Kiwi

Kia Ora Whanau. Welcome back to Morningside School for Term 2, 2017. We look forward to working with you all again this term. Team Kiwis Topic will centre around 'Our People, Our Place' and we are looking forward to getting stuck in to this. We will also be giving the tamariki in Team Kiwi a reminder on our school values of Respect, Inquiry, Community and Excellence over the next couple of weeks. KIWI STAR was very successful last term and this will continue in Term 2. Look out for updates on our Morningside Facebook Page. Just a reminder that in Term 2 and 3, we do not have to wear hats, and unfortunately due to safety reasons, our tamariki are not allowed to climb trees during winter (the branches are too slippery)

