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Messages from our Principal and Board of Trustees

Hi All

Term 4 has begun and is already proving to be very busy. Our whole school theme this term is "What a Wonderful World". This theme will see all teams planning exciting experiences based on the Planet Earth and Beyond strand of the science curriculum. Coming up we also have our Athletic Sports day (Wednesday 15th November) so watch this space for more info on this event as well as the introduction of our aquatics programme as the weather warms up. Teams will send home days/times for swimming once our pool is ready to use.

Our **NO HAT NO PLAY!** Policy is once again in place for this term. All students and staff are issued with a Morningside hat to wear whenever they are playing or working outside. These hats are washed on a regular basis and are to remain at school. Any child who loses or misplaces their hat will be required to remain in one of our covered areas at playtimes.

Reminders

Mornings at Morningside School

All students (and any parents) are to wait outside the school office area until supervision is in place from 8:30am. Please remind your child to stay in this area for their own safety.

There is no supervision available and often teachers are in meetings or not in their rooms until this time.

Afternoons at Morningside School

Please respect our teams request for parents and whanau to wait outside classrooms until the bell has gone at 3pm. Our junior teams, especially, are still learning the routines of the end of the day and need to be paying attention to last minute notices and reminders.

Please do not be offended if you are asked to wait outside.

School Dates 2017/2018

Term 4 ends on Friday 15th December 2017 following our end of year assembly - approximately 12 o'clock.

Our first day for Term 1 2018 is Wednesday 31st January 2018 - 8:55am

Rippa Rugby

This term we have another opportunity to use our Rippa Skills and our teamwork to take part in a Whangarei-wide tournament. The tournament will be held at Tikipunga Sports Grounds on **Tuesday the 21st November** (postponement date Wednesday 22nd of November). We will be taking a bus there, leaving Morningside School at 9:15am and catching a bus back to school arriving on by 2:15pm.

We will be looking for whanau support to assist with teams and organisation on the day.
We are asking for a gold coin koha to help cover costs.



Please see either Team Pukeko or Team Kereru teachers if you have any questions about this event.

Auckland Zoo Trips

2017



Today the first of five trips to Auckland Zoo is underway. Together with help from the Tindall Foundation (The Warehouse) and Ritchies coaches; Auckland Zoo were able to offer us five fully funded trips to Auckland Zoo. This meant that we were able to send an amazing 200 students and helpers. An hour's education programme (aimed at Years 3-6) was also part of the deal. In order to make the most of the days we decided to embark on this using a tuakana teina approach mixing our 3 senior teams. This meant we were able to keep siblings together allowing opportunity for extended whanau to be involved.

We had an overwhelming response to our request and we did, unfortunately, have to turn down some of the help offered. However, being a public place we did encourage those people to car share and pay their way into the zoo, and we are glad to see that many of you are going to do that. Please show your support for this amazing "free" opportunity that our children have been granted by using the services of:

The Warehouse, Ritchies and Auckland Zoo where possible.

Watch this space for photos and more news following these trips!!

We also want to give a HUGE shout out to Jimmy Miller and Kerry Bates at **HUMES** Pipelines Systems who have kindly donated 240 bottles of water for our trip. All students will receive one of these on their zoo day.



Handwashing

Last week four of our teams worked alongside our new Public Health Nurse, Anna Thomas, on revising handwashing techniques. In light of the recent high number of sicknesses and in particular "tummy bugs" that have swept through the school (and most of Northland) we decided this would be a good time to renew these skills. Anna presented this revision in a fun way. Can we ask that you please follow up this revision at home by reminding your children to wash their hands regularly, but most especially after using the toilet and before handling food.



Library



The library has been busy this week and lots of students have been returning and choosing new books. Please help your child to find any overdue books they have out as overdue notices have been sent home this week. We are hoping to have the Mobile Library bus visit twice this term—hopefully in Week 3 and 6 so that will be exciting for the tamariki!

Maori

Our kapahaka ropu are getting closer to their upcoming performance at Manaia View School. Our first notice went home on Friday. Please make sure this gets returned ASAP and let us know if you need any further information. Nga mihi



Happy Birthday to You!!!

26th October - 7th November 2017

Team Kakariki - No birthdays

Team Kea - Adizjah, Denzell, Kaiarahi

Team Tui - No birthdays

Team Pukeko - Adriana O

Team Kereru - Ally, Ezra, Lexus

Team Kiwi - Zoe

ICT

This term the Techsperts are going to run coding 'workshops' using the programme 'Scratch'. The Techsperts members have worked hard to learn how to code this year and are looking forward to sharing their knowledge with others!

Zirka Circus

Zirka Circus is in town...all students will bring home discount tickets for you to enjoy!

PAK'nSAVE

Thank you Pak 'n Save Whangarei for the donation of 8 large tins of Milo to our school's Breakfast Club.

We have many children who make the most of breakfast club so this kind of donation is most gratefully received. Please support Pak 'n Save where possible.

back2nature
Holiday Programme
with Kahurangi

available from Dec 13th
oscar subsidy available
spontaneous & planned activities
access to a swimming pool
access to karate dojo
beaches, parks, baking and more
limited spaces available (6 max)
3+ years
based in Raumanga Heights Drive, Whangarei
EOE & WINZ subsidies available

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kahurangi.salvi@gmail.com

back2nature childcare
based on home, enjoying our world

What's happening in the Teams?

Team Kakariki: Kia ora whanau! It has been a busy start of the term for Team Kakariki. Last week we welcomed 5 new students and 8 students graduated through to Team Kea. We have started our "Here Comes the Sun" term exploration by comparing day and night. This week we will be focusing on night and will need to wear our PJs to school on Friday! Please remember also to get your orders in for our recipe book "Reka" - sales close at the end of this week.

Team Kea: Wow what an awesome start Team Kea have had to Term 4! We have been really lucky to have our student teacher Miss Guthrie back in our team and we also have Mrs Uffindell with us full time as well. We are really excited to be exploring dinosaurs, volcanoes and fossils as we've begun our new topic 'Out of this World'. We're also making the most of this beautiful weather as we start to practise our running, jumping and throwing to get ready for athletics.

Team Tui: We have had a fantastic start to Term 4! The children are enjoying learning about volcanoes and were lucky enough to have a Skype interview last week with volcanologist, 'Dr Jon Procter' from Massey University. As our term progresses we will also learn about earthquakes and storms and how these three natural events affect people and the land.

Team Pukeko: Kia ora Whanau. We have had such a great start to the term! We have been very busy and are totally excited about our up and coming zoo trips, along with starting our Topic work on 'What is a Zoo'. We have been busy paper macheing our next art project and we also enjoyed our Athletics session with Clark on shotput and discus. It's going to be a busy term!

Team Kereru: Team Kereru have had an AMAZING start to what is already shaping up to be a hectic Term 4! We have started our Tuakana Teina time with our zoo groups and are all really looking forward to spending the day at the zoo. For our 'What a Wonderful World' Inquiry topic this term we have begun by looking at pollution and what affect it has on our air, land and water. We also have another Rippa Rugby tournament coming up so keep an eye out for notices!

Team Kiwi: Team Kiwi is off to a running start in Term 4 — quite literally. We have been practicing our athletics skills such as shot put, discus, long jump, high jump and sprints in preparation for the school-wide athletics day coming up in Week 5. The students in Team Kiwi have been goal setting for athletics to focus on a particular skill they are most interested in. These goals and resources are available on the Nga Tae Google Classrooms and My Student Dashboard and you can ask your child to share their SMART goal and progress with you at home. Nga Mihi!

