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Messages from our Principal

Greetings Everyone

The second term is charging along and all our teaching teams are very well settled into their programmes.

Our school roll continues to build and now sits at 312 students. We expect to grow to between 340 and 350 this year putting further pressure on teaching space.

With this growth we also expect that there will again be pressure on us to put in place an official enrolment zone. With this in mind, it is extremely important that we have completed enrolment forms for every child who is turning 5 and is going to be starting with us in 2017 or 2018. If you, your friends or neighbours have pre-school children that you want to be able to attend Morningside, please ensure you have filled out an enrolment form and that we have this in the school office.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our School Cross Country this week.

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.**

Relating to Others

Is about relating well to a diverse range of people, and includes things like being able to listen well, see different points of view, negotiate and share ideas.

Things to try at home

- Talk openly about different ways of “being” in the world. Compare the different cultures in your life, so you can talk about how things are in different contexts, and why.
- Be open to, and show respect for difference. No-one is the same. Children are then more likely to show respect too.
- Play the “devil’s advocate” from time to time. It is great for children to practice seeing things from different perspectives and to understand that respectful debate is healthy.

Think about how well you listen to, and negotiate with your children.

Your child learns how to relate to others from you.

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



The Hearty Arty Hub

Wow! Miss Keogh and Mrs Davidson are blown away by the effort, attitude and dedication of the students in the Hearty Arty Hub! The seniors and Team Kereru worked extremely hard on the wooden cut out Rugby fans. They have now been taken to Toll Stadium and are being set up as a part of ‘The Fan Walk’ – Make sure you check them out! Morningside School won a \$100 voucher from the competition! The juniors in the Hearty Arty Hub have worked so hard on their Duffy Calendars and they look fabulous! Mahi nui tamariki! We love working with you!



Home Readers

During Term 1 we issued a newsletter explaining how we will no longer be sending “PM” readers as “home readers”. It has been brought to our attention that this has been interpreted as some families believing we no longer send *any* reading books home!! PM readers are a very structured set of readers that we use for *teaching reading in class*. These books are very expensive and during our January stocktake we estimated \$5000 worth of PMs had not been returned when sent home over the 2016 year.

All teams have assured us that a good selection of readers are going home for reading practice. Students are encouraged to take readers home daily from a book box at their reading level. If you have any concerns about any books that are or are not coming home please see your child’s teachers as soon as possible. We apologise for any confusion caused.



TechSperts

The Techsperts have been carefully learning how to use coding to make their own game. Soon we will be holding workshops so everyone can have a turn! If you would like to have a go with your child visit <https://scratch.mit.edu/>. Click on 'try it out' and follow the

instructions on the right.
Thanks :)



Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent/ teacher interviews will take place this term on **Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th July.**

Slots will be allocated between **2pm and 6pm** on both days. On both days school will finish for students at **1:15pm** - start of lunchtime. Please ensure you have supervision for your children from this time.

Closer to the date appointment letters will be sent out.



Happy Birthday to You!!!

17th May - 1st June 2017

Team Kakariki - No Birthdays

Team Kea - No Birthdays

Team Tui - No Birthdays

Team Pukeko - Dylan.W, Jesurun,

Leah, Ryan

Team Kereru - Caleb, Leah

Team Kiwi - Carter, Chekuan

Library

A reminder to everyone that our library is open to all students every morning tea and lunch time. If you would like to visit our school library at any time so that you can choose books with your child please see your child's teachers.



Community Notices

Morningside Kids Care

WINZ approved

Before school care \$7 per day

After school care \$12 per day

Call Lynley [021 02320343](tel:021-02320343)

Whangarei FC Clubrooms,
Rawhiti St.

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[0800 FOR A JOB](tel:0800-FOR-A-JOB) or

www.peoplepotential.co.nz

What's happening in the Teams?

Team Kakariki

We are having a wonderful time in Team Kakariki at the moment! We have welcomed more students to our class and have been excitedly training for Cross Country! We have also been spending lots of time talking about our homes and families. Over the next few weeks, we will be planning some special events for our whanau, so keep an eye out for newsletters coming home next week! Mr Scrooby (our student teacher) will be starting to do more teaching in the class now too.

Team Kea

Team Kea has grown this week and we have welcomed 8 new students! We have been busy learning about what it means to be 'Kaitiaki' and have been discussing things that we are guardians of. We have seen a big improvement in the students remembering to bring their book bags every day, so please help your child to keep up the good work!! We have been amazed at the reading progress that has been made and we have some students who have learnt their first 25 sight words. Please keep helping by reading with your child every night.

Team Tui

Tui has been buzzing with excitement for our Trip to Parihaka. We have been talking about all the places that are important to Morningside School and learning our pepeha, and we can't wait to go and see them! We would also love to take any recyclable materials off our parents hands for our Discovery learning :) A special mention for any old CD's that you want to get rid of.

Team Pukeko:

We are really excited about our new school topic this term, 'Knowing where we come from helps us know where we belong', and getting really involved in being Kaitiaki across our school grounds. We have been enjoying doing some planting of new vegetables and making sure our existing plants have been weeded and watered. If you have any seedlings at home we would love to have them to plant in our garden. It has been fabulous to see so much communication through Seesaw and responses from parents, we love being able to share your child's learning with you all straight away.

Team Kereru

Team Kereru are well on their way to earning another celebration day. They have been striving to be the best that they can be and have earned 'double pompoms' many times! We were lucky enough to be asked by Northland Rugby to decorate nine wooden rugby fans for the upcoming 'Lions Tour'. Together with the 'Heart Arty Hub', Team Kereru did Morningside School proud, earning a prize of \$100! We have been learning about poi and rakau in Music and Dance. Check out Seesaw for some amazing performances. Our Inquiry for this term, 'Our People, Our place' has produced some thought provoking questions that Team Kereru are eager to answer. Please keep in mind our joint assembly with Team Pukeko every Friday at 2:40pm. Many thanks, Team Kereru.

Team Kiwi

Kia Ora Whanau

Team Kiwi is training hard for our school cross country. We are getting some great participation and effort happening, and we will be excited to see how this helps us for the day. Our People, Our Place topic is into the question stage with children identifying what they are needing to learn. We are also integrating our art topic into this by looking at the meaning and creation of kowhaiwhai.

Our focus in maths at the moment is Addition and Subtraction strategies. Make sure you have a chat with your child about which one of these they are currently using to solve addition and subtraction problems. :-)

Have a fantastic week!

