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Messages from our Principal

Tena koutou,

The Education Review Office will be doing the three yearly audit of our kura next week. We are looking forward to welcoming them and sharing with them our journey of learning. Please make them feel welcome as they will be out and about in classrooms and the school grounds.

Our building programme continues to be on target for our new relocatable classrooms. Team Kiwi teachers are looking forward to the new opportunities that will present themselves for our children when they move into this purpose designed space. Fingers crossed this will happen before the end of this term.

Our teachers and teacher aides continue to maintain their focus on building positive relationships and understanding the needs of every child in their team. This focus has allowed your child's teachers to identify what works best for your child to begin and continue their learning in a positive way. We continue to evaluate our programmes and will start work on reviewing and putting in place new documentation for our Year Books. We are renaming these as Learning Journals to better reflect a focus on learning and the way in which we assess and evaluate your child's learning.

Thank you to everyone for a great start to the school year.

David Prchal

Meet and Greet

A very BIG thank you to all those who braved the rain to attend our Meet and Greet last Thursday. The evening didn't quite go as originally planned (whaktau, games, picnic) but it was well attended and all enjoyed a chance to look at our fabulous rooms and meet our staff. Thank you to the Mad Butcher, Whangarei for donating the sausages. Our thanks also to Barfoot and Thompson reps Hayden and Heloise for helping with the barbeque and for the balloons and colouring competition for the kids.



Curriculum Focus - Students

Our students are currently enjoying our topic "Inside Out". Inspired by the Pixar movie this topic allows us to work with our students on themes of emotions, feelings and reactions.

The students are responding well and it has been a exciting way to start the year and find out about everyone in our new teams.



Staff Focus

Over the next few weeks staff focus will be on

"knowing the individual to know the learner."

Our aim is to find out what makes our students "tick" and similarly to find out what switches them off. This way we can, together with our students, build programmes that will be more meaningful for them.



Following consultation with our community last year we are also revamping our "Yearbooks" so watch this space!!!



Happy Birthday to You!!!

14th Dec 2016-24th Feb 2017

Team Kakariki - Bailey-Rose, Dayton, Isla, Jax, Kobe, Miriama, Tipene, Zander, Mila, Kellei, Tai

Team Kea - No birthdays

Team Tui - Caleb, Durome, Olivia-Rose, Kyr, Phoenix, Sienna, Summa, Tokii

Team Pukeko - Ariana, Awanuiarangi, Aziaks, Capri, Bailey.R, Kavahn, Krysm-Lee, Lauren, Paris, Portia, Teipauli, Tiaki

Team Kereru - Cameron, Hawaiiki, Hori, Hunter.F, Jamaica-Rose, Jaymez, Jaraiya, Kadin, Marcus, Natalie, Wade, Te Ahika

Team Kiwi - Amelia, Ben, Carter.H, Clevelyn, D'Adrio, Hemana, Hemiwhare, Lathan, Leigha, Memphis, Mikayla, Monica, Patience.L, Taegan, Xavier, Zakaiah, Zhynaliyah

Pokemon Cards

We have seen a return of the popular Pokemon cards to school. At present the children are doing a great job of playing fairly with these. However, at the first sign of any arguments or disputes involving these we will ban them from school.



Physical Education

With the start to the new school year being so warm and sunny teams have taken every opportunity to get out and about and active. Our PE team co-ordinator Rachel Sadgrove has put together an additional "PE" newsletter (attached) with all of the details included.

Just a reminder:

Please send your child's swimming gear along everyday as there are often sneaky opportunities to use the pool on hot days even if it isn't in the team's timetable.



Library Corner



Congratulations to our librarian Mrs Prchal. She was nominated by two of our student librarians at the end of last year to be school librarian of the month in the "Upstart" magazine. Our library and the librarians won prizes for themselves and the school. Well done!!

The School Library is open from 8.30am every morning and at morning tea and lunchtime every day for students to get out or return books. We would love to see parents using our library too, so feel free to pop in at any of these times with your child(ren) to help them select books or to just enjoy some library time together. This week our focus is on Roald Dahl and there will be different activities on offer at lunchtime this week for students to participate in!



Kapa Haka

Kapa haka meet every Tuesday at morning tea time. If there are any whanau who would like to tautoko the teachers please feel free to contact Susan Uffindell or Sally Shroff at school.

"Tech Spot"

Kia ora Whanau. If you would like to have your fortnightly school newsletter emailed out to you could you please fill out the note attached to this newsletter asap and we will add you to the mailing list.

Please remember we always put links to our newsletter on our Facebook page and the school website.

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It's great to see so many of you checking out our Facebook page and Website...keep your comments coming.



What's happening in the Teams?

Team Kakariki

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Team Kakariki. We have been lucky enough to have Whaea Marama with us for the first four weeks as a third-year student teacher, and we continue to welcome new tamariki into our classroom. The Kakariki kids have been having a fantastic time exploring all of their Discovery options and are producing some amazing creations! As always, we are collecting boxes, tubes etc so send them along if you have any at home.

Team Kea

In Team Kea we are busy getting stuck into our 'Inside Out' inquiry . . exploring our emotions!! We have started using Seesaw in a big way! Please see one of the teachers to get set up – it is a great way to keep in the loop with what your child is doing at school!!

Team Tui

Team Tui have had a wonderful start to the year. We have enjoyed spending time together as a team playing games, swimming, and learning all about feelings through our 'Inside Out' Inquiry. Discovery is up and running and the kids are loving having their time to follow their interests.

Team Pukeko

We have had a really exciting three weeks at school. We have started our Pukeko Stars where we visit whanau to celebrate your child's success. We will be sharing the Pukeko Stars on the Morningside Facebook page.

Thank you so much to all the parents who attended our Meet and Greet evening. It was great to see so many of you there and have the chance to have a chat with you. We are currently busy Swimming and doing our Inquiry based on Inside Out. Remember that readers are not coming home as frequently, however we are visiting the School Library regularly and there is a great choice of books for kids to bring home and read. Please make sure your child has a book bag. Our Discovery will be starting off soon, if you have any offcuts of wood, nails, old tools or any art/craft materials that we can create and reuse we would be grateful for these. Please feel free to pop in and see us any time.

Team Kereru

Team Kereru have had a fabulous start to the year! The team teachers are excited and proud to see the progress and enthusiasm our tamariki have towards their new STRIVE homework program. It has been great getting to know each other through our 'Inside Out' Inquiry topic and developing positive relationships. Reminders - Keep an eye out on Seesaw , don't forget our swimming days are Monday and Tuesday, and remember to pop in and see us at any stage! Ka mau te wehi!

Team Kiwi

Team Kiwi is off to a great start to the 2017 year. Our students are beginning to settle into the team environment, and have a better understanding of expectations and their roles within the team. We are excited about continuing our Kiwi Stars programme and have already been to visit some students and their whanau. Team Kiwi have identified what leadership responsibilities they would like to take part in and many are now busy getting these done throughout the school day.

We are now starting to bring more of a focus to our inquiry, the 'Inside Out' theme has opened many doors of interest for the students and adults alike in our team and we look forward to continuing with this in the coming weeks.

We would like to say a big thank-you to those Team Kiwi whanau who braved the weather and came to see us on our Meet and Greet night.

