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Messages from our Principal

Greetings Everyone

It was wonderful to see so many parents here supporting our children in the very successful school cross country event last week. I was particularly pleased with the efforts made by all our children, and could clearly see that they had a good fitness build up to enable them to perform well on the day.

Again it was lovely to see the place-getters immediately rewarded on the "Winners' Podium" and being presented with their medals at the end of each event. Special thanks must go to Rachel Sadgrove for her wonderful organisation of this event, and to all our school staff for their support of the organisation and running of this year's cross country. Well done everyone!

Reporting to Parents

Please note the following dates for our mid-year reporting to parents. Tuesday 27th June: Mid-year pupil progress reports, Learning Journals and Parent Interview notices will be sent home.

Monday 3rd July: Interview times sent home.

Tuesday 4th July: Parent interviews 2.00 – 6.00pm.

Wednesday 5th July: Parent interviews 2.00 – 6.00pm.

School will close at 1.15pm on both interview days.

Term Dates

Term 2 finishes at 3.00pm on Friday 7th July

Term 3 starts on Monday 24th July and ends on Friday 29th September

Term 4 starts on Monday 16th October and ends on Thursday 14th December

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.

Language, Symbols and Texts

Is about the different ways to communicate and understand information, experiences and ideas.

For ideas of what to do at home check out this link:

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

Matariki

Towards the end of the term we



will be developing a focus on Matariki.

Teams will combine over the course of week 9 (26th-30th June) to learn about the

meaning of Matariki and why it is celebrated. We would like to share our learning with all of our whanau and friends on Thursday 29th June from 2pm. Come along and find out what we have been doing.

The Hearty Arty Hub

The Hearty Arty Hub members have been exploring the media of Indian ink, dye and paint.

The students have been having an excellent time meeting up once a week and the artwork is looking fabulous. We are very impressed by the attitudes and efforts of the students.



We will be uploading pictures of our finished artworks to the Morningside Facebook page! Check us out!

Barbarian's Powhiri

Ka pai Estelle and Hawaiki - You represented our school beautifully today. We were lucky enough to be invited along to the Barbarians Powhiri as special guests. We had to select two students who we thought did an outstanding job with their wooden rugby fans to come along and be Morningside School representatives (tough decision!). The girls got to spend some time with all the players, hang out with the mayor, and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Thank you Te Kapehu Whetu Leadership Academy for having us and for the spectacular performance, welcome and kai.



TechSports

In week 5 the ICT Team went to the Interface 'XPO' in Auckland. It was a great opportunity to see 'what's new' in the technology world and gather new ideas to bring back to our tamariki and kaiako. One new app we discovered was 'pic kids'. It is the same as 'pic collage' but easier and safer for children to use. Best of all, it's FREE!! Go ahead and check it out!



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BUT INSTEAD
TEACH THEM TO SIT WITH THOSE SITTING ALONE
TEACH THEM TO BE KIND
TEACH THEM TO OFFER THEIR HELP
TEACH THEM TO BE A FRIEND TO THE LONELY
TEACH THEM TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS
TEACH THEM TO THINK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE
TEACH THEM TO SHARE
TEACH THEM TO LOOK FOR THE GOOD
THIS IS HOW THEY'LL CHANGE THE WORLD

These are all Important lessons
to Learn.



Happy Birthday to You!!!

2nd June—14th June 2017

Team Kakariki - Tyler

Team Kea - No Birthdays

Team Tui - Indi, Kareem, Tayah,
Zion

Team Pukeko - Kaelani

Team Kereru - No Birthdays

Team Kiwi - Awa, Nakia

Library

Last week was author David Walliams week in the library and the students had fun completing the different activities that were on offer. It's great to see so many students using the library at morning tea and lunchtimes. It's a great place to go especially on a wet day! Please encourage your child to choose a book that *they* can read and a book that *you can read to them* as their library choices!

Congratulations!!

A huge "well done" to the NJHFD Dance Crew who came **3rd** overall for their division in the NZ Hip Hop Champs last weekend in Tauranga.

We are especially proud of this crew as it has a number of current and past Morningside Students involved.



Ka Pai, Samara, Kiarna, Patience, Te Arahī and Kyra.

Community Notices

Massive Garage Sale!!

Huge variety of good stuff!!

From 7am Sat 24 June.

At Huanui College Gym,
328 Ngunguru Road.



What's happening in the Teams?

Team Kakariki

Things are great in Kakariki at the moment! We are excited to start badminton sessions on Wednesday mornings and would love our extended whanau to join us. Please see Mrs Kitchen for more information. We will also start planning our Grandparents afternoon tea this week, so keep an eye out for information about this coming home. Sadly, this is our last week with Mr Scrooby, who heads back to University to continue his teaching degree. We have all thoroughly enjoyed having Mr Scrooby with us over the past five weeks and wish him all the best for the future.

Team Kea

We are having a wonderful time in Team Kea. We have created a new 'cosy campfire' space complete with wooden seats, tent and 'fire' - our tamariki have loved using this space as a quiet/chill out zone. Please come in and check it out! We were extremely proud of our tamariki and their amazing attitudes during cross country!! Everyone completed the race with big smiles! We have started buddy reading and activities on a Thursday afternoon with Team's Kakariki and Kereru, please come along and join in the fun!

Team Tui

We have been buzzing with busy learners in Team Tui! We've have been talking and finding out more about all the important people and places in our school pepeha and practicing sharing this in our morning hui too! The tamariki have also been practising using the voice tool on our Seesaw posts to help us share what we have been doing with our photos! If you would like to know more about Seesaw or want some help connecting to your child's page please pop in and talk to one of the Team Tui kaiako so we can help you stay up to date!

Team Pukeko:

We are busy with our Inquiry topic this term "Our People, Our Place" and planted seeds last week - they are now growing in our greenhouse and we water them regularly! Badminton begins for us this week. We go each Wednesday. Please make sure your child has shoes and a rain jacket on this day. Thanks to all of you who have returned the Rippa Rugby forms (Year 3's only) and your child's pepeha. It is great to have these back so quickly! We are looking forward to learning our pepeha this week!

Team Kereru

Wow! We can't believe we are in Week 6 already. Time is flying. Well done to those students who have been attending the weekly Wednesday STRIVE Homework Club. It has been fantastic having students sharing their STRIVE work on Friday afternoons. We are very much enjoying getting to know our new students in Team Kereru. Welcome to our whanau Ezra, Kennedy, Georjah, Jacob and Nikau! Badminton is starting up for our team in Week 7. Don't forget that our assemblies are Friday afternoons at 2.40pm in either the Team Pukeko or Team Kereru classrooms.

Team Kiwi

Term 2 is up and running, and unfortunately so is the weather. Because of the position of our classroom to rest of the school, our tamariki have to walk a fair way to get their bag or go to the toilet. If you are able, please make sure that your tamariki have a jacket they can use if it is raining so that they are not getting too wet when travelling to these spaces. Our tamariki have started designing their kowhaiwhai art. There have been some really cool designs that have been presented to the kaiako. Take a moment to ask your tamariki about what kowhaiwhai represents, and what designs they have come up with in their planning so far. This week we start our badminton training. Our children will be walking to and from the badminton centre on Porowini Ave. Here they will consolidate the badminton skills they have been learning over the last few years. We are well into our topic of Our People, Our Place and are now into our finding out stage, learning some very interesting things about belonging.

