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Messages from our Principal

Tena koutou,

We are now mid-way through term one! Time has really flown by. We continue to be concerned with the vast amount of clothing and footwear that our children are leaving lying around the school. Virtually none of this is named, which makes it almost impossible to get it back to its owner. We regularly send large bags of unclaimed clothing and footwear to the Salvation Army. Please help us all by naming your children's clothing.

Each Monday, we have a scooter day at school, where children are able to bring their scooters and use them before school, at morning tea and at lunchtime. We do not require children to wear safety gear, but certainly do encourage this. At last night's staff meeting it was decided that we would allow a trial of students being able to bring skateboards on Mondays as well. However due to the "tricks" that children are attempting, we will require all skateboarders to wear a helmet as an added safety precaution.

Finally, our two new classrooms are nearing completion. It is hoped that they will be ready for use in two weeks' time. Subject to the Council code of compliance being issued at the same time, Team Kiwi will then be able to move in. This will give both Team Kiwi and Team Kereru each the three classrooms that they are entitled to.

David Prchal



Curriculum Focus - Students

Core programmes are up and running and teams will have sent information about what happens in class. Our overarching theme of Inside Out is providing a wide range of activities to help students understand their feelings and reactions. These help our students to know themselves as learners and as members of Morningside School and its community.



The Key Competencies are:

Thinking, Managing Self, Participating and Contributing, Relating to Others and Language Symbols and Texts.

Over a series of newsletters we will take a more of an in-depth look into what each of these mean to us.

Staff Focus

Our continued staff focus is on knowing the individual to know the learner. Programmes are developing which incorporate the learning styles and preferences of our students.

No Toys at School!!!!

Due to the usual squabbles and "missing" items we ask that you do not allow your child to bring any toys of any kind to school. This includes soft toys, cars, pokemon cards etc. Any toys will be confiscated until the end of the day and then sent home.



Updating Contact Details

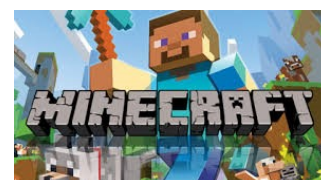
Please ensure that we have all your contact details up to date. We have had a number of incidents where we have been unable to contact parents when a child is sick or injured. It is important that you let us know as soon as your details change. Feel free to send in a note, to email us or contact us via the Facebook page with any change of details.

Library Corner

Wow! It has been awesome to see so many children in the library at morning tea and lunch times!

This week is 'Minecraft Week' in the library. We are looking forward to seeing the children enjoy a range of activities and being creative.

A reminder that the library is open from 8.30am every day and it would be great to see whanau enjoying our library at this time in the morning.



Kapa Haka & Te Reo

Ki Ora whanau,

We have been really enjoying getting back into kapahaka for 2017! We have lots of new faces and are working on learning new songs and making sure we work well and tautoko our ropu.

Throughout the school we have been exploring feelings in maori in many teams as part of our inside out topic. See if your tamariki can use some of their new Te reo maori to share with you 'e pehea ana koe?' 'how are you?'

As always if you think you would like to tautoko us or have any skills to share in this area we would really appreciate it.

Nga mihi,

Susan and Sally

"Tech Spot"

Seesaw is an app for sharing student work with whanau and has taken off in many of the teams. We are currently upskilling teachers so it will be throughout all teams (except Kakariki at the moment) by the end of Term 1. If you are not sure what it is or how it works please see your classroom teachers for more information... and watch this space



Happy Birthday to You!!!
25th Feb - 8th March 2017
Team Kakariki - No birthdays
Team Kea - No birthdays
Team Tui - Reihana
Team Kereru - Kody
Team Kiwi - Albert

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What's happening in the Teams?

Team Kakariki

Things are wonderful in Team Kakariki! We continue to enjoy our Discovery time, with the Crafty Cove and outdoor space featuring as our favourite areas lately. Our Inside Out theme is going really well and we have produced some amazing pieces of art which are up on our walls. Pop in and have a look sometime!

Team Kea

We are enjoying this beautiful weather and making the most of our outdoor spaces—there is hut building, tree climbing, pirates and painting among many other things going on in these areas! We are always on the look out for stuff for Discovery .. Our children are wanting to make some 'wearable' horses/cars/boats etc so we are looking for LARGE boxes if you have them going spare ... Please and thank you :)

Team Tui

Team Tui are working hard and are beginning to set goals for their writing. Lots of children are working hard on their sight words, practising these at home as well as at school.

Team Pukeko

Wow! We had an awesome few weeks in Team Pukeko. We are full on into our term theme: Inside Out. It would be great if you could talk to your kids each day about how their day went and discuss different types of feelings and emotions they may have encountered. Talk to them about how they deal with these different emotions and the strategies they could use try to help. If you haven't already done so, please call in and see your child's work that is displayed around our gorgeous classroom. We know they would love to show you! We will be moving into team assemblies each Friday afternoon at 2:40pm. Please come along and celebrate success with us.

Team Kereru

Kia ora from Team Kereru! Congratulations to the fantastic tamariki who have earned their first certificate for STRIVE – we are proud of you! It has been neat having so many parents sign up to their child's Seesaw account. Let us know if you require another sign-up sheet. Come on into our team and check out our amazing art work! Remember to bring your togs every Monday and Tuesday. We are having so much fun in our team and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Team Kiwi

Team Kiwi is continuing to create a positive learning environment, and we have made good gains towards this. Our Class Dojo system, and Kiwi Star is helping to identify individual excellence, while our Sparklers jar is helping to recognise whole class excellence – Keep up the hard work guys.

In class our focus on managing self is starting to take shape with children identifying learning goals and needs with teacher input. We have now split into three different groups for our inquiry, with the children focussing on either physical health, nutritional health or emotions. Our popular invasion game Ki-o-rahi is continuing to be a success. We have now chosen a team to take part in our first tournament, YAY! Our narrative writing focus is bringing out some amazing writing talent and we are looking forward to reading more fabulous stories. Have a great week whanau!

