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Messages from our Principal and Board of Trustees

Greetings Everyone

Recently we distributed a survey to all families who have had a child start school on our Foundation class during 2016 and 2017. A huge thank you to the 55% of families who completed the surveys. Your responses are very useful in helping us to ensure we give all children the very best possible start to their schooling.

There was an overwhelmingly positive response to our transition to school procedures. You find us a very welcoming school, and gave huge praise to the warmth with which you were greeted by both Briar in the school office and Gina in the Foundation class.

You all felt that the pre-enrolment visits were very helpful in readying your child for starting school, and 99% of you indicated that your child settled into school very well. Nearly all of you reported that Gina's contact with you on the first day of school by phone, text or sending pictures reduced your anxiety and helped you to feel good about your children's starting school.

There is overwhelming support for children starting school in the smaller foundation class, becoming familiar with school, then moving into Team Kea as they are ready. You find it is supportive for your children, is personalised and provides great home – school communication opportunities.

Staff Changes

From the last week of this term, I will be away on sabbatical leave for the remainder of the school year, visiting schools and seeking ways in which we can further improve our relationship with Early Childhood Centres and develop our play-based learning pedagogy in our early years' classrooms. During this time Mrs Booth and Mr van de Klundert will be acting as co-principals, with shared responsibility for running the school. Also in term 4, Mrs Uffindell returns from her sabbatical leave and will be teaching in Team Kea for the remainder of the year.

With this being my final newsletter for the year, it is far too early to wish you all a very happy Christmas! However, I do wish the entire Morningside community all the best for a successful rest of 2017.

And finally, please remember to spend a little time each day reading with your children.

David Prchal

2017 Zoo Trip

By now all students in teams Kiwi, Kereru and Pukeko would have received a permission slip for the Auckland Zoo trip next term.

These forms are important for us to make plans for these days so please return them asap. Another notice will go out next week which requires medical and contact information. Please contact your child's team teachers if you have any queries.



Maori Language Week

This week is Maori language week.

Each morning tea time we have activities on offer for our students to take part in. We have also been encouraging the use of Te Reo both in the classroom and the playground.

Ka Pai Tino Pai Kia Ora

Library



Due to the rainy weather, the children have been using the library more often. It has been great to see children returning and choosing books during their break times! We had our Duffy Assembly on Tuesday and it was awesome to have Ray Bishop visit us. All students will have received a Duffy book, this is the last one for the year. A big thank you to Duffy and Mainfreight for sponsoring this!!

Heart Arty Hub

The Glee Club have been doing a fantastic job of meeting every Thursday at morning tea time to rehearse their two chosen songs for Term 3 - 'If I Were You', by Meghan Trainor, and 'When I'm Gone', by Anna Kendrick. It has been wonderful to see students putting their hand up to have a go at a lead parts in our performances. We are so proud of what the tamariki in the Glee Club have produced so far and cannot wait to perform later on in the term!



Happy Birthday to You!!!

14th September - 27th September 2017

Team Kakariki - No birthdays

Team Kea - Charlie

Team Tui - Harry, Jahzara, Simon

Team Pukeko - Brody, Jaxon, Nevaeh

Team Kereru - Alyssa, Haillin, Kaauri,

Quentin, Kayla, Leanna, Paige, Tamarra

Team Kiwi - Ben.Y, Haydn, Mia

Xavier's Joke Spot

Q. What do you call cheese that's not yours?

A. Nacho Cheese!!

Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A. Frostbite!

Q. Why did the old man throw the butter out of the window?

A. To see a "butterfly"!



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.



CITY CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATION DAY
Saturday 16 September 2017
10am - 12pm
Cobham Oval Indoor Centre

Come and register to play cricket for the FireCo Juniors this coming season.



Great club, great coaches, join City!

Follow us on Facebook - City Cricket Club Whangarei
Visit our website - www.citycricketclub.co.nz

Contact MARNIE REID (Junior Coordinator) on 021 064 2444
or email marnie@bluelight.co.nz

What's happening in the Teams?

Team Kakariki:

We have been baking up a storm in Team Kakariki as part of our Kaupapa of Kai unit. We have decided to make a recipe book, so we will be asking our whanau to send in their treasured family recipes as well as some current favourites. We will be selling this recipe book to raise money for our outside space so keep any eye out for more information coming home about this soon. You can also check out snippets of the daily adventures of the Kakariki tamariki on our blog - kakarikitamariki.blogspot.co.nz

Team Kea:

Team Kea has been having a big focus on respect over the last few weeks. We have been focusing on how we can show respect for others as well as respecting our own learning. Lately we have been pulling apart different types of electronics and having a look at what makes them work so if you have any old electrical items that are no longer any good we would love to have them (nothing too big). We have been seen a big improvement in the amount of Team Kea kids coming in each morning asking to be tested on their sight words, thank you so much for supporting our tamariki. Lastly please continue to send those book bags to school every day.

Team Tui:

Team Tui has been working hard this term to explore sound and the ways we can create sound. Your tamariki have just completed planning, creating and reflecting on instruments they have made and we are all very much looking forward to our Whānau sharing session as part of our presenting stage on Friday the 15th of September. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits available for our presenting session. Lastly if anyone shops at New World and is happy to share their little seedling pots with us, we would greatly appreciate that!

Team Pukeko: Its going to be a busy few weeks ahead for our Team. We are really enjoying our topic and are excited about making our Toy's this week! We continue to use Te Reo Maori in the classroom and have a range of activities during lunchtime to celebrate Maori language week. Our aim is to all try and use Te Reo Maori in the playground, saying a simple 'Kia ora' to our friends or asking how their day is today. Lastly we are really looking forward to our zoo trip and are asking that parents get the notices back to us as soon as possible so we can be prepared and organised.

Team Kereru:

Team Kereru have been working hard over the last couple of weeks to fill up the 'happy day jar' so they can have a celebration day at the end of term. They are nearly there with over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the jar being full. We have moved into the 'future' aspect of their visual art studies. They have been creating digital art using Google Slides. All of the teachers were super impressed with the digital abilities shown by the students. This Friday the Year 4/5 have been offered free eye testing. Please return these forms ASAP.

Team Kiwi:

Kia Ora Whanau. Hope you are having a great week. We are climbing into the last part of our 'Back to the Future' inquiry. This has been an interesting topic with a lot of input and passion from our tamariki. Well done to our Cross Country team who went to Barge Park, placing were as follows; Mia 17th, Xavier 99th, Summer 43rd, Noah 24th, we are very proud of you. Thank-you to those of you who have brought back their zoo forms, and to the parents/caregivers who have offered to assist on the day. If you haven't brought these back please do so as soon as possible. This week is the last week of our online matific (maths) competition, this has been an engaging experience for all of our tamariki.

