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**Respect** - Whakaute

**Curiosity** - Mahirahira

**Community** - Whanaungatanga

**Excellence** - Hiranga

Principal's Message

### **Greetings Everyone**

Welcome back everyone to our new school year, and an especially warm welcome to our new students and their families. We have enjoyed a very positive first two weeks and our school roll has settled at 315. As previously advised, this year the school is not seeking school fees from parents, and has also provided all student stationery free of charge. This has enabled all students to begin the year with everything that they need to get working in their classrooms.

### **Meet & Greet Evening**

We will be holding this event on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February (this Thursday) from 4.00 to 5.30pm. This is an opportunity to meet informally with your children's teaching team, and join us for a free BBQ sausage. We look forward to seeing lots of our whanau with their children here on Thursday. If you are not able to attend, please remember that we are always happy for you to pop in and see a teacher briefly before or after school, and if necessary an appointment can be made for a longer discussion.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

For the best learning to take place, it is essential that children attend school every day that we are open. If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please contact the school office on 438 2021 before 9.15am and let Briar or Sarah know of the absence. Similarly, it is very important that children arrive on time every day. We like to have all children here before 8.45am. This allows them a little settling in time at the start of the day and ensures that they are set up for a successful day of learning.

### **Teacher Only Day**

We will be holding a staff professional development day on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** and school will be closed. Please ensure that you make alternative arrangements for your children on this day.

### **Future Newsletters**

This year we are moving away from paper based school newsletters, so this will be the last one we send out. In future, school newsletters will be posted on the school's website [www.morningside.school.nz](http://www.morningside.school.nz) and our Facebook page [Facebook.com/MorningsideSchool](https://www.facebook.com/MorningsideSchool) during weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term. Teaching teams will still send notices home as needed.

David Prchal

Principal

Hari Huritau Ki a Koe

Happy Birthday!!

These Children have all had a birthday!!

### **Six Years**

Jake Eynon, Isaac O'Kan, Analeah Andrews, Jacob Ngere, Lachlan Whitehead and Andre Brennan- Damora

### **Seven Years**

Lotus Wihoite, Te Awarere Copper Walker, Jay Lammers, Jack Bonham and Milly Davidson.

### **Eight Years**

Tyson Rewa, Manraj Singh, Zander Benseman, Kobe Page, Akeelah Petera, Ayvaa Morgan, Miriama Hill-Griffin, Jax Page, Taipurutu Kelly, Waimarie Waitere-Moses, and Mila Holtz.

### **Nine Years**

Kavahn Tucker, Summa Mita-Tepania, Sienna Rupapera, Phoenix Coopman, Kyra Phimester

### **Ten Years**

Capri Worsnop, Ariana Albert, Awanuiarangi Nelson, Bailey Hiku, Logan Massicks, Cameron Spanhake, Teipauli Tutu, Paris Krippner and Portia Nathan-Bell

### What's on @ Morningside

Thursday 20th Feb - Meet and Greet 4pm - 5.30pm

Mon 24th & Tues 25th Feb - Roopu Rangitira to Waitangi

Tues 3rd March - RNZB - Glee Club to visit

Thurs 5th March - Middles trip to Town Basin - TBC

Weds 11th March - Whole School Triathlon

Friday 13th March - Teacher Only day - School closed

Thurs 9th April - Last day Term 1

### Board of Trustees Vacancy

A vacancy for an elected parent representative on the Board of Trustees has arisen. This will be filled by way of a by-election, and nominations will be called for shortly. If you are interested in joining the Board and want further information about the role, please come into school and discuss this with David Prchal.



### Kakariki

Team Kakariki have had a great start to the year and have already welcomed 5 more students over the past week. We have been enjoying swimming in the pool and water play in the hot afternoons. Our focus has been on our value of respect/whakaute and managing ourselves. It has been awesome to see lots of students trying hard to independently look after their belongings and pack their bags.

### Tui

Team Tui are currently focusing on the school values, community, curiosity, respect and excellence. We will be working hard at practicing for the triathlon in week 6. Please ensure your tamariki have their togs and towel each day.

### Kakapo

Team Kakapo have had an awesome start to the term. We are excited with our topic around Let's Grow. Please make sure you are connected to Seesaw as this will keep you up to date with your child's mahi and notices from school.

### Pukeko

Team Pukeko have had a great start to the year! We are excited by our Inquiry topic 'Let's Grow' and we have begun by growing our Art skills and creating amazing self portraits. These will be displayed at our meet and greet on Thursday, so come and check them out. Our Team are also looking forward to our up and coming trip to the town basin with Team Kotare where we will grow as a wider middle school team.

### Kotare

Kia ora koutou ma! Roopu Kotare are using the term topic of Me tipu tatou - Let's Grow, to focus on identity through pepeha. Our tamariki are quickly making links to the school values and are enjoying looking at how having a unique identity is important in all aspects of their growth, their whanau and community growth. It has been an awesome start to our term!

### Roopu Rangitira (Kereru and Kiwi)

Tēna tātou katoa e ngā whānau ma. Roopu Rangitira (Kereru and Kiwi) have had an AMAZING start back to the 2020 school year! In week one, we had a quick look at Te Tiriti o Waitangi with a focus to learn more in the next weeks to coincide with our school trip to Waitangi and Ruapekapeka Pā. We are going Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th of February, so we need all outstanding permission slips returned ASAP. Last week our tamariki all participated in a day out sailing in Parua Bay. The weather was perfect and the general consensus from all involved was that "it was the best day ever!" Definitely some future sailors in our midst. A massive ngā mihi nunui (thank you) to all our parent helpers for sailing and Waitangi next week. We could not do it without your support. Lastly, our school meet and greet evening is this Thursday the 20th from 4 - 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and for our tamariki to show off some of their awesome mahi. No reira, ka kite koutou ā te wā, ngā kaiako ma o Roopu Rangitira.