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Respect - Whakaute

Curiosity - Mahirahira

Community - Whanaungatanga

Excellence - Hiranga

Principal's Message

Thank you to all whanau who took the opportunity to attend our "Meet and Greet" afternoon on February 20th. For those of you who were unable to attend, please remember that our teachers welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss aspects of your child's education. Please contact the school office to make an appointment in the first instance.

COVID 19 (coronavirus)

The school is receiving daily updates from the Ministry of Education via the Ministry of Health regarding COVID 19 and any actions that we need to be taking.

Currently we are being advised that the best thing to do is for everyone to practice good preventative measures, particularly good hygiene:

- Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell

Any decision to close a school in the future would be made by the local medical Officers of Health, but at the moment we are a very long way away from any such situation.

Sick Children

If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. If they have been vomiting or have diarrhoea, we require them to stay at home for a further 48 hours before returning to school. We have already had two major bugs sweep through the school this year affecting a very significant number of students and staff. Children who are unwell cannot learn effectively, and it is in everyone's best interest for them to remain at home until they have fully recovered.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, head lice are a fact of life in all schools. In the past we have run the nitbusters programme here at Morningside, enabling us to check and treat affected students for whom we have consent. Whanau are advised following treatment. This programme will be starting again shortly. We also have treatment packs that we can send home. Please contact Briar in the school office if you require one of these.

New Classrooms

After a four year wait, our four new classrooms were finally delivered on-site on February 15 and 16. Paramount Construction are doing a great job commissioning them for us and we hope to take possession of these during the April school break.

David Prchal
Principal

What's on @ Morningside

Weds 11th March - Whole School Triathlon

Friday 13th March - **Teacher Only day - School closed**

Monday 30th March - BOT meeting

Friday 3rd April - Kakapo walk up Parihaka - TBC

Thursday 9th April - Last day Term 1

Tuesday 28th April - First day of Term 2



Hari Huritau Ki a Koe

Happy Birthday!!

These Children have all had a birthday!!



Six Years

Myles Dassler, Andrew Rawson,
Marcus Nash, Daytona Ailby, Kiriwai Kelly, Maria Ngarino

Seven Years

Armistice Rika-Watson Tahuaroa, Korah Wairau, Layla White,
Jonah Burkhardt

Eight Years

Aoraki Mitchell, Kellei Reynolds-White, Shayden Cresswell,
Honor Connelly, London Steventon

Nine Years

Isobella Flay-Lord, Maa-Tino Ioane, Keelan Marr, Patrick
Murray

Ten Years

Skylah Cresswell, Georjah Stephens, Peti Tau, Carillo Silby

Weetbix Tryathlon

Please click on the link below if you wish to enter your child in the Weetbix Tryathlon held in Waitangi on Sunday the 29th March. You can put Morningside School as your child's school group which will put our school forward to win group prizes. If you have any questions please check the website or pop in and see

Whaea Sally.

<https://tryathlon.co.nz/>



Teacher Only Day

A reminder of our staff professional development day **this Friday 13th March when school will be closed.** Please ensure that you have made alternative arrangements for your children on this day.

Ballet in a Box

On Tuesday 3rd March 30 of our Glee club children had the opportunity to attend "Ballet in a Box". This was a 1 hour show presented by the Royal New Zealand Ballet as part of their "Tutus on Tour" production. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and made us very proud by displaying excellent manners and behaviour on the day.



Positive Behaviour 4 Learning: PB4L



Morningside School continues to be a Positive Behaviour 4 Learning School. We are now into our third year. This programme supports our tamariki by giving them rules and clear guidelines. These support our school values: Whakaute-Respect, Whanaungatanga-Community, Mahirahira-Curiosity, Hiranga-Excellence. We have a five member PB4L team that promotes our school values every week. This shapes our positive school culture to support learning, well being and inclusion.

Morningside Netball

We have had a great response for netball teams this year and the staff are currently sorting children into teams and ensuring we have enough coaches and managers for these. The fees have been confirmed at \$37 per child. We will be sharing these teams closer to the end of term.

If you have any questions please pop in and see Whaea Sally.



Morningside Community Food Pantry

Morningside community now has its own FREE FOOD PANTRY/PATAKA. This is located on the side wall of the Korna Store. Please feel free to "take what you need and give what you can". This could be fruit and veg from your garden or toiletries etc. This is for the Morningside Community to show that we care and want everyone to have something to eat.

Kakariki

Team Kakariki: We have been training for the triathlon. We have challenged ourselves completing swimming, cycling and running. We have been cheering each other on and we can't wait for Wednesday! Please could whanau collect and send clean milk bottle lids of any colour to school. We have an upcoming project. Kia ora!

Tui

Team Tui have been training hard for the triathlon that is coming up! In class we have been learning about our similarities and differences and celebrating those things that make us who we are. Please continue to encourage your tamariki to bring in their book bags and sight words each day.

Kakapo

Team Kakapo have been exploring what we need in order to grow and reach our goals. We are taking this further by exploring what our body needs to achieve these goals. As part of our goal setting we are going to be walking around our bike track to reach the equivalent distance of Parihaka. There will be an exciting goal focussed around our maunga Parihaka, watch this space for more information around this.

Our tamariki have started taking readers home in book bags to read with whānau. Please remind your tamariki to return their book bag daily.

We were very excited for our triathlon and had been training extremely hard. Our tamariki enjoyed having their whānau watch us. Thanks for respecting our teachers and other students on our triathlon day.

Our goal was to complete this on our own! And many of us did!

Pukeko

Kia ora whanau, Team Pukeko have been getting right into our sketching and learning a range of new techniques to use. We have been very interested in this. Looking ahead to our school triathlon, our training has been running very smoothly with students setting personal goals. To grow their physical endurance, in particular completing the whole course without stopping. This has been a big accomplishment for all our tamariki. We are super proud of them!

Kotare

Kia ora whanau! We have had a very busy couple of weeks unpacking our school values, working on what makes us unique and sharing some simple goals. We had a blast on our trip - even with the drizzle! We are very proud of our tamariki and the way in which they showed our school values out in the wider community. Our middle triathlon training has been going extremely well and we can't wait to see the amazing efforts on the day!

Roopu Rangitira (Kereru and Kiwi)

Kia ora whanau!

It has been a busy few weeks in Roopu Rangitira. Last week, we headed to Waitangi and Ruapekapeka Pa, and had a fantastic time. Many thanks to the amazing parents who supported us on these trips. We finished the week with the signing of our own team treaty and are very proud of the way our students are striving to uphold this document inside the classroom and out in the playground. We have been very busy training for the school triathlon. Our tamariki are blowing us away with their commitment to improving their speed and endurance as well as their general fitness ready for the big day.