

Kia Ora whānau and welcome back after what was hopefully a wonderful holiday break. We have another busy and exciting term planned with our much anticipated Year 3&4 camp towards the end of term.

School Values

In Term 1 we spent time unpacking our school values and discussing what they meant and how we can demonstrate them. This term we continue to focus on them daily and will look more into how we can be role models of our school values and impact positively on our school environment.



Term 2 Learning

This term, in Takahe and Tui, we begin with a focus on ANZAC Day and will delve more into what life was like for the ANZACs and how their sacrifice has impacted our lives today. Kakapo learners have started with a focus on their health and are learning all about healthy eating and healthy bodies.

Later in the term we are all looking forward to becoming scientists with a focus on Kitchen Science. Children will learn how to hypothesise, conduct an experiment and talk about their findings - all while using things that can be found in most kitchens at home!

Our Literacy focus this term is on writing and presenting speeches. We will be doing a lot of work in class leading up to this and will send out more information about how your child can be supported at home to write and practise their speech. Speeches will be presented in class during Week 8 and speech finalists will be sharing their speeches at our final assembly.

Team assemblies this term will be on Friday at 2.30pm in the school hall on the following weeks:

Week 3 - Kakapo hosting Week 5 - Takahe hosting Week 7 - Tui hosting Week 9 - Team Speech Sharing Families are welcome to join us at our team assemblies!

<u>Homework</u>

The following homework continues in Term 2:

- Daily reading (group reader, browsing box book, or library book)
- Mathletics: 10 mins of Course Work and 5 mins of 'Live'
- Spelling

We appreciate your continued support ensuring homework is completed each night, reading logs are signed and book bags come to school daily. Please encourage your child to be responsible and pack all of their homework each night ready to bring back to school the next day.

Agricultural Day

Save The Date! Saturday 28th September

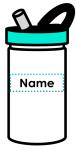
This term we will begin preparing for our much loved school Ag Day at the end of Term 3. In particular, the children will begin work on their art projects and start planning ahead for their floral and baking projects.





Health & Wellbeing

As the weather gets cooler we ask that you please ensure your child wears warm layers as it is often cold in the morning and warms up during the day. It is also the term to start bringing a rain jacket as we often get rain throughout the day.



If children wish to play on the field at morning tea or lunch this term they must bring a change of clothes to wear instead of their uniform.

Please ensure your child has a named drink bottle at school every day. We prefer children to drink from a water bottle during the day when they need to stay hydrated during class time. This limits the amount they are leaving the room and missing out on learning. We do have drinking fountains available for use when children are outside playing.

To help your child manage their belongings it is really helpful if **all** their clothing including jumpers are clearly named. We also encourage parents to clearly label footwear to avoid mix ups of similar footwear. Please regularly remind your child to put their belongings away in their bag if they take them off. Most often when clothing items are lost they are unnamed so it becomes very hard to track them down and return them to their owners.

Please also check the lost property box regularly which is located at the entrance to the hall by the Library.

A reminder to please keep your child home if they are unwell so we can limit the spread of sickness as we come into the Winter months.

Years 3 and 4 Camp – Lakewood Lodge

The children are very much looking forward to attending camp this term in Week 8. We will be heading to Lakewood Lodge on Thursday 20th & Friday 21st June for two full days of amazing learning opportunities. Gear lists and medical forms will be coming home soon. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our camp meeting this week. The powerpoint will be sent home for those who were unable to attend.



<u>Year 5 Camp</u>

Year 5 Children will be attending Camp Adair on 20th-22nd November in Week 6 of Term 4. Information about this camp will come home closer to the time.

Cyber Safety

In class we are completing a series of lesson on how to keep safe online. We would love to have your support with this by attending our upcoming parent Cyber Safety evening on Wednesday 22nd May (see poster to the right). You can book via the link shared earlier on our Class Dojo pages. We hope to see you all there!

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with the tamariki!

Kind Regards,

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