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Ruma Tahī - Room 1

Tekau mā rua o Haratua, i te tau e rua mano rua tekau mā tahī.

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whānau,

Ngā mihi e te whānau. Term two is upon us already, and like all other terms there is a lot on the calendar. Hopefully you have received a notice with important dates for this term. If not, please visit our school website to see any notices that you have missed. Here is the link to the homepage of our school website, where you will find a section for our newsletters:

<https://www.kns.ac.nz/1/pages/2-home>

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Class Foci

This term one focal point will be 'whakarite', or being organised. Students are learning to understand what this looks like in the classroom setting and beyond. We are continuing our goal to develop the use of te reo Māori in class and learn about the history of Aotearoa. I must say we have some students in class who are shaping up to be excellent linguists!

Literacy

This term's goal is 'precision with words', or choosing the best word for the context. Building our vocabulary is integral to allowing us to communicate with clarity. The students are learning that to know a word does not just mean being able to say the word when reading or even to spell it. They need to know its definition(s) well enough to be able to apply the word in different contexts and settings.

Mathematics

Cross-grouping maths continues after lunch each day, with students working in classes encompassing their current learning goals and needs. It is always helpful to support your child with learning their times tables. Also, where possible, any opportunity to share your child into real world mathematical problems, especially household related, is a great way to keep them applying and building their maths skills.

Taku Wairua

We are continuing on with the Taku Wairua programme this term. The programme ends with a service day, of which further details will follow. Last term we looked at the pillars of Belonging (Pēpeha and Whakapapa) and Self Discovery (Know and Love Personality Quiz for Kids and Self Discovery questions). This term we move on to Goal Setting and Citizenship (volunteering).

Matariki

This term we will be celebrating the Māori New Year as a school. This will involve exciting learning opportunities in week 9 (28th June-2nd July). Next year this significant event will become one of Aotearoa's public holidays. I will post details closer to the time of what this entails.

What's on When!

Teacher Only Days: This term the school will be closed on the 4th and 21st of June for teachers to continue professional development.

Queen's Birthday: School will also be closed for this public holiday, a wonderful opportunity for a long weekend and precious whānau time!

School Photos: These are on the 24th of June, the students always arrive looking very smart for photos!

Parent Conversations : 5, 6, 7th July. Bookings open online on the 15th of June. I look forward to sharing your child's progress in class and meeting those of you I have yet to meet.

Library:

Our library time continues to be on Mondays.

My Duty Days:

Wednesday 12.30pm - 1.05pm

Thursday 1.05pm - 1.30pm

Friday 8.25am - 8.55am, 10.40am - 11am and 1.05pm -1.30pm

Important to note...

- **Medication:** A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the office for any medication administered at school. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- **Cell phones:** We prefer children to leave cell phones at home but understand that some children require a cell phone for safety reasons and to contact family members after school. Children must be responsible with their cell phones, using them appropriately and not during the school day.
- **School Payments:** To avoid office queues, and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage all families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to <http://bit.ly/2dr3eZ6> or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay - and you don't need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags.

You are welcome to visit at any time, so please pop in and see us.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Kind regards,

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