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Akomanga Tekau Mā Whitu - Room 27

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whānau,

Ngā mihi o te tau hou. Nau mai, haere mai ki tēnei akomanga!! Happy New Year. Welcome to those of you who are new to our whānau and welcome back to those we already know. After two years of stops and starts, I am rather happy that under these circumstances we can, fingers crossed, continue learning at school under the new traffic light system.

Life at 'Red'

Life is a little bit different at kura (school). Maybe your child has mentioned some of these changes.

1. To minimise mixing, the kura has been divided into three groups. Each of these groups has its own morning tea and lunchtimes, as well as its own playing spaces. Our break times are from 10.20am - 10.40am, and 12.30pm - 1pm. Students will eat inside after each break.
2. Students cannot enter the gates until 8.30am. Once they are inside they must remain in class until the 9am bell.
3. Masks must be worn inside at all times. Students can remove these when playing outside. Whānau are responsible for providing these masks.
4. There will be no cross grouping maths this term. The maths programme will be met within our own class programmes.

Thus far the students are doing a fabulous job at adjusting to these changes. They are getting stuck into their new year and embracing their new classmates.

Breakfast Club Volunteers

Each day our school provides breakfast for those in need. This service is run by volunteer parents. We are currently looking for volunteers for 8.30am to 9am. It is a relatively easy and incredibly important service to our community. If you are able to help one morning please contact Kōkā Materoa or myself for further information.

Literacy

Developing a love of books is our main goal this term. We are learning to select books that hold our interest, read to ourselves without interruption, understand and enjoy the message, ask questions and find books that we love to read, talk about and share. Finding books we love to read will help us find stories we want to tell. Learning to write about our thoughts and experiences, without judgement, and share our ideas on paper is our focus in term one. Please encourage your child to read each night, a book of their choice, for enjoyment. There's nothing like escaping into another world for a change of scenery!

Mathematics

Our focus this term will begin with number and algebra. There will be lots of practise around learning and becoming confident with basic facts and manipulating numbers. We will look at strategies for solving problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Keeping in Touch

Thank you to those who are already connected through Seesaw, which is the main communication tool we will be using this year. If you are not connected, please check your email box for an invitation, or look for an invite letter accompanying this newsletter. Students will be posting their work for you to see in their own journals, as well as class news on the main page. You can use the message tool to contact me also, for example, if your child is away, unable to swim etc. Remember to post encouraging feedback on your child's work when you can, they love to see your responses.

What's on When!

SWIMMING

We swim every **Monday and Wednesday**. It is an important part of our programme and lots of fun. Your child will need to bring their togs and a towel each day, inside a waterproof bag. If your child is not swimming, please let me know either by email, seesaw or send a note to school.

LIBRARY

Our library time this year will be Mondays, beginning 21st February.

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. You do not need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags.
- **Stationery:** You should already have received a stationery notice. Thank you to those who have already paid. We will begin using our new stationery in Week 3.

You are welcome to visit at any time, so please pop in and see us.
It's going to be a great year!

Ngā manaakitanga,
Kind regards,

Deborah Wilson

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