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**Tuesday 15th February 2022**

Kia ora whānau and caregivers,

Welcome to Room 32 for 2022!

And welcome back to some of you! I am so excited to share Akomanga 32 with your beautiful tamariki. I've got my fingers crossed for a year full of fun, friendships and lots of good learning.

What Term 1 will look like:

Wow! What a start to the year already. I'd just like to say I'm so incredibly proud of the Room 32 tamariki for how they handled themselves through our isolation period. They are so brave, resilient and kind.

Room 32 will be focusing on **Culture and Identity**, and **Citizenship** for term one. We will be looking at the school values, our different cultures, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and will be writing our own class treaty.

What's on when:

### **Swimming**

*Tuesday and Thursday- every week*

It is really important for our children to learn to swim. In New Zealand, we are surrounded by water and knowing how to swim keeps us safe. Unless your child is ill or injured, they are expected to swim each session. If your child is not swimming, I will need a note or a message on Seesaw.

### **Homework**

We don't have set homework in Room 32. However, I ALWAYS encourage reading for leisure. If you feel like your child needs to do work at home, practising their times tables and spelling words are good options.

### **HCC Kids on Bikes**

*Wednesday 2nd March*

We will be spending the day with some experts from Hamilton City Council learning how to ride our bikes safely and in a fun way. Don't worry if you don't have your own bike, one will be provided for you.

### **Swimming Sports Festival**

*Friday 4th March*

An opportunity for our keen swimmers to race each other. Also, lots of fun activities for people who don't want to compete. This is held at the Hamilton Boys High School pool.



## Senior Competitive Athletics

Wednesday 23rd March

An opportunity for your child to compete in throwing, running and jumping events against other children the same age. Prior to this, we will be looking at all the events in class time.

### Important notices:

**Payments** - To avoid office queues, and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage you to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) 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. Our great office staff are happy to help you if you have any questions or need any assistance setting this up.

**Hats** - in Term 1 and 4, school sun hats must be worn when playing outside. If your child does not have a hat, they must play in the shade. Caps and other hats are not allowed.

**Stationery** - Please ensure you have paid for your child's stationery pack. If you would like to organise a payment plan please don't hesitate to contact the office to work something out - they are more than happy to do this as we understand this can be a very expensive time of year. We will begin using our new stationery in Week 3.

**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.

**Absence** - if your child will be away from school, for whatever reason, please let the office know by ringing them, texting them, or using the school app. Please make sure your child is on time to school every day.

**Contact** - I will be trialling 'Seesaw' as our class app. It is important you are connected to this for any information that may be required throughout the year. Your family invites should have been sent home by now. If not, join with this link:

<https://app.seesaw.me/s/022-240-990>

Or email [blynch@kns.ac.nz](mailto:blynch@kns.ac.nz)

I am looking forward to an amazing year with all of your wonderful tamariki.

Miss Lynch

