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## **Tuesday 10th May**

Kia ora whānau and caregivers,

## Welcome to back Room 32 for Term 2

I'm so pleased to be starting Term 2 in 'Orange'. Room 32 has done amazingly so far by just getting straight back into learning and routines. Here's hoping for less disruptions this term!

### What Term 2 will look like:

Our focus for the term is Toitū me Raraunga (Sustainability and Citizenship). We will also explore the Knighton Way focus of 'Being Organised', which as Year fives and sixes is extra important.

### What's on when:

#### **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.

#### **Library**

##### *Wednesday mornings*

We attend the library on Wednesday mornings. The tamariki are able to issue two books. I encourage them to get one for home, and one for school. We have discussed 'Good Fit' books and picking books that interest us. They may keep the books for two weeks.

#### **Winter Sports Festival**

##### *Thursday 26th May*

A number of tamariki have put their names down for the Winter Sports Festival where they get to participate in a chosen sport for a day. This is held at the University of Waikato and includes other schools from around this area. A notice has gone home for this



#### **Matariki Celebrations**

##### *Week 8*

We will be celebrating Matariki during week 8 with our vertical team. This includes Room 15 (our Junior buddy class) and Room 12 (our Middle buddy class).

#### **Whānau Conversations**

##### *Monday - Wednesday, Week 10*

We will be hosting Whānau conversations in week 10. This is an opportunity for you to talk to me about your child and their learning. More information will come home about closer to the time.

**No school on the following days -**

*Monday 6th June - Queen's birthday holiday*

*Friday 17th June - Teacher only day*

*Friday 24th June - Matariki holiday*

Important notices:

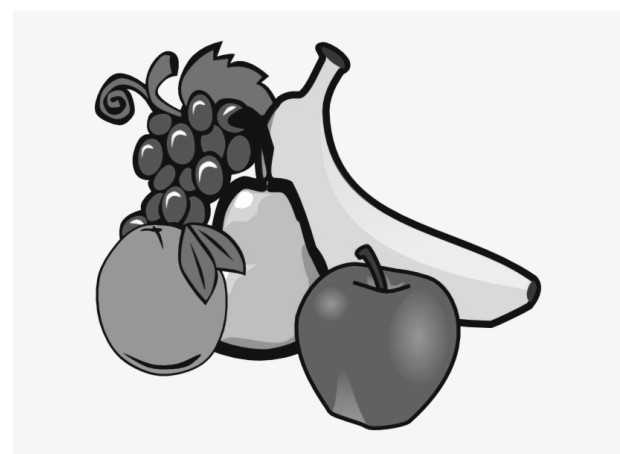
**New break times and eating-** the new bell times allow for the two usual dedicated eating times AND a fruit/snack break within the first learning block. Room 32 has discussed what an appropriate snack is for this time. We have agreed fruit, veges, yoghurt, a milk drink or a muesli bar (grain based, not LCM etc) are good options. Please consider this when packing your child's kai. If these options aren't available to you, that's ok. Your tamariki can pick a small snack from what they do have. Also, there is a kettle available in Room 32 so if needed we can cook noodles or packet soups. Children will need to provide their own cutlery/bowls/cups.

**Student Teacher** - Matua Lukas will be with us every Wednesday, then every day from Tuesday, Week 6.

**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.

**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 have been sent home. 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 another amazing term with all of your wonderful tamariki.

Miss Lynch