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- He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua. He maungārongo ki te whenua. He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa
- Ka tika me mihi ki Te Ārikinui e te kīngi Tūheitia, me tōna hoa rangatira a Te Atawhai, a rāua tamariki hoki.
- Paimarire ki a rātou te Kāhui Ariki.
- Ki ngā mate o te wiki, o te marama, o te tau, rātou kua huri atu ki tua o te arai, moe mai, moe mai i raro i te korowai o Hine-nui-te-Pō, o Papatūānuku hoki.
- Ki a tātou te hunga ora, ngā mihi nui, ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Rātū 31 o Kohitātea 2023

E te tii, e te tā, nau mai ki tēnei tau hou o tātou. Nau mai ki te marumaru atawhai o Te Hihiri e whakamana ana i ngā uara o tō tātou kura.

Ka oti, he mihi tino nui tēnei ki ngā tamariki hōu me ngā whānau hōu kua rumene mai i tēnei tau, ki ngā whānau maha, nau mai, whakarauika mai. He pānui tēnei hei whakamohio atu i ngā whakaritenga mo tēnei wāhanga.

TE ARONGA MATUA O KNIGHTON

Our Knighton Way focus this term is 'Mahi Tahī'. Tamariki are encouraged to get along, work as one and help one another, especially new students in Te Hihiri and the whole school. Students are also reminded to use their WITS (Walk away, Ignore, Talk about it and Seek help) in the playground and classroom to help them solve problems they may encounter.

CLASS SEESAW/DOJO

We encourage all our mātua to join your tamaiti/tamariki Class Seesaw/Dojo pages. If you are unsure about how to join please do not hesitate to contact one of our kaiako. The Class Seesaw/Dojo page is where you will find all information regarding each class and the latest pānui for kura. Previously, we have kept in touch using Dojo. We would like to trial Seesaw this year to see if it is easier for students to share their own learning.

WHARE PUKAPUKA

The following days and times are our class library times for this year. Please ensure your tamaiti returns their library books every week. While our class is in the whare pukapuka we will be researching class kaupapa or selecting texts for personal enjoyment.

Te Pupuke: Rāhina - 1.45pm

Te Kukune: Rāhina - 2.10pm

Te Whāinga: Rātū - 2.30pm

KAUHOE

Kauhoe will commence for our Te Hihiri whānau from week 2 of term 1. Our kauhoe days are **Rāhina** and **Rāapa**. Please ensure your tamaiti has their kākahu kauhoe as well as a towel on these days. The following times are for each class this term. Our kauhoe programme will be based on progressing through the swimming techniques for freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.

Te Pupuke: 9.45am

Te Kukune: 10.05am

Te Whāinga: 10.25am

HUI-Ā-KURA

Te Pupuke: Rāmere 12.30pm fortnightly

Te Kukune: Rāmere 1.40pm

Te Whāinga: Rāhina 11.50am

KINDO

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 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.

PŌTAE

Please ensure your tamaiti has a pōtae this term as the weather can be hot at this time of the year. Pōtae are available to purchase from the office.

KAUPAPA MATUA

Our kaupapa for this wāhanga is based around Te Orokohanga/ Creation. Across the classes learning will include, Māori knowledge and views about the origins that gave rise to Māori cultural value systems and knowledge, that there are different forms of knowledge, skills and values that have been handed down from tūpuna, and how early Polynesians and British migrations to New Zealand have continuing significance for tangata whenua and communities.

This year our whānau will continue our Te Reo Matatini programmes which is immersed in te reo Māori. He waka eke noa tātou katoa, so therefore if you and your whānau would like support in this area then please come in and see one of our kaiako.

Te Kukune and Te Pupuke will continue to work from the PRIME pāngarau programme. Te Whāinga will begin using a combination of PRIME and the Maths Aotearoa programme.

TUAKANA/ TEINA

In Te Hihiri we run a tuakana-teina model of learning where our whānau structure is open to the learning needs of the tamaiti. This means our tamariki may move and work between the 3 classes and kaiako throughout the day.

RONGOA - MEDICATION

If your child requires medication to be taken at school, please take this directly to the office where you will need to fill out a consent form. Teachers do not administer medicines.

ABSENCES

If your child is sick or is not coming to school please let the office know – text or phone **027 352 2089** to leave your message, or use the phone app. The school will follow up all unexplained absences. If you are late (after 9.00am) you must check in at the **Smiley Face** window first.

FROG BOX

If your child has a return slip or is making a payment please place the slips into the **Frog Box**, which is located in the **Smiley Face** window.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TE HIHIRI

- Waitangi Day - Rāhina 6 o Hui-tanguru, no school
- Whānau Meet the Kaiako, Whānau Picnic - Rātū 21 o Hui-tanguru
- Senior Swimming Sports - Paraire 17 o Poutū-te-rangi
- Interschool Swimming - Rāpare 30 o Poutū-te-rangi
- Senior Athletics Rotations Start - Week 6 Rāhina 6 o Poutū-te-rangi
- Senior Competitive Athletics - Rāapa 22 o Poutū-te-rangi
- Cultural Celebration - Rāpare 24 o Poutū-te-rangi
- Senior HCC Bikes - Week 9 Rāhina 27 o Poutū-te-rangi
- Last day of term 1 - Rāpare 6 o Paenga-whāwhā

If you have any queries or concerns please feel to contact us by phone (07) 8565399 or via email or Seesaw:

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Nā ngā kaiako o Te Hihiri

