



Kia Ora to our Purapura parents and whānau,

Highlights of our week include:

- **Uniforms:** Parents, Mrs D and Ms Thompson desperately need your help! We are having issues with clothing at swimming time. The students have been asked every swimming time to take off their uniforms and put them into their swimming bags. This does not seem to be happening as we have uniforms going home with the the wrong students. Could all parents please check their child's uniform to see if it belongs to them and any that dont can they please be returned to school. Also can parents please name all your children's uniforms to assist us with this problem. We also has two uniform shirts and one pair of shorts that we do not know who they belong to.
- **Lunches:** As of next week the teachers will no longer be checking lunchboxes as we are creating independent students who are following the key competency of managing themselves. We are also a rubbish free school and the students are required to take their rubbish home in their lunchboxes. Where possible could parents please take food from the packets and into containers.
- **Homework:** Your child will bring home their book bag everyday. Children will have readers to read and please take time to read with your child and sign their Kluwell books, this should be a fun activity not a chore so keep it fun. Books to read could be either school readers, children's favourite book from home, or a library book. All notices will be in their book bags so please check for these everyday - reminders of events will be in these updates and also in the School Newsletter and on the school website.
- **Bible in Schools:** We have religious instruction every Wednesday morning for ½ an hour 9.00 to 9.30 this includes singing, a story and an activity sheet - teachers remain in the class during this time - you do have the option to opt out should you want to this is decided from the beginning of the year NOT half way through the year. This will start on Wednesday 22nd February.
- **Small School Swimming:** This has been postponed to Friday February 24th from 9.30am to 2.00pm. We will be leaving school at 9.00am - the programme has been sent home.
- **Environmental Day:** We will be having Environmental Day on Tuesday 21st February. A notice has gone home explaining what is needed for this.
- **Book Bags:** Although we want the children to be responsible for their bookbags, it is important that your child has their bookbag at school everyday. We can retrieve readers and write new ones in their Kluwell books. Their poetry books are in there daily too, on a Friday we give out a new poem for the week and want these glued in safely not floating around their bags or the cloakbay.

- **Spelling:** We handed out spelling lists today and they are in the back of the student's poetry books. We will be testing every Friday and marked off the sheets in their poetry books. Unfortunately 13 children did not have their book bags or their poetry books today, this does make our job difficult. Spelling words are to be practiced at home both reading and writing them. A good time to play when reading to see if they can find the words they know in their readers.
- **Notices:** Could you please check your child's bookbag daily for any notices that may have been handed out.
- **Wet Days:** To avoid the students standing in the rain getting wet when it is raining at the end of the day could you please come to Purapura to collect your child.
- **Arrival Times:** We would like it if students could please arrive to school before 8.55 am as we are finding it difficult to start our day with people arriving late. We also have a lot of unsettled children as they have not had time to settle in and have a play before school. Parents may find that children are easier to part with when happy and playing, establishing friendships and socialising with other children.
- **Donut News:** We have changed the way we do news and we are now having 'donut news'. This is where the students have news everyday and share their news with four other students in the class. The students are allowed to bring a small item to share for their news everyday if they wish.

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Regards,

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