



Kia Ora to our Purapura parents and whānau,

Highlights of our week include:

- **Lunches:** Just a reminder that as a school we are striving to minimise waste. To do this we need your help by providing 'litterless lunches' for your child/ren - particularly reducing the number of chip packets, muesli bar wrappers and other plastic left lying on the ground. Yoghurt pottles can be recycled. Reducing waste is good for the local and global environment - and benefits us financially in the long term.
- **Small School Swimming Sports:** Certificates relating to this day will be handed out at Purapura Assembly this Friday 17 March 2017. Parents welcome to attend.
- **Swimming:** Please bring these daily. We will endeavour to continue swimming while the days are still warm, however this is dependent on the weather and our other learning commitments.
- **Wheels Day:** A notice has come home in your child's bookbag about this for Thursday 16th March in conjunction with Auckland Transport.
- **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. A few children still do not have these.
- **Spelling:** This is ongoing every week - children need to practice reading and writing these high frequency words so that in time they are recognised instantly.
- **Notices:** Reminder: Could you please check your child's bookbag daily for any notices that may have been handed out.
- **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.

You can contact us by email:

Mrs Davenport hdavenport@hunua.school.nz

Ms Thompson mthompson@hunua.school.nz

Regards,

Purapura Teachers.