



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.
- **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:** This was a success and the students enjoyed this very much.
- **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 8.45 am and parents to be out of the class by 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. Please encourage, where possible, that children walk into class from the gate by themselves. This will further foster independence.
- **Testing:** The Purapura teachers have completed a lot of testing over the last two weeks and are now analysing the data for some reports. All reading groups have been revamped and students are now in their instructional levels.
- **Wednesday:** The Purapura teachers will both be out of the class as we are working on reports. Mrs Woods and Mrs Connett will be taking the class.

Regards,

Purapura Teachers.