



Kia Ora to our Purapura parents and whānau,

This term is coming to an end very fast. Our highlights of the week include the following:

- **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.
- **Inquiry Outcome:** We look forward to seeing many parents come to school to see how and what the children's ideas have been to make Hunua School 'Travelwise'. Displays and discussions will be around the school between 2pm and 4pm.
- **Uniforms and SunSmart:** Please ensure correct school uniform is being worn by your child/ren, including school hats, black socks and black shoes.
- **HELP PLEASE!!!:** Does anyone have or know of a horse float that Ms Thompson can hire for a day - please let her know asap. [mthompson@hunua.school.nz](mailto:mthompson@hunua.school.nz)
- **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. **Poetry books are in there daily too. A few children still do not have these, please check your child's book bag.** Spelling testing will not be marked if they are not at school.
- **Reading:** Please fill in Kluwell reading logs daily- We would encourage that books are read to children but please only write in what the children are reading to you.
- **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.
- **Wednesday:** Mrs D will be out of class and Mrs Connett will be relieving.
- **Assembly:** There will NOT be an assembly this week. Our final assembly will be held on the morning of Thursday 13 April 2017 @ 9.10am this will also be in the newsletter.
- **Library:** This is now open and children will be bringing library books home. These are to be returned to school every Monday so that they can be returned and issued another.

Regards,

Purapura Teachers.

