



Kia Ora to our Purapura parents and whānau,

Highlights of our week include:

- **Book Bags:** Please send these to school everyday. They should contain readers, poem book, Kluwell book, maths worksheets, phonics worksheets, library book.
- **Set up of room:** You may have noticed that the doors are somewhat closed in the middle of Purapura. This is to eliminate the increasing noise issue we have as numbers have increased. We are still one class and will continue to be one class for the rest of the year. The Purapura teachers felt that the needs of the students have changed for the second half of the year and those working with Ms Thompson need to be challenged, whereas those with Mrs D need to continue with the basic groundings.
- **Playbased Learning:** As of next week we will be starting our day with 45mins of playbased learning. This will focus on the Key Competencies (listed on our classroom door) and encourage the children's creative, inquisitive, wondering minds.

“It is a time for teachers to experience and explore a different style of teaching. It is a time for facilitating rather than leading. It is a time for standing back and observing students' abilities, needs and social interactions. It is a time for providing quality feedback that helps scaffold and extend students' learning. It is a time for interacting with students rather than direct teaching. It is a time for empowering students. It is a time when students and teacher explore and learn together. It is a time when students can develop the competencies necessary to become lifelong learners and competent citizens.” (Martin & Hay, 2008)

- **Donut News:** We will not be engaging in this activity for the next 2 terms due to our playbased learning, therefore children DO NOT need to bring toys to school for the rest of this year. This is also a whole school rule to keep personal items safe.
- **Testing:** This is now complete and we go into next week with some of our children working in new groups at new levels.
- **X Country:** The whole school will be taking part (weather permitting) in the school x country on Friday 11 August. This is generally held on the Frost's farm.
- **Ag Day Meeting:** The next Ag Day Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 August at 7.00 in Purapura. We are still looking for volunteers, please feel free to come along.
- **School Photos:** School photos will be held on Wednesday 9 August. This will be at the beginning of the day (sorry we are unable to give you times)
- **Queries:** If you have any queries concerning your child please feel free to contact us.

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Regards, Purapura Teachers