



Term 1 Week 2 2018

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- School starts at 8.55am daily. It is important that students are at school on time as a lot of important information is discussed at the beginning of the day which if missed can be disruptive and upsetting for the students and their day.
- **Please remember to bring:**
  - **Togs and towel for daily swimming.** Please ensure all clothing and items are named as all school (and swimming items) look the same and are easily misplaced or lost. This is part of the curriculum and due to the large number of drownings over this summer extremely important that our students learn how to grasp the technique of being able to stay afloat for a good period of time at the very least. We have now have only a few days to prepare for the Small Schools Swimming competition at Ararimu. Thank you to those parents that have returned the transport request notices, it is important that we get these back reasonably quickly so that transport can be organised for the Small Schools Swimming competition day at Ararimu (Wednesday 21st February).
  - All required stationery in preparation for classwork. Thank you to everyone who has sent this already. If any outstanding items could be purchased by at least week 3 it would be greatly appreciated.
  - Thank you to those of you that have already sent in your money for Money for Life Education Caravan (\$5.00). For those that haven't yet done so if we could please have this small contribution in as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated. Last week we were discussing with our students in Room 1 what it means to be an Upstander. Three big questions guided our learning and understanding into this Health topic.
    1. What is an upstander?
    2. How do we adapt to certain situations? and
    3. Is it okay to be different?We will continue to be working on this Health concept throughout the term and linking this with our Inquiry.
- Last week after much discussion we put together our Class Treaty. A copy of this was sent home for you to read through and discuss with your child. Please feel free to add/alter/delete throughout your discussion. If we could have these returned back to our class by the beginning of week 4 (26th Feb.) please we will have further discussion so that we can create our final copy. The final copy will be displayed in the class for you to read at any time.
- Last week all students were involved in creating class and personal goals. Some found this a little challenging as they were introduced to a new format that meant they had to explain how they would reach these goals. They also had to look for possible obstacles and solutions to the obstacles and then explain the benefits of reaching their goals. Most children managed to complete the task in the first week which was a great start to the year.

- Thank you to those parents that have been to the address below to help me understand your child better?  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Uixif\\_pR0Q03oxeyN1m-61dO\\_76\\_rNTmhFrO\\_gYzunE/edit?ts=5a712fee](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Uixif_pR0Q03oxeyN1m-61dO_76_rNTmhFrO_gYzunE/edit?ts=5a712fee) If you haven't had time yet, please make time to fill in the form, it is just a few simple questions which won't take up too much time at all.
- This week I will be starting to assess some areas of the curriculum to group your children for their learning. We will be starting with a spelling assessment which will determine their spelling groups so that we can get our spelling and grammar teaching and learning under way.
- All students will be assessed on their math knowledge and basic facts. They will also be introduced to a new warm up for math which will hopefully create motivation to be more engaged in math.

#### Notices/Events:

There have been a number of notices sent home this week. Please contact me if you have not received these notices.

- Emergency Contact Details
- Permission for photos
- Transport acceptance notice for Small Schools Swimming

We look forward to seeing you at the swimming sports next week.

Enjoy your weekend.

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