



Kia Ora to our Purapura parents and whānau,

- **Testing Week:** We have just finished “Testing Week” this week. This is when I test some students on reading, high frequency words, writing, maths, letters and sounds just to name a few. This is mostly for the purpose of report writing. I am also able to find out who needs work in these areas and how I can help the students with their learning. I am very pleased with the progress some of the students have made and am very proud of all my students.
- **Ag Day:** Ag Day is on 27 October. Your child should be thinking about, if not already started, working on their project or animal for this. Reminder animals need to be with your child before 31st August.
- **School X Country:** The school is having their X Country day on Wednesday 12 September. Rain day Friday 14 September. It would be beneficial to the students if they practise running around the house several times a week for training.
- **Spare Clothes:** If children want to play on the field they will require a change of clothes. Please have these in a named bag so that they can be brought to school on a Monday and taken home on Fridays.
- **How Can You Help At Home:** Ways that you can help at home is to listen to your child read daily and sign their Kluwell book. This encourages fluency and reading mileage. This does not have to be a school reader. If your child wants to read a library book, a book from home, their poetry book, or even the newspaper this is fine. Your child can read their high frequency words or spelling words. They can write these in a sentence. This is to encourage the students to use words in the correct context, e.g. “because” I am sad because I lost my toy. This also gets the students writing sentences that make sense as well as practicing all their high frequency words. For maths you can give your child word problems like, “Ms Thompson had 12 lollies and she ate 4. How many lollies does she have left?” Try to encourage your child to work out basic facts in their head instead of their finger calculators.

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Regards

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