



Kia Ora to our Purapura parents and whānau,

Highlights of our week include:

- **Welcome Back:** Welcome Back to everyone, hope you all had a wonderful break. We would like to wish a warm welcome to all the new students and their families joining us this term Henry Burnie, Benjamin Silver, Summer Brake, Tiare-Marie Stevens, Sophie Bull, Amelia Pillay, Riley Bliggenstorfer and Guy Mexted.
- **Purapura:** Rooms 5 & 6 now have a name and will be referred to as 'Purapura' which means 'seeds' as our children begin to grow into their journey of learning at school.
- **Collecting your children:** At the end of the day your children will come out to the gate to meet you with their bags, if possible please be at school by 3pm. The focus here is that children are learning the key competency 'managing self' which includes being responsible of looking after themselves and their belongings therefore, lots of encouragement to be independant. Also timely of a reminder that children are required to be at school by 8.55am ready for learning, again they are expected to carry their own belongings.
- **Homework:** Your child will bring home their book bag everyday. Children will have readers to read and please take time to read with your child and sign their Kluwell books, this should be a fun activity not a chore so keep it fun. Books to read could be either school readers, children's favourite book from home, or a library book. All notices will be in their book bags so please check for these everyday - reminders of events will be in these updates and also in the School Newsletter and on the school website.
- **Fitness/Sport:** We are currently swimming Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs in the last block of the day. This is a curriculum subject therefore compulsory so please ensure your child has their togs every day or a note from home if unable to participate.
- **Bible in Schools:** We have religious instruction every Wednesday morning for ½ an hour 9.00 to 9.30 this includes singing, a story and an activity sheet - teachers remain in the class during this time - you do have the option to opt out should you want to this is decided from the beginning of the year NOT half way through the year. This will start on Wednesday 22nd February.
- **Small School Swimming:** We will be heading to Paparimu School for our Junior swimming sports on Friday February 17th from 9.30am to 2.00pm and leaving school at 9.00am - please watch out for this permission slip as we will be requiring parents for transport and possibly some marshalling.
- **Life Education Caravan:** This will be at school next week and there is a small cost per child - again there will be a notice coming home so please keep checking your childs book bag for this.
- **Hats:** It is compulsory for all children to wear hats outside in Term 1 and 4 - No hats then children are required to play under the eaves or oak tree and out of the sun.
- **Uniform:** The students are required to wear the correct school uniform including black shoes. Jewellery is not permitted to be worn.

- **Assemblies:** This year Hunua School will be having whole school assemblies in Purapura (Room 5&6) every fortnight - starting this week Friday 3 February. Every other week we will be having syndicate assemblies. Junior syndicate will be in Purapura (Purapura and Room 4) and Senior syndicate will be in the library (Rooms 1, 2, and 3).
- **News Groups:** The students news groups are attached. On the student's designated news day the students are allowed to bring something small from home to share for news. Please leave precious items at home to avoid any loss. The students are only to share these for news and they will be put into their bags for the rest of the day.

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Regards,

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