



Kia Ora to our Purapura parents and whānau,

Highlights of our week include:

- **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.
- **Lunchtime Cricket:** Representatives from Counties Manukau Cricket Association will be coming in to take lunchtime sessions on Monday and Wednesday (weather permitting).
- **Uniforms and SunSmart:** Please ensure correct school uniform is being worn by your child/ren, including school hats, black socks and black shoes.
- **Swimming:** Children do not need to bring their togs as the weather has been a bit cooler and children get cold very quickly and want to keep sickness at bay.
- **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. Their **poetry books are in there daily too**, on a Friday we give out a new poem for the week and want these glued in safely not floating around their bags or the cloakbay. A few children still do not have these.
- **Spelling:** Well done to those children that moved up a group this week - children do need to practice reading and writing these high frequency words so that in time they are recognised and recalled instantly.
- **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 Vicky Joplin will be relieving, Thursday Ms Thompson will be out of class and Mrs Connett will be relieving, Friday Mrs D is out of class and Mrs Connett will be relieving.

Regards,

Purapura Teachers.