



Kia Ora to our Purapura parents and whānau,

Highlights of our week include:

- **2 weeks to go:** Well the Purapura Teachers' cannot believe how fast this term has gone, and that we only have 2 weeks left to go.
- **Stomach Bug:** There does appear to be a tummy bug working its way through Purapura. Please keep your child at home for a minimum of 24hrs if they are unwell as this will be the only way to combat the spreading of these germs.
- **Tennis:** The children will begin the first of a set of 4 1/2hr lessons of Tennis coaching through Counties Manukau Sport this week. This will touch on basic tennis introduction and skills required for a simple rally.
- **Website:** This site is most valuable and full of information that is updated weekly with the latest newsletter and notifications of upcoming events on the front page. It also has all up to date information concerning our "Ag-Day". There is an Annual Overview under "Calendar" of all important upcoming dates. If you go under "Classrooms" you will find our Purapura weekly updates and portfolios.
- **Book Bags:** Please send these to school everyday. They should contain readers, poem book, Kluwell book, 2 maths worksheets, library book and This years Yr1's have 3 literacy worksheets.
- **Spelling:** These words are in the back of your child's poetry book. These are essential words that your child will come across everyday in reading and they need them for writing and increasing their instant word recall. Please practise these regularly as they are tested weekly on a Friday.
- **Digital Portfolio:** The Purapura teachers have put together the beginning of a digital portfolio onto the Hunua School Website. To access this go to the website. Click on classrooms/Purapura. A password will be required, this is **Purapura** (case sensitive). Click Authenticate and go to Children's Portfolios. Click onto your child's name and another password is required. This password is your child's birthdate - **DDMMYYYY**.
- **Ag Day Art:** We have made a significant start on these projects but we still require every child to have:
 - *The students are making wind chimes using recycled equipment. Could the students please bring in some items for this to 'clink' when in the wind. If they require drilling could this be done at home as we do not want little hands to be drilling holes. If you need assistance in ideas "Google" recycled wind chimes.
- **Queries:** If you have any queries concerning your child please feel free to contact us. The only silly question is the one you don't ask, so please keep in touch.

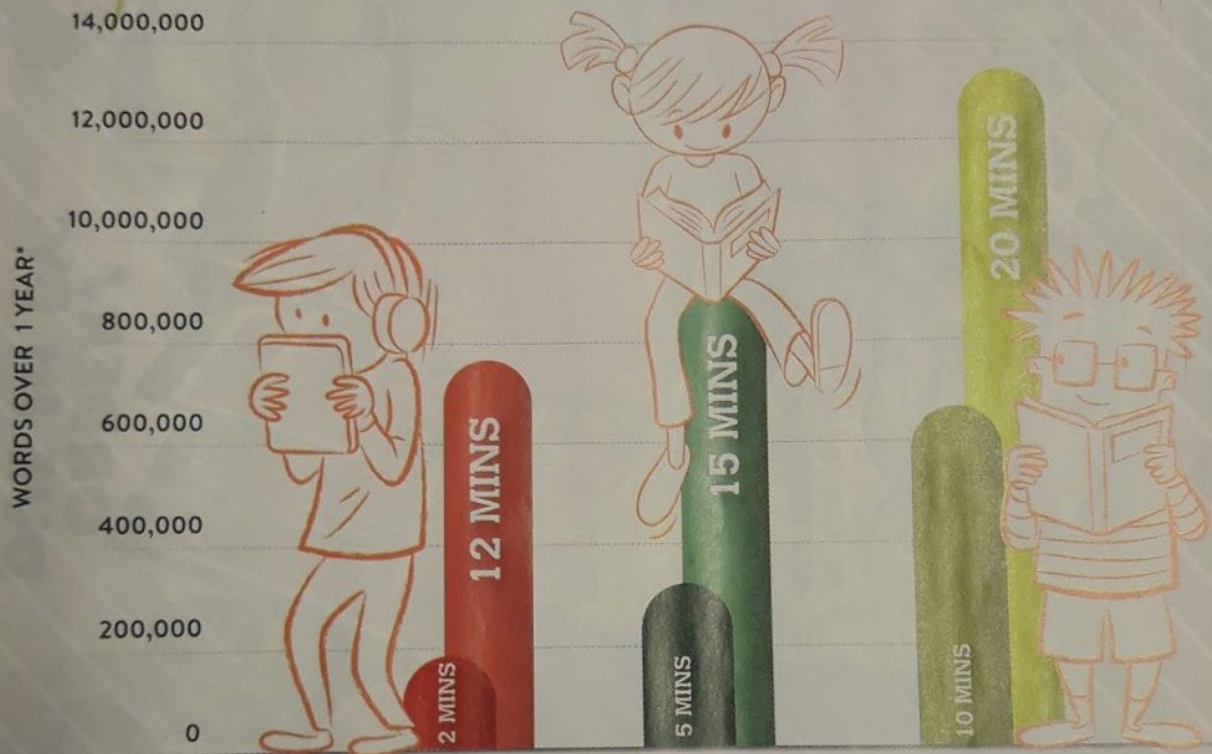
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Regards, Purapura Teachers

ADDING 10 MINUTES A DAY TO A CHILD'S READING MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE OVER THE YEAR.

A COMPARISON OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN



*Adapted from Adams (2006) with baseline data from Anderson, Wilson & Fielding (1998).

DID YOU NOTICE?

THE MORE MINUTES CHILDREN READ PER DAY, THE MORE FLUENT THEIR READING BECOMES.
FROM 5 MINUTES TO 15 MINUTES PER NIGHT THERE IS AROUND

A 200% INCREASE IN WORD EXPOSURE OVER ONE YEAR!

RESEARCH SHOWS US THAT THE BENEFITS OF READING MORE IMPROVE PERFORMANCE IN:

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, VOCABULARY,
READING COMPREHENSION, VERBAL FLUENCY
AND SPELLING.****

SCHOLASTIC

