

## Term 1 Week 2 2020 - Kahikatea

### 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 it is 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 also need to prepare for our Junior School Swimming Carnival in Week 6 (Friday 13th March).
  - All required stationery in preparation for classwork. Thank you to everyone who has sent this already. If any outstanding items could be purchased by the end of this week it would be greatly appreciated.
- This week we will be putting together our Class Treaty. We will be discussing The Treaty of Waitangi and how it was formed. The class will discuss what a treaty is and the reasons a treaty or rules are necessary. A copy of this will be sent home for you to read through and discuss with your child. Please feel free to add/alter/delete throughout your discussion. It would be appreciated if we could have these returned back to our class by the beginning of week 4 (Monday the 24th Feb.) please. This is so that we can have further discussion to create our final copy. The final copy will be displayed in the class for you to read at any time.
- Thank you to those parents that have already sent back the child and parent surveys that we sent home last week. If you haven't had time yet, please take time to fill in the form, this will help Mrs Smith and I to get to know your child better.
- Our Inquiry topic this year is Aotearoa, New Zealand. Our class will be taking a look at our beautiful country from a few perspectives, initially looking at the students and who they are and where they come from. This week they will be working on gathering information from home to create a pepeha. If you would like some help with this follow this [link](#)
- **Goals and Aspirations Meeting:** Tuesday 11th Feb. Thank you to those parents that attended this evening. This was a great opportunity for everyone to meet Mrs Smith and I and for you to be able to express your Goals and Aspirations for your children.
- Last week a spelling assessment was done to determine spelling groups so that we can get our spelling and grammar teaching and learning under way. All students will have spelling words to learn this week for their Home Learning.
- Throughout the term all students will be assessed on their math strategies and reading levels to ensure our students are being challenged and supported in both of these curriculum areas.
- **Notices/Events:** Notices being sent home this week. Please contact us if you have not received these notices.
  - Pepeha
  - Class Treaty

