

Term 1 Week 3 2020 - Kahikatea

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- **Please remember** that 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.
- **Unfortunately this week we have had no swimming due to the lack of water to continually fill the pool. However, as soon as swimming resumes please remember to get your child 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).
- Thank you to everyone who has already sent their children's stationery to school. Almost everyone now has all their stationery. As we are almost at the end of week three we now need all outstanding items to be purchased so that we can fully get into our academic programme.
- Last week we put together our Class Treaty and sent this home to be discussed with your child. Any additions or alterations should now have started to be done. Please remember to get these returned to our class by the beginning of week 4 (Monday the 24th Feb.). This is so that we can have further discussions 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. There are still a number of outstanding child and parent surveys. 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.
- As part of our Inquiry topic for Aotearoa, New Zealand our class will be using the information from their pepeha to create a piece of artwork. Therefore it is really important that we get the pepeha form back that was sent home last week. If you have an email address I will have sent you an electronic copy of Kahikatea's weekly newsletter to access the [link](#) to help you fill in the pepeha form.
- Our class spelling is now under way and the students had their first peer test on Monday. The majority of the students did well in their test and managed to get all or most of their words in their list correct. Well done Kahikatea students!
- Home learning worksheets are glued into the student's books on a Monday and are to be brought back to school on Friday for marking. This is very important as marking is a time when queries and errors in strategies are discussed and all of the students get to see and hear the range of responses that tells them, "I'm not the only one that was unsure." or "Yay, that's how I did it."
- Mrs Smith will be starting in Kahikatea in Week 4, Thursday the 27th February.
- **Notices/Events:**
Notices being sent home this week. Please contact us if you have not received these notices.
 - No notices this week

