

**Term 1 Week 4 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.
- **YAY swimming is back on track and the pool is full. Please make sure that your child brings:**
  - **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 there have been more drownings in recent weeks of young people around the North Island. It is extremely important that our students learn how 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 two weeks (Week 6, Friday 13th March).
- Thank you to everyone who sent our Class Treaty back for us to review and add your thoughts and ideas. If you had nothing to add to the Treaty it was also good for us to know so we are aware that you are happy with what we are doing in class. Our final copy has not been put together yet so if you still have your Treaty to send in please do so. The final copy will be displayed in the class for you to read at any time.
- WOW Wednesday started this week and all of the students in Kahikatea were excited about the choices they made. Everyone came back to class chattering about how great it was to be doing Dance, Kapa Haka, Science, ... They were buzzing.
- Please keep sending in the pepeha forms as we need these for the students to be able to create their artwork.
- **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 has enjoyed her first couple of days teaching, and getting to know, students in Kahikatea. She has been so impressed with how welcoming and helpful they have been. To help Mrs Smith get to know the students, they are going to be writing autobiographies with her over the next couple of weeks. This will involve students writing about their family, likes and where they have travelled. It would be beneficial to have a chat with your child about these things so that they have a few ideas in their head before they begin their writing.
- Every Friday students will complete a short poem activity with Mrs Smith. The poem will have been read and studied with the students as part of their Literacy Programme. This will be sent home in student's book bags to be shared with their family over the weekend. Please ensure students return these books every Monday so that a new poem can be added the following week.
- Congratulations to Annie, Mac, Ata and Henry who received certificates this week.
- **Notices/Events:** Notices being sent home this week. Please contact us if you have not received these notices.
  - No notices this week

