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## Kia Ora, Talofa lava, and Welcome back everyone.

I hope you have had a relaxing Christmas and New Year break, enjoying family time.



**We start on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 8:30am**

The following are some useful snippets of information that will hopefully be of use to you as we gear up for our 2018 school year.

### NEW STAFF

We welcome 3 teachers to our staff this year while other teachers are on study leave. Liz Knowles will be teaching Room 12, Tim Rhoades will be teaching Room 13 and Sharron Handscomb will be teaching Room 8. We are very much looking forward to working with these teachers during the year.

### KORAU VALUES

We will be focusing on our KORAU Values again this year and how these can be demonstrated through words and actions around the school. These are the basis on how we build relationships and work together.

Our KORAU values are;

<b>K</b>	<b>Kind</b>	We show Kindness to people and the environment.
<b>O</b>	<b>Own</b>	We Own our own behaviour.
<b>R</b>	<b>Respect</b>	We Respect the rules, people, and the school.
<b>A</b>	<b>Aspire</b>	We do quality work and strive for excellence.
<b>U</b>	<b>Unite</b>	We work as a team / whanau. We are inclusive.

### POWHIRI/WELCOME

We begin our school year with a Powhiri at 8.30am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February to welcome new students and their whanau as well as new staff to our Kura.

New staff, tamariki and whanau will meet outside the front gate at 8.20am and be brought on as a group. After the powhiri, whanau are welcome to stay for a cuppa and a chat. At this point the children will be collected by their teacher and taken to their class.

### CAN YOU HELP?

The morning before school starts are really busy for staff. We have a **Kids Kitchen**, breakfast will be available to children from 8.00-8.30am each day. Help is needed to run this.

We also need people on the **school crossings** to see children over the busy roads safely each morning.

Please let us know if you are prepared to be rostered on to a regular session each week (or team up with another family and take turns).

## STATIONERY

The office will be open for stationery purchases Tuesday 29-Thursday 31 January from 8.30am-3.00pm



- Please note: We request that all exercise books be purchased from school to ensure all children's books in the class are the same. Also pencils to ensure the children have ones that sharpen and don't break easily.
- We sell items at cost at the start of the year. Quality is important to us.
- We DO have eftpos at school! But Cash, cheque or direct deposit into our bank account are all fine: The school account number is 12-3478-0015483-00
- We are happy to organise drip-feed payments for families as long as we haven't had to chase repayments in the past.

Please note the stationery includes \$20 for eight swimming lessons with professional instructors at Stokes Valley Pool. These lessons are incredible value for money.

## COMMUNICATION

For any questions, worries or concerns parents have about their children's behaviours, learning, social interactions or engagement in school, these need to be directed to the classroom teacher in the first instance. Our teachers are all very approachable and are happy to discuss children with their parents/caregivers/whanau.

## MEET THE TEACHER/GOAL-SETTING MEETINGS

These will be held for every child and their whanau on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of February (Week 3 of Term). Please put aside some time to come to this very important meeting with your child. It sets the year up for your child and allows you to talk specifically to their class teacher about programmes and any organisational matters you may need clarification on. We will be trialing an on-line process for booking meetings this year. Information about how to do this will be in the next newsletter. For those without internet access you can book times through the office.

## SCHOOL GALA

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Save the date in your calendars.** We need everyone to put aside anything that can be donated and start thinking about how they can help out before and on this day. We are also having a big raffle and need awesome prizes to make this a big success. If you know of anyone who can donate items for the raffle, please contact the school office.



All of our children will benefit from this event. Let's make it a fantastic community day.

## HATS



Please make sure your child has a sunhat to keep at school, clearly named on the hat so any ownership disputes can be quickly resolved. Be aware that we will name hats with a vivid if there is no name evident, so please, no expensive designer hats!



## PERSONAL PROPERTY

One of our expectations of all children is that they look after their own belongings. Please help your children learn how to be responsible by checking they are bringing their clothing and lunch boxes etc home.

**Named clothing really helps.**

Regularly checking the abandoned clothing hanging on the lines by the office entrance is a good plan to reunite clothing with owners. We weekly collect up lost property and put it out on display on a Friday.

## BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for trips, lunches etc. If you would like to do this, bring in some cash and talk to Melva, Paula or Janice and they will show you how it works.

Some families have set up a regular bank credit to do the same thing. If you wish to do this, the lovely office ladies will help with this.

## WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

### Week One

- Monday 4 February: SCHOOL STARTS FOR THE YEAR at 8:30 with a Powhiri to welcome new staff and new students and their whanau to our Kura.
- Tuesday 6th Feb: Waitangi Day. NO SCHOOL!

### Week Two

- Monday 11 February: Fetu o le Moana (Rms 12, 13, 14 & 15) to Te Papa 8.30am for 10am screening of Nano Girl
- Wednesday 13 February: Senior School (Years 4-6) Heart Foundation Session 1

### Week Three

- Tuesday 19 Feb: 3.15 – 7.00: Meet the Teacher/Goal Setting meetings (1<sup>st</sup> day). Caregiver and child to attend.
- Wednesday 20 Feb: 2.15 – 6.00: Meet the Teacher/Goal Setting meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> day). Caregiver and child to attend.
- Wednesday 20 February: Senior School (Years 4-6) Heart Foundation Session 2

### Week Four

- Wednesday 27 February: Senior School (Years 4-6) Heart Foundation Supermarket Visits
- Friday 1 March: Movin' March begins

### Week Five onwards:

- Monday 4 March: Seaweed begins
- Sunday 10 March: Family day at Horoeka Reserve 11.00-3.00
- Thursday 14 Mar: Weetbix Tryathlon (all entries have been received for this event)
- Saturday 30 March: SCHOOL GALA
- Friday 12 Apr: Last day of Term One
- Mon 29 April: Term Two starts

### CONTACT DETAILS

If your contact details have changed since the end of last year please complete the contact details at the bottom of the return form. It is really important that we have accurate and up-to-date contacts for safety and emergencies.

Look forward to meeting you and working with you in your child's education journey this year.

Dave Lamont  
Principal

### RETURN FORMS

Please send back the whole sheet, even if you have filled in only one section.

#### YES, I CAN HELP!

**School crossing: 8.00-8.30:** Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Breakfast Making: 8.00-8.30:** Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CONTACT DETAILS

**Childs/Children's Name:**

**Parent/Caregiver Name:**

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

**Emergency Contact and Relationship:**

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email: