

Friday 24th July 2020



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Kia ora koutou! Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you have all had a relaxing break, spent with family and friends and are now ready for a fun and exciting term. It has been fantastic seeing all the children back at school this week, enthusiastic about their learning, quickly settling back into our classroom routines and enjoying being able to work with their friends and classmates again. Over the next ten weeks we have a number of exciting events planned.

We are beginning our inquiry based learning about 'Going Bush' next week. We will be learning about what plants need to survive, how to group and classify native plants and about our unique ecosystem. This will involve identifying different native plants. Our focus is also to use digital technology to present our learning about the bush in an interesting way.

During the next 2 weeks, the Year 4's writing focus is preparing for their 'talk'. Your child will choose a topic that they are interested in and practise talking about it in class time. They will be presenting their 'talk' to the class in week 4.

Large ball skills will be a focus for the first half of this term and we will be having weekly lessons developing catching, throwing, passing and kicking skills. These will be taught through games. Please ensure your child has their PE gear and suitable shoes on a Thursday.

Some important dates this term:

- 'Buy A Brick' Mufti day - 31st July
- School Speech finals 19th August
- John Parsons - 18th August
- Winton's Got Talent Finals - 10th September
- Life Education mobile classroom visits - Monday 7th to 11th September
- Kathryn Berkett Professional Development - 17th September

We also have Maths Week, Conservation Week and Clean Up New Zealand week activities planned.

As it is mid winter, please ensure your child wears their hi-viz vest everyday to and from school so that they can be easily seen. We are continuing to have weekly hi-viz vest checks. Please ensure your child arrives at school **after 8.30am** each morning as staff are often not in their rooms to supervise them until then.

This term we will be continuing to use Seesaw as a way of sharing learning experiences and celebrations. If there are questions, concerns or celebrations please contact me either through Seesaw or by email.

Regards

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