

**Friday 30th July 2021**



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Kia ora koutou te whanau! 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. The students have quickly settled back into classroom routines and are focused on their learning. Over the term, we have a number of events planned.

This term, our school wide inquiry has a Social Science focus based on the Tokyo Olympics. The students will have the opportunity to learn about the Olympics, present and past, as well as the Paralympics and understand why these events are special. We will be using our Researcher Learner Muscle (Kairangahau) to find out more about how athletes from different countries showcase their culture. We have an Olympic Ambassador visiting our school next week which is an excellent opportunity for the students to learn more from a real Olympian.

Speaking to an audience will be a focus this term. This is an excellent way for your child to build their confidence when speaking in front of a class. They will be learning to write short speeches based on a topic of their choice in class and will be presenting them in Week 4.

Later in the term, we will be producing a short movie about an aspect of Winton School's history in preparation for the jubilee. We will be learning how to present our facts in an interesting way, using a variety of techniques.

Some important dates this term:

- 3 Way Learner Conferences - Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th August
- Maths Week - Monday 9th to Friday 13th August
- Polyfest - Kapa Haka Group - Tuesday 24th August
- Professional Learning Development - Teachers Only Day - Friday 27th August
- School Speech Presentations - before 26th August
- Life Education Bus - Week 8
- Clean Up NZ Week - Week 8
- School photos - Wednesday 29th September & Thursday 30th September

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.

If there are questions, concerns or celebrations please contact me either through Seesaw or by email.

Regards

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