



**Friday 12th February 2021**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to another great year at Winton School. It has been a great pleasure welcoming 26 students into their new classroom. We are your teachers this year with Kelly teaching Monday and Tuesday and Debbie teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We pride ourselves on creating an open, welcoming classroom for children and parents alike and warmly encourage you all to pop in over the coming weeks and make yourselves known!

Over the next couple of weeks, your child will be settling into new routines, getting to know us as their teachers, making new friends and finding out what we are all about here at Winton School. This is an important aspect of coming together as a class and important for us to create a real team environment where the students feel safe, cared for and know that our class is a kind, nurturing environment.

We begin the term with Inquiry learning that focuses on developing relationships within the class. We will be introducing Learner Muscle Rubrics into our class. Our aim is to help the children get to know each other better by working together to complete hands-on activities. This will help establish a positive classroom environment and set the standard for classroom learning and behaviour. With help from our friend RERE, the activities planned, will reinforce our school values of Respect, Effort, Responsibility and Empathy.

Please make sure that your child has their PE gear each day as Athletics is early in the term and we will be training as often as the weather permits. We will discuss routines and expectations at the Meet the Teacher Evening on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Some important dates this term:

- Meet the Teacher Evening - Wednesday 24th February
- Junior Athletics - Wednesday 3rd March
- Senior Athletics - Friday 5th March
- Central Athletics - Friday 12th March
- Teacher Only Day - Monday 15th March
- Year 5 Camp - Monday 12 & Tuesday 13th April

Our door is always open, we check emails daily and are available most days for you to check-in, ask questions etc. We have Seesaw up and running again for the class, this is also a good source of communication for us all as well. Over the coming weeks we are encouraging parents to send in photos via email of your holiday antics that your child can share with the class. A picture speaks a thousand words and is always a great starter for children to write about their holidays at school or subsequent weekend fun.

Kind Regards

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