



Newsletter - 16 February 2018

Kia Ora Whanau

It has been a magnificent start to the year so far, I have been super impressed in how well everyone has fitted back into school routine. It's great to see the children playing so well with each other on the playground, on their bikes, on the rugby field and in the cricket nets. Please make sure your child has a hat, no hat means they can only play in the shade and if your child/ren brings a bike, scooter etc they need to have a helmet.

The staff have been busy upskilling their teacher practice so we can get better outcomes for your child/ren. We are involved in two big professional learnings this year. We have our booster programmes that will take place after lunch for 20 minutes, during this time approx 5 students from each class will work with their teacher to lift their knowledge and to get confidence in Literacy. Last year we did this but it was a mathematics focus. This is due to start in a couple of weeks. While this takes place the rest of the school are in their house teams buddie reading and building relationships. This professional development is called "ALL" which means Accelerating Learning in Literacy. Accelerating is the main word there, if a child is "at" and makes a years progress they will still be "at" by the end of the year. So to get acceleration they need to make more than a years progress within a year, that is our aim.

The other professional learning is focussed on our year 1- 4 literacy through cracking the code, which means the unpacking of words and understanding the sounds that make up each word. We know that writing is done poorly throughout New Zealand. All children have ideas they just don't have the knowledge or the confidence to use their phonics/phonemic understanding to write down or read the words. This will also help not only our reading and writing skills but also our spelling. We are working with Liz Kane to implement this in our classrooms. For more information on what we are doing check out her facebook page "[Liz Kane Literacy](#)", talk to myself or the classroom teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Your Principal
Troy Anderson

Welcome to Team Tui

Team Tui have had a fantastic start to 2018.

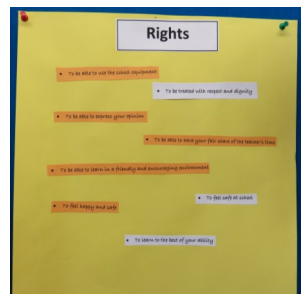
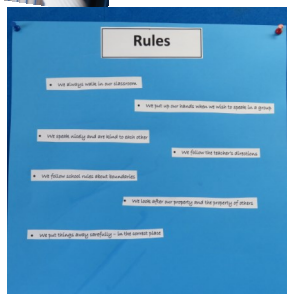
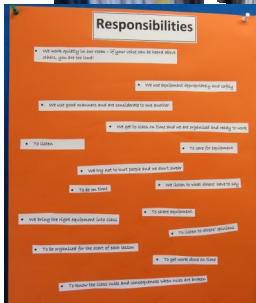
We are a Year 3/4 class with 20 pupils.

We have been learning about what our rights, rules and responsibilities are for being a cooperative member of the class.

We have created individual shields - depicting 4 items that are important to us.

Our class bird is the native tui of NZ. We have used pastels and vivid pens to create effective tui pictures.

This year we welcome 'Nipper' to our class - a friend for 'Cheeky bird' the budgie.



Notices

School Sores—We have had a case where a child has school sores. Please check your child/ren for any sores that don't heal or look nasty and see your GP if unsure as medication will be required. These sores do not heal on their own.

Nits—Those critters are doing the rounds again. Please check and treat your child's hair as needed please.

Rongotea & District Horticultural & Produce Society Autumn Show—
Wednesday 21 February , 1.00pm—3.45pm. More info on the school notice board.

CERTIFICATES

PRINCIPALS CERTIFICATES



LUCAS G—For showing excellent sportsmanship while out in the playground playing cricket. Well done Lucas awesome work. Keep it up !!!!!

JASMINE G—For being an excellent role model to others. Keep up the awesome work Jasmine. Well done !!!!

CLASS CERTIFICATES

Mikayla M- For showing a positive attitude towards swimming.

Na'i T- For showing excellent leadership skills and being a good role model to others.

Mason T - for making a great start to the year

Evie M - for working with focus and helping others

Zoe P - for being a wonderful member of the class and completing her work to a high standard

Lily M - for being a wonderful member of the class and completing her work to a high standard

Rory H - a great start to 2018 in Team Tui

Kruize-Dorothy W - a great start to 2018 in Team Tui

Matilda R - for showing resilience moving into Team Ruru

Mercedes L - for resilience and progress in the water

Ella M - for making a fantastic start to Team Kea and being enthusiastic about their learning

Liam W - for making a fantastic start to Team Kea and being enthusiastic about their learning

Uniforms—We have a new supply of uniforms arriving soon. We will let you know when they arrive via our facebook page. New shorts are \$30 and the shirts are \$31.

DATES

2018

Term 1 dates Wed 31 Jan—Thurs 13 April

Term 2 dates Mon 30 April— Fri 6 July

Term 3 dates Mon 23 July—Fri 28 Sept

Term 4 dates Mon 15 Oct—Fri 14 Dec

Term1

Tues 20/2 **Year 5 & 6 cricket at Rongotea**

Fri 23/2 **Assembly Team Huia & Team Kea**

Mon 5/3 **School swimming @ Makino 9.30-11.30**

Fri 9/3 **Assembly Team Kaki & Team Tui**

Mon 12/3 **TK swimming sports @ Makino all day**

Fri 23/3 **TK triathlon @ Sanson**

NO ASSEMBLY

Thurs 29/3 **Junior tabloids**

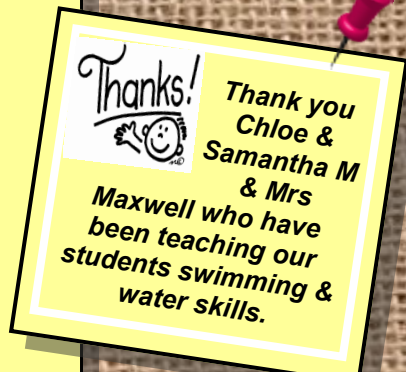
Fri 30/3 **Good Friday**

Mon 2/4 **Easter Monday**

Tues 3/4 **Easter Tuesday—NO SCHOOL**

Fri 6/4 **Assembly Team Kiwi & Team Ruru**

Fri 13/4 **Term 1 finishes**



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