



### February 2015

Week	Date	Events
3	16 February	Meet the teachers evening
5	4 March	SPCA visit - Norm Hewitt
5	5 March	Eastern Zone Swimming Sports (Years 4-8)

Monday 9 February

Week 2

Dear Parents

Last week was an orientation period to allow student time to become familiar with new school structures and systems - where they are going, what they are doing when they get there and who will be there to support them. Students met each morning in year group assemblies and then went on to tutorial groups where, with their tutor teachers they further developed learning pathways and academic goals. A whole school assembly was then held to further explain the school system and reiterate school expectations both for learning and behaviour. From here students moved into their learning POD for the day where a team of teachers planned and delivered the day's learning.

#### Meet the Teachers Evening 16 Feb 6.00pm

The school will be hosting a Meet the Teachers Evening next Monday 16 February in the staffroom . Here you will get to know your students tutor teacher and what learning goals and pathways they have established so far this year. There will be presentations on the new curriculum delivery model, NCEA and digital devices.

#### School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform when they leave home in the morning. Being in uniform indicates that kids are ready and prepared for learning. It also allows teachers to focus immediately on teaching and learning rather than starting the day with a negative conversation about incorrect uniform. Uniforms can be purchased at the front office at anytime. If you have difficulty providing a proper uniform for your child please let us know. We prefer to work with you to work things out.

#### Stationery

As with uniform, it is important that students come to school with equipment to record and store their work. Even if students bring devices - they may still need to have a pen, pencil and workbook for some of their work.

### English books

Could all students who took English last year please be encouraged to return any novels they may have at home. We are running very low on some titles because students seem to have decided that they enjoyed them so much they wish to keep them. However, this deprives others of the opportunity to read some excellent books. Reading is a pleasurable way to improve learning.



## Middle School News

Welcome to our new students in years 7-9. Welcome back to students returning to Taipa this year. We have had a great start to the year and have been impressed with the way the students have worked in the different learning spaces they have been in over the first weeks at school. I think we can look forward to a great year in 2015! If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office and arrange a time to talk to Mrs Dormer, Mr Trenberth or Miss Skeen-Toia.

### Swimming

Students should be bringing their swimming togs to school each day. There is a lunchtime swim at the beach for year 7-13 students on most days. There will also be swimming lessons during PE times on a Monday and Thursday. Eastern Zone swimming will also be held at Taipa School on March 5. There is an opportunity for year 7 and 8 students to try out for events.

### Homework

If you would like homework for your child, please contact Mrs Dormer at school or send a note along with your child and we can arrange for homework to be sent home.



### Uniform

It has been AWESOME to see all of our students in uniform! Well done to all of you! Students are welcome to wear a hat to school. It should be a plain black hat NOT the colourful hats we are seeing at school at the moment! Could families please help us with this!

### Cheers

The Middle School Teachers

## Primary News



Welcome to our new teachers Mrs Martin, Ms Tiare. We have had a great few weeks of settling learning and fun begins!

Hollamby and Whaea in and now the

Homework: Please support your child in completing their homework each night starting Monday the 16th of February.

Project Day: The workshops students have chosen to sign up for this term are "Bees" (Whaea Tiare), Mosaics (Mrs Hollamby), Organise a Community Go Kart Race (Mrs Wilkinson), and Rongoa Maori (Whaea Maata and Whaea Kylie). This will be every Thursday from 11.15 until 2.45pm. Please feel free to come along and lend a hand.

Materials: We are needing newspaper, broken tiles, wood, pram and bike parts and tyres, old shirts

for painting in, and icecream containers with lids. Please send them in if you can help.

Microwave: Does anyone have a microwave in good working order that you could donate to the Primary to heat up lunches? Please contact Mrs Wilkinson.

Stationery: Thank you to all of the parents who have bought their children's stationery already. Well done!

The Wombles at Waitangi: A HUGE THANKS goes out to the following parents and students who were Recycling Ambassadors at Waitangi. We raised over \$1300 for the Primary to go on new classroom resources such as Maths games and a listening post.

Thank you Jamie Emery and Leon, Kylie and Mark Simeon, Te Ariki, Islet Brown, Ella Ray and Laurel, Anei Crooks, Galaxie Rongonui, Heaven Lee Kere, Megan Dormer, David Stacey, Rangi-Sue Greaves, David Stacey, Norman Laws-Walker, Uraiah Murray, David Stacey and Tarei Tatai. We couldn't have done it without our secondary students. Ki a pai rawa to koutou mahi!

Coming up is the Mangonui Waterfront Festival in March: We'll need more volunteers. Watch this space!

Assemblies: Please come along to share our students successes every Friday at 2pm.

Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou

The Primary Team

### **NETBALL MUSTER - YEARS 4-6**

**Donna Burkitt and Rose Kapa-Kingi would like to run a netball muster for all year 4-6 students that are interested in playing this season.**

**Muster will take place next week Wednesday 18th March during lunchtime on the netball courts. Please ensure students come with correct playing shoes, a drink and a hat**

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**Absentees.**

If your children are absent or going to be absent from school please inform the school by either method below:

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