



Newsletter

Week 6 Term 1

Friday 10 March 2023

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Principal Korero

Tēnā koutou,

On Thursday 16 March our teachers will be taking strike action because the government has not agreed with the work conditions teachers need.

Teachers want the government to increase staffing and funding to schools and kindergartens and improve current pay offers to attract and retain people in the education industry.

Strike action is the last thing our teachers want to do but we need to give a clear message about the work conditions needed to do our jobs effectively. We all want the very best for our students but without changes to the system we can't give it to them. This affects our tamariki because teacher's working conditions are children's learning conditions.

On Thursday 16 March we ask that parents make alternative arrangements for their children. This is how you can support our teachers. For families who are not able to make alternative arrangements, there will be a skeleton staff on site who will be available to supervise the children but the usual learning programmes will not be possible.

Please inform Amy in the office if you are unable to make alternative arrangements and will be needing to send your child to school next Thursday.

I had an amazing three days at Mistletoe Bay with Rewarewa this week. I was so proud of our students for the impressive way they rose to the challenges they were given. A huge thank you to our awesome parents and friends of the school, for all your hard work. And special thanks to Julian, Sarah and Lorraine for making this such a special time for the children.

*Ngā mihi nui
Janette Packman
Acting Principal*

Important Dates

27 March Return ALL Easter Raffle Tickets

16 March Primary Teachers Strike Day

17 March Marlborough Swimming Sports (for teacher selected Year 5-8 only)

6 April End of Term Assembly **Last day of Term 1**

24 April Teacher Only Day

25 April ANZAC Day

26 April **First day of Term 2 & Powhiri for our new principal (starting at 9am with kai afterwards)**

NO TOYS INCLUDING POKEMON CARDS AT SCHOOL

Now that the weather is getting cooler the last day of swimming will be Friday 17 March

The **Safety Wise** magazine will be coming home with your child. This contains lots of information and activities to check out as a family. There are more available from the school office.



Ti Kōuka Year 0-1-2 **Emily Morris** **Caroline Abbott**

Kia ora tātou,

Amber (our local education police officer) came to visit Tī Kōuka on Thursday. She showed us her uniform and all the objects that she carries. It was fun getting to try on her police vest - all 9kgs of it!



Swimming - We will be swimming for one more week. At this time of year only those that want to swim need to, as many of the tamariki are feeling the cold or are recovering from illness.

On **Wednesday 22 March at 2.30pm** Emily and I will be running an information session on our reading programme 'Better Start Literacy'. All whānau are invited and pre-schoolers are welcome to spend the afternoon with Tī Kōuka tamariki.

Ngā mihi,
Emily and Caroline



Year 3-4 **Sarah Kerr**

Kia ora Manuka Whānau,

I had a wonderful three days away at Mistletoe Bay camp this week and was so proud to hear about the awesome self management and positive attitude that Manuka Class showed while Andrea and Mrs Maclachlan were teaching.

We will return to our normal program next week. Homework, including reading, maths and spelling will come home on Monday and should be returned on Friday.

Library books will come home on Monday and Thursday.

We have almost completed our assessments for learning so it would be good to catch up with whānau regarding next steps and learning goals. I can meet before and after school on most days, or by phone / Skype. Please contact me about arranging 10 minute korero at a time and place that suits you.

Next week we will slowly be introducing devices to the classroom, for those students who have mastered basic literacy skills in terms of spelling and handwriting.

Chromebook use will be limited as we are closely monitoring and improving the effectiveness of Chromebooks for learning.

As well as the 'Diversity' learning we are launching next week we are also developing our 'Wellbeing' skills in line with the Tuamarino Annual Plan School Plan. The 'Pause Breathe Smile' lessons will start next week and I will outline the purpose and content of the lessons in Homework Books so ako students are able to share their learning with you at home. Ngā mihi Nui Whaea Sarah Kerr

Rewarewa Year 5-6

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Kia ora e te whānau,

Awesome students + awesome activities + awesome effort and commitment + awesome parent help + awesome food + awesome weather = Awesome camp and tired kids
Job done!



Kowhai Year 7-8 [Aaron Harrison](#)

Kia ora Whānau,

The class has had a wonderful week learning about the diversity of fungi and how very important fungi are on this planet as primary nutrient providers. Students were surprised when investigating the amazing number of different species and how many ways they are used in our everyday life.

On Monday we inoculated bags of soaked straw and wood pellets with three different varieties of mushrooms; they are Phoenix oyster, Enoki, and Pekepeke Kiore 'Coral Tooth'. We are all looking forward to a great haul of these fungi to bring home to our Whānau to enjoy. Through this process with our experiment we are developing our scientific skills of following a procedure, gathering and interpreting data, using

evidence, critical thinking and simply having fun with science.

Have a most excellent weekend,

Mr H

Reminder: Please can students have their Tuamarina shirts out and ready for Tech on Monday. It will be every Monday till the end of term.

