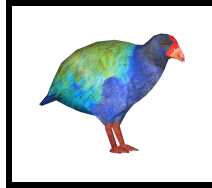


Takahe Team Welcome

Term 1, Week 1



Meet our team



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Welcome

Welcome to both our existing Whenuapai school children coming back this year and our new members of Whenuapai school. We hope you have all had a restful, enjoyable holiday break and are ready to get into Term 1, 2019.

Please feel free to contact us via email, phone or pop in and see us if you have any questions, concerns or celebrations throughout the year.

Reminders

Brain Food - Usually around 10:00am. Please ensure a small healthy snack is included in your child's lunch box or a separate container. This is an addition to a morning tea snack. Some examples are fresh fruit or vegetables (pre cut and peeled). No nuts please. We are a nut free school.

Hats - Compulsory for Term 1 and Term 4. No hat...no play out in the open (shaded areas only). Please check your child's hat and all uniform items are named, including shoes.

Assemblies - Each fortnight we will have a year 4 - 8 assembly to share our learning. Classes will take turns in hosting these assemblies. Keep an eye on Seesaw and our weekly round ups for information regarding the first assembly.

BYOD - Years 4 to 8 are able to bring their own device this year if they would like. Your child is welcome to bring their own device into school each day as long as it is a device that will be suitable for their learning (eg. tablets, laptops, chromebooks etc).

Seesaw - For those who did not attend the parent interviews on Tuesday, your child will be bringing home an information sheet for the Seesaw app. This is an app that will allow you to connect with the learning that is going on in our classrooms. Please follow the instructions on the information sheet and contact your child's teacher if you have any trouble logging on.

Library Day - Room 11 - Friday, Room 12 - Tuesday

Bike Day - Room 11 - Thursday, Room 12 - Friday

Home Learning Expectations

Daily Readers - Children are expected to spend some time reading every day to complement our daily guided reading programme in the classroom. Children will be given a book to bring home each day, however, depending on the text, it may be sent home for a few nights to consolidate the vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text.

Reading Eggs - Reading Eggs is an app and website that the children are likely already familiar with. We will be using this

app in class in our guided reading programmes but we would love for you to encourage your child to spend some time on Reading Eggs throughout the week. This is completely up to you how you manage this tool at home.

Mathletics - Mathletics is another app that we will be using in our maths programmes but it is an excellent tool for the children to use at home. As teachers, we are able to set tasks for the children to work on that are relevant to what they are learning about in class. We would expect children would be using this at home a few times a week.

The passwords for both of these apps (Reading Eggs & Mathletics) will be sent home within the first two weeks of Term 1. Other homework for areas such as spelling and basic facts may be introduced during the year.

Important Dates

Wednesday 27th February - PTA Family Fun Day 5pm

Thursday 28th March - Junior School Disco