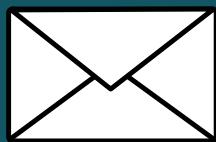


Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Tēnā koutou, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Konnichiwa, Kia Orana, Bonjour, Guten Tag, Assalamualaikum and Greetings. We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break. It is going to be an exciting term with lots of great opportunities for our tamariki.

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*Yours sincerely,*  
Te Whenua Teachers

### SCHOOL HOURS

The school grounds are open from 8:20am and classrooms are open at 8:30am. A bell rings at 8:55am to let children know it is time to go to class and school learning begins. School finishes at 3:00pm. If you need to pick up your child before 3:00pm or drop them off after 8:55am, please sign them out at the office. Breakfast club runs from 8.30am in the staffroom and is open to all students.

### LUNCH

We encourage children to bring healthy food items in their lunchbox. The children also benefit from bringing a water bottle to school so they can regularly drink during the day without interrupting learning time to go to the outside tap. We are a 'water-only' school. This means that children cannot drink small packs of juice or any other kind of drinks.

### COMMUNICATION

Communication between home and school is important. We will be using Seesaw in our classrooms. You will be able to see your child's work through this application as well as important notices and information posted by teachers. For more information about Seesaw, talk to your child's kaitiaki (teacher).



## IMPORTANT DATES

### WIKI 2

NZ Sign Language Week

### WIKI 3

Fono Night - Wednesday 19 May

Pink Shirt Day - Friday 21 May

### WIKI 5

Samoan Language Week

Dress in Cultural Attire - Friday 4 June

### WIKI 6

Queens Birthday - Monday 7 June

Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 8 June

### WIKI 7

Hui - Wednesday 16 June

### WIKI 8

Whole School Assembly

Led by Miss Seba's Kaitiaki group

### WIKI 10

Mid year reports go home - Monday 5 July

Last Day of Term - Thursday 8 July

Teacher Only Day - Friday 9 July



## INQUIRY

This term we are focusing on buoyancy. Our big question is, "How do objects float?"

Students will be looking at floating and sinking; discussing, predicting and experimenting with different materials to see which float, and the reasons behind that.

The students will be given the opportunity to design a waka that fits a given criteria.

We will hold a waka expo towards the end of the term. Please keep an eye out for further details about when this will take place. We would love for as many of our whānau to be there.

## SICKNESS

If your child is sick, it is important that they stay at home to prevent the spread of germs. Any children who come to school while they are unwell will be sent home.

A reminder to let the office know if your child is sick and will be away from school.