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Issue 1T1



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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



Kia ora e te whanau o te kura o Aorangi,

Welcome to term 1. I hope everyone has had a fantastic break.

Firstly, I would like to thank the students, staff, School Board and Whanau for a wonderful Whakatau on Tuesday. I have never been part of a Whakatau or Pōwhiri to that standard before. If you weren't able to make it, you should be very proud of your child/ren for their performance.

Last week, our kaiako were busy participating in professional discussions that will help to set the direction of the school this year. There are a few changes which we all need to adapt to but I promise these changes are for the best and will have minimal (if any) disruption to your child's learning. There have been a couple of changes in our staffing and who is working where. You will also notice that your child may be working with two different kaiako during the day. This means that the responsibility in the classroom is shared, students are able to access support quicker, and there will always be an adult in the classroom who the students know well and feel comfortable with. This is known as collaborative teaching and is a very good approach to be able to have available. Below is a list of our staff and the team they are working in:

Principal

Billie-Lee Browne (Whaea Billie)

Office Manager

Anna Steed (Whaea Anna / Mrs Steed)

Caretaker and Grounds

Matua Tony

JUNIOR TEAM - YEAR 1 AND 2:

MIDDLE TEAM - YEAR 3 AND 4:

SENIOR TEAM - YEAR 5 AND 6:

Whaea Tracey (Lead Teacher), Whaea Sue and Whaea Mel

Whaea Wendy (Lead Teacher) and Whaea Melissa

Mrs Anderson (Teacher Lead) and Whaea Tania

Learning Assistant
Mrs Barnes

Learning Assistant
Matua Maka

Learning Assistant
Matua Victor



Reminders:

Just a couple of reminders so we are all starting the year on the same page.

- Hats: All students are to have hats for school during term 1 and term 4. Please make sure your child has a hat and it is named.
- Drink Bottles: it is hot in our classrooms. Please make sure your child has a drink bottle with water in it.
- Drop off and Pick up zone: please make sure you are not stopping on yellow lines or in areas that could cause danger to our students.
- If your child is absent from school, please contact the school as early as possible via phone, school app, text or email (details at the bottom of newsletter).
- Make sure you report to the office before heading to your child's classroom.

We will continue with our Waiata Wednesday and Assembly on Friday Afternoon's. Come along and join in. Waiata Wednesday will start next week 5th February at 2.30pm. Our first assembly for the year will be on Friday 14th February at 2.20pm.

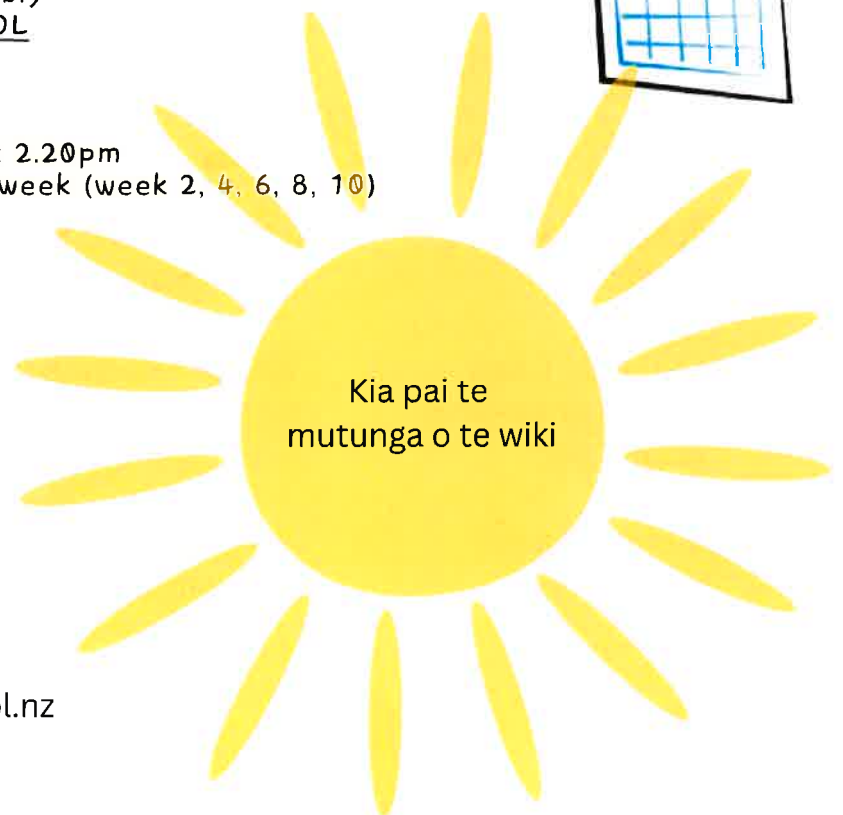
Whaea Billie

IMPORTANT DATES

Keep an eye on our calendar for more events and any date changes.

6th February Waitangi Day NO SCHOOL
13th and 14th February Whanau Goal Setting Hui
13th February School Board Hui
24th February Special 4Square Assembly
4th April Teacher Only Day NO SCHOOL
11th April Last Day of Term 1

Assembly is every week on Friday's at 2.20pm
Newsletters are every second (even) week (week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10)



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