

5 August 2016

Kia Ora, Talofa, Fakaalofa Atu, Hello.

Welcome back to Term 3 which is a short term of only 9 weeks.

A big welcome to Harlem, George, Blaze, Brooklyn, Malacai, Zakaii, Tommy and Tohe.

Mrs Barry
Principal



High Achiever's Award – 27 July.

- R1 Tai. For making a great start to his new school.
Daniel. For thinking hard at transition time.
- R2 Tiachar. For showing great progress in her writing.
Haapene. For showing great progress in using punctuation in his writing.
- R3 Alia-Rose. For being a fantastic role model in Room 3.
- R6 Jacob. Working hard on his goals.
Summer-Lee. Working hard on her goals.
- R7 Toya. Fluent writing and great attitude to class work in general.
Luke. Fantastic range of vocabulary.
- R8 Giovanni. For showing responsibility for his learning.
Dallas. For good sportsmanship during inter-class competition.
- R15 Wiremu. Taking his learning to the next level. Tumeki!
Azaleaha. Making huge leaps in her learning. Tino Pai!
- R16 Noah. Working effectively as part of a group during reading activities.
Houston. Sharing his ideas during group activities.

Rodayo Robin Taonga Award.

R4 Tamatea. Clever thinking about transitions.

This term the children will be focussing on the Olympic Games while developing their skills of inquiry. Inquiry learning is all about students having ownership of their learning. It starts with explorations and questioning that leads to an investigation. We know that Inquiry learning develops higher order literacy and critical thinking skills and engages and motivates the learner while supporting students to work co-operatively to solve problems. Please talk to your child about their investigation.

The children will not be rotating in the afternoons this term for Inquiry but will be rotating once a week to teach the skills of the winter sports games. The term will end with a Mini Olympic Games afternoon where a Gold, Silver and Bronze medal will be up for grabs.

This term the children are working towards the school production at Girls College in Week 9. The focus this year links to the Olympic Games with each class taking 1 country to focus on. We are excited that the staff will also perform on stage.

With our New Entrant room growing we have shifted through the older 5 year olds into Room 4. We welcome Mrs Ramage who is teaching the class from Monday to Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. This is the core Literacy and Numeracy time and this is lowering numbers to ensure that the children get a good start to school. The children return to Room 3 in the afternoon with Room 1 for Discovery Learning.

Kapa Haka is every Friday for the whole school. Whaea May and Performance Kapa Haka group are working hard to take part in Pae Tamariki this term. A group of parents have been working hard designing our school Kapa Haka uniforms, we would love to have the children wearing them, so if you can help with the making of the uniforms, please contact Whaea May in Room 8.

Uniform.

A number of children are arriving at school wearing incorrect uniform.

Please note the winter uniform is as follows:

Girls: Black fleece trackpants OR Skort with black tights or black or white ankle or knee length socks.

White skivvy OR Poloshirt

Bottle green Polarfleece

Black school shoes

Boys: Black fleece trackpants OR grey shorts with black or grey ankle or knee length socks

Bottle green skivvy OR Poloshirt

Bottle Green polarfleece

Black school shoes.

Building Awesome Whanau in Whanganui.

Tiaki Tamariki Mai – to care for our children here.

A seven session course for parents of 0 – 12 year olds.

If you're looking after tamariki, this course can help you become an awesome parent or grandparent or caregiver – even more awesome than you already are!

There are seven sessions with a small group of other parents and a friendly facilitator. You'll watch short video clips (featuring Pio Terei and other parents) and then discuss how the ideas could work at your place.

No tests, no judgement, no boring bits.... Just lots of fun and useful stuff. And it's made right here in little ol' Aotearoa, so the ideas will work at your place!

We will have two taster sessions, 6th September 2.00 – 2.45 p.m. and 12th September 6.00 pm.

Senior School Camps.

Camp fees must be paid in full by the end of the 1st week of Term 4, Friday 14th October.

Parents are welcome to pay off their child's camp fee in instalments to spread the cost. Make payments at the office. Receipts are issued for all payments.

Camp Fundraiser.

Room 7, 8, 15 & 16 children have been given the opportunity to sell chocolate bars. For every box of 20 bars sold they have \$5.00 deducted from their camp fee.

MID HONOURS AWARD

Congratulations

*Paige
Logan
Ashley
Jacob
Jahmane*

PTA News.

Coming up.....

"Olympic" Theme Disco – Friday 19th August 5.30 – 7.00 p.m. Pre-order sausages and hamburgers – notice home closer to the day.

In Term 4 we are having a Twilight Gala, so any ideas you could give up would be great. Also keep an eye out for any items that can be donated for our white elephant stall.

Contacts: Tracy 027 420 4309 or Karen 027 347 3909.



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OUR
SCHOOL**

“We get to learn and we have lots of friends”.

Jess, Room 7

Every Child Achieving