

Dear Whānau

Welcome back for another exciting term of learning in Whanake. We have enjoyed a fun first week of school and are already well and truly back into our learning.

As part of our schoolwide learning focus this year is Citizenship through Globalisation, this term we will be exploring Science, with a particular focus on the life processes of certain animals. We have started by learning about the continents as part of the tuning in phase of the inquiry cycle. We hope the students in Whanake will come away from this inquiry with a greater understanding of where certain animals come from, what they need to survive and thrive, and to explain the life cycles of some of the world's most interesting creatures.

Fun Run

The Owhiro Bay School Fun Run will be held on Friday 24 May at 1pm. This means we will be practising each afternoon in Whanake by running laps around the field. It is important for your child to bring appropriate footwear to ensure they can participate to their best potential. If you are available to help out on the day, please let Chloe know and she will happily arrange a job for you.

Home Learning

Home learning books will continue to be checked and returned home each Friday to record the following week's *ROCKS*. We encourage your child to be as independent as possible when managing this part of their learning.

Read - for pleasure, practice, or information.

Outside - head outside for enjoyment.

Chat - have a conversation about your learning.

Keep Up - check in with your teacher and find out what needs finishing and what needs extra practice.

Service - do something nice for someone.

Book Bags and Reading Books

Your child will bring home their book bag each night, inside should be a reading diary and reading book. Any notices, or lunch order change will be put in their book bags at the end of the day, so it is a good idea to check these bags each night. In Whanake, children select their reading book of choice from the appropriate book box located in the room between Rooms 6 and 7. Please help them log their reading in their diary.

Winter is Coming...

Now that the weather has cooled down and the winter months are upon us, please ensure your child packs sufficient warm clothing and footwear each day.

Some important dates for your diary:

Kapa Haka	Every Tuesday
Rā Wīra / Wheels Day	Every Wednesday
Library Day	Every Friday

Please remember our classes are open from 8.30am each morning. If your child arrives before then please have them wait in the office foyer. The day ends at 3pm and all Whanake children are to wait in their classroom until they have been collected by their adult. If children are still not picked up by 3.10pm they will wait in the office foyer. Should you have any queries or concerns, you can email us or pop in and see us for a chat.

Noho ora mai ra.

Stay well and healthy,

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