

# Welcome Back, Piwakawaka Team!

Kia Ora Whanau!

Welcome back to Term 3! First of all we would like to welcome back Mrs **Thevinia Ratnayake** who is returning from Maternity leave and joining Piwakawaka Hub 2. We know the students will all love her!



Term 3 brings a lot of new and exciting opportunities for our lovely students. If you haven't already, please join the RS Piwakawaka Team 2021 Facebook page. We will regularly update you with information for the week and share some of the wonderful learning from both hubs.

## Trip:

You would have already received a letter about our trip to MOTAT on Monday 2nd August. If you haven't already, please can you complete the permission slip and pay by the end of the week so that we can confirm numbers or alternatively pay via Kindo. Thank you to those wonderful parents who volunteered to come along. We would love to take all but we are restricted to a certain number of helpers. You would have already been contacted via your child's classroom teacher if we require your help on the day. If you are unsure please feel free to email the classroom teacher.

## Inquiry:

This term we are focusing on Te Whare Tapa Wha and alongside this we will be looking at our history curriculum with a learning intention of retelling a story about Reremoana and how the school got its name. Te Whare Tapa Wha is a model based on four wellbeing attributes including spiritual, mental and emotional, physical/body and social/whanau wellbeing. We will be exploring what Te Whare Tapa Wha is, why it is important to us and how we can uphold our own wellbeing.

## Wellbeing:

We are super excited that we are finally starting 'Fun Friends'. We have a focus each week which we will post about on facebook and then at the end of the week we will share all the wonderful learning experiences we have been doing for each focus. Below is an overview for the term.

Week 1	Being Brave	Week 6	Steps to being a kind friend
Week 2	My feelings and your feelings	Week 7	Giving ourselves a pat on the back
Week 3	Our bodies	Week 8	Family, school, neighbours and friends
Week 4	Red and green thoughts, changing our thoughts	Week 9	Our circle of love and friends
Week 5	Doing things one step at a time	Week 10	Dress up party - celebration

#### Physical Education:

As cross country comes to an end we are moving onto athletics. The students will be practising shot put, discus, long jump and relays. It is important that the students practise so that they know what to do on our school athletics day if they are selected to complete. Please know that we only allow students to throw a shot put or discus if they are wearing covered shoes so remember to either pack or make your child wear covered shoes on a Monday.

#### Literacy:

This term the students will be reciting a poem through our oral language curriculum. Your child will share their poem in front of their hub buddies and we welcome any parents along to see them. Following this there will be finals in the school hall the following week. A notice will be shared closer to the time in the meantime expect to see a couple of poems come home that your student may have selected. Please note that they do not have to use the poems we have, you are more than welcome to help them find a poem and practise it at home.

#### Numeracy:

Alongside number knowledge and strategy we will be teaching geometry, looking at both 2D and 3D shapes. We are really looking forward to the connections the students can make with our Art focus.

#### Arts:

The students are continuing to learn about Kandinsky's abstract art through a wide range of themes including sketching, printing, sculpting, 3D, paper collage and Art within nature. We are working towards creating a masterpiece to display in the school grounds in Term 4.

Noho ora mai – stay well, look after yourselves

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