

Week One Term Three Friday 28 July 2017



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term Three. We hope you were all able to enjoy a restful break and share special time with your children. It is lovely to see them all back at school ready for another term of learning. Our theme for the first two weeks is COMMUNITY. We are a community and we know that whilst we are a community at school we are also part of many other communities-family/ whanau, parish, sports, Wainuiomata, Wellington, NZ and of course the global community. Our responsibility in community varies according to the community we are in - but responsibility is none the less a vital part of being in community. We need our children to be aware that they too have responsibilities in our school community and then learn to transfer these to other communities to which they belong.

Our learning this term is focussed on the rich *Taonga* of the history of Aotearoa and spans Te Ao Maori, The British Isles, the coming together of two peoples and the signing of a treaty to enable us to live peacefully in community. It also explores the conflicts that have been part of this joining of peoples and prepares our students to understand and come to know the significant people of this time and the reason our country commemorates certain events such as the Maori Land Wars. We are looking forward to the new learning we will engage in together this term. Come and join us on this learning journey- you may learn something new along with us all.

If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday-

Pearl Buck

Have a great weekend Sue Jury

UNIFORMS:

It is our expectation that students wear the correct school uniform daily. If you are unsure of the requirements, please ask the office. All students need to wear the correct blouses, school shirts, shorts, pants and appropriate plain black shoes.

All students from Rimu Whanau up are required to have a PE/ Sports shirt. These are available from the school uniform shop.

It is CRITICAL that all items of uniform are named clearly so when your child leaves it outside or misplaces it the item can be returned to them. If the item is unnamed this makes it nearly impossible to locate the rightful owner.

Students are permitted to change shoes for play times however they must be in school shoes whilst in class. It is important that if your children are young they are able to take off and put on their shoes by themselves... Velcro is a junior teacher's best friend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

Toys Sports Equipment

There has been an increasing number of students bringing toys and sports equipment from home to school. Please be aware that we do not allow home toys and equipment at school. There are plenty of resources at school for students to use. Bringing these items from home can cause issues with and amongst other children.

Statements:

All statements will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Please make sure all accounts are settled by the end of this term.

Parent Teacher Communication

Last Term out Totara Whanau trialled the regular email contact with parents. Parents have reported that this was a positive form of communication and gave them specific detail about their child and their learning in class. From this term each teacher within the school will email 5 parents each week to share something about their child's activity, learning or success in class. Your children have been asked to ask you to send an email to their teacher to ensure each teacher has the correct email address. Please take the time to send a short email to them:

Totara Tahi- marya@stclaudine.school.nz

Totara Rua- clarat@stclaudine.school

Totara Toru- georgiao@stclaudine.school.nz

Hinau Tahi - neilm@stclaudine.school.nz

Hinau Rua - jamiec@stclaudine.school.nz

Hinau Toru - sarahc@stclaudine.school.nz

Rimu Tahi - lusian@stclaudine.school.nz

Rimu Rua- angelinav@stclaudine.school.nz

Rimu Toru- malias@stclaudine.school.nz

Rata Tahi – katieb@stclaudine.school.nz

Rata Rua-sandrap@stclaudine.school.nz

Rata Toru- alisaw@stclaudine.school.nz

Teachers are looking forward to sharing your child's learning with you.

Our flower wall:



A group of our students are creating a flower wall. These flowers are made out of empty drink bottles – the ones with screw tops... The students would really appreciate you saving any bottles and their lids and sending them to school for this project. Any bottles can be left in the box in the front office.

We would really appreciate your support in helping us build the flower wall.

OUR NEXT 2 WEEKS IN VIEW:

| 31 July ICAS ENGLISH 11am | 1 Aug | 2 Kapa Haka 1.30pm | 3 | 4 1.45 Assembly |
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| 7 Aug | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Totara – Te Papa | Rata – Te Papa 7/8 Futsal 5/6 Netball | Hinau – Te Papa | Rimu – Te Papa | 1.45 Singing |

LUCKY BOOKCLUB

Order forms were sent home with students early this week. If you wish to place an order please send in completed form with money to the school office by Monday 7 August, alternatively you may order direct: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Lower Hutt Mid-Winter Mums Market

<u>Hutt Intermediate School</u>, 7 Kauri Street, Waterloo, Lower Hutt, Wellington Region Saturday 29 July 2017 9:30am – 11:30am

Winter Pop Up Village

Taranaki Wharf, Taranaki St, Wellington

Thursday 27 July 2017 – Wednesday 2 August 2017 10:00am – 5:00pm

Where: Taranaki Wharf, Taranaki St, Wellington

Restrictions: All Ages

Admission: Free

Brooklyn Community Market

<u>Brooklyn Community Centre</u>, 18 Harrison St, Brooklyn, Wellington Saturday 29 July 2017 9:30am – 1:00pm

Wellington Underground Market

<u>Frank Kitts Underground Carpark</u>, Under Frank Kitts Park, Jervois Quay, Wellington Saturday 29 July 2017 10:00am – 4:00pm

<u>Nitsy Pixies - No more Nits!</u> In-salon treatments or take home products WORK AND INCOME SUPPLIER! Contact Lisa on 0800 nitsypixies (648 797) or www.nitsypixies.co.nz

COMMUNICATION 2017

We want to communicate well with parents and whanau and know that we have to do this in a range of ways, our most preferred forms of communication are digital as they do not require so much paper. Our School App – this is downloadable from the app store – if you already have the app you will need to update this for 2017 as there are new room names and teachers.



