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Kia ora whānau,

A warm welcome to Akomanga tekau ma rua and our new school year! I hope everyone has had a fun filled holiday break and managed to enjoy some family time. I have enjoyed time with my family soaking up the sunshine at Kawhia, Papamoa beach and Whangamata. It is a privilege to welcome your children into the classroom. I am very excited about the year ahead and working collaboratively with you and your whānau during 2024.

Our Learning in Term 1

The Knighton Way

Getting Along

There will be a huge focus on collaboration, teamwork and many opportunities to help us learn about one another.

A culture of kindness- Can we work together to make everyone in our classroom more resilient?

This is a special beginning of the year topic that will focus on developing interpersonal relationships, as well as cross classroom empathy. We will dive deep into the Knighton Zones and will be learning to manage our behavior and be the best learners we can be.

Identity and Belonging-Who are we & Who am I?

We will be focusing on who we are as Akomanga tekau ma rua learners and our classroom culture. We also will explore our own identity which will lead into our school wide cultural celebrations in term 1. .

Special Days For Term 1

- School Newsletter Every second Tuesday.
- Library day, Tuesdays -. This will begin in week 4.
- Cultural parade Wednesday 27th March.

Our swimming days are Monday and Thursday!

Please help your child to remember their togs and towel in a named plastic bag or swimming bag. Encourage your child to wear named clothes they find easy to change in and out of. It is a good idea for girls with long hair to have their hair tied back. Swimming is an important part of our Health and P.E. curriculum.



If your child is unable to swim for any reason please email me, message me through Dojo, or, send a written note to let me know.



Tissues

To help maintain a healthy classroom we use tissues for runny noses and sneezes. If at any time during the year you can help us out by donating a box of tissues to our class we would be most grateful.

Medicine

Should your child need any medication during the school day, please visit our Office where you will be asked to fill in a permission form and the medicine will be kept and administered safely.

Class Dojo

In Room 12 we use 'Class Dojo" to connect with families and share our learning adventures.

If you are not familiar with 'Dojo', you will find this is an excellent app you can download to your phone. You can see and comment encouragingly on your child's learning journey. Do you need an invite? Check your emails and if there isn't one there let me know and I will re-send the invite.

I am really looking forward to a fabulous year of learning in Room 12. If you have any questions, concerns or celebrations please do not hesitate to contact me via Dojo, my email or your child's home learning book.

Ngā mihi,

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