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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ROOM 12

Kia ora e te whānau,



I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break and that the ever changing weather still allowed quality family time for you all. I am really looking forward to all that this year has in store for everyone in our class, and am delighted to say that we have made a wonderful start!

This term our classroom focus is 'Getting Along'. We will be practising kindness as we get to know each other and learning about the impact that showing kindness to others can have on our own wellbeing and the overall wellbeing of others. Later in the term, we will be learning about historical examples of our own and other cultures getting along as we take part in our school wide Cultural Festival celebrations. If you would like to share your culture with us please let me know as we would love to learn and celebrate everyone's cultures.

People in Room 12

This year Ally Lamb, one of our wonderful learning assistants will be helping us at various times of the day. We are also lucky enough to have two student teachers Nadia Allen and Jacob Parsons joining our class every Wednesday of term 1 and some of term 2.

Important Days For Term 1

- **School Newsletter** – Tuesday.
- **Swimming** – Every **Tuesday** and **Friday in term 1** (please ensure your child brings their togs and a towel in a separate bag).
- **Middle School Assembly** – Friday 1.30pm, parents are always welcome to join us!
- **Meet the Teacher picnic**– Week 3, Wednesday 17th February from 5pm onwards.
- **Library day** – Friday starting week 3.
- **Middle School Team Building**– Week 3, Friday 19th February, 10:40am-12:30pm.
- **Cultural Parade**– Week 8, Wednesday 24th March.

Homework

I strongly encourage you to read with your child every day to build their confidence. I will also provide some **homework suggestions** in the form of a tic tac toe sheet. The homework is specifically set up to be minimum stress but provides a routine. Please note: Homework (apart from reading) is not compulsory and will not be chased.



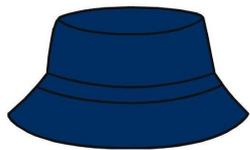
Reading books:

In class, your child will work on an instructional reading programme with me and will often bring home a reader to share with you that we have worked on together.

These books should start coming home during week 3.

For the independent readers in the class, self selection is very important and I will be encouraging children to choose age and topic appropriate reading material that they are interested in. These books may be from your home selection, the public library or school library as well as from the choices I will provide.

If your child has a book bag from last year please send it to school with your child as soon as possible so that they can protect the books they are bringing to and from school.



Stationery and Hats

A stationery list should have arrived home. If for any reason you have not received one, please let me know and I will organise a replacement form for you. We are hoping to get started in our books at the beginning of Week 3 (15th February). We encourage families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay -and you don't need to send any paper forms back into school, so nothing gets lost in school bags. Alternatively, you can use one of the payment options on the stationery list.

School hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. If your child needs a new hat, one can be purchased from the school office for \$10. Hats must be worn when outdoors. If your child does not have a school hat they will only be able to play in shaded areas during break times. Other hats such as caps are not permitted.



Tissues and Medical forms

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.

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.

Meet the teacher picnic

We will be holding a 'meet the teacher' picnic in week 3, on Wednesday 17th February, from 5pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet our principal Stuart Armistead and myself, if we haven't met already. There will also be time available for you to visit our classroom. We would love to see you there.

Middle school team building day

In week 3, on Friday the 19th of February, the Middle School classes will be having a fun morning of team building activities. This is to help children get to know their new classmates and for the Middle School teachers to meet all the children in our team. The activities will take place from 10:40am-12.30pm and includes a swim in the pool. Your child will need their togs, towel and an extra snack in their lunch box. You are welcome to join us on the field from 10.40am.



Class Dojo

You will be able to share in your child's learning adventure through our sharing site 'Class Dojo'. This is an excellent app you can download onto your phone for you to then enjoy finding out about your child's learning and comment on some of the things you might see. Dojo is a private and safe forum and only the students and parents of Room 12 can access the site.

I want you to know that I am really looking forward to teaching your child this year and I know we will have an excellent year together. If I have not yet met you, I am looking forward to meeting you at the 'meet the teacher' picnic! If in the meantime you have any queries, please do not hesitate to privately message me on Class Dojo or you can email me at dbrydon@kns.ac.nz, alternatively you can pop in and see me before or after school.

Warmest regards

Danielle Brydon ☺
Room 12 teacher