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Room 23

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, Whanau,

Welcome back, once again the year has flown by! At least we have warmer weather to look forward to and more daylight to keep active. As always we have a packed term to get through, lets see what's ahead...

### **Welcome to Samantha Diffey (Teaching Student)**

This term we are privileged to have Miss Samantha Diffey in class. Miss Diffey is studying a conjoint primary teaching and health, sport, human performance degree at the University of Waikato. She is here to fulfill a six week practicum as part of her teacher training. We are very happy to have Samantha assist us with our learning tasks. Welcome to the whānau.

### **Pens and pencils**

Many students have either already used or misplaced their pens and pencils, and waste the first portion of their lesson time searching for or asking to borrow what they need. Can you please check that your child has a blue pen, red pen and pencils for this term. They have exhausted both their own and my supplies!



### **Hats**

Yes, it's hat time again! Students must wear hats for break times and outdoor activities, or are restricted to the shaded areas. Our NZ sun is very harsh and burns very quickly compared to other countries. Hats can be purchased (\$5) from the online Kindo shop or at the office. Only Knighton school hats are to be worn, not personal hats or caps.

### **Beach Education Programme with the Surf Life Saving team**



This term we are heading to Raglan on Friday the 29th November (week 7). This is always a fun day. Through this programme students learn valuable skills such as beach and water safety, how to identify rips and currents, and the roles of surf life savers. We are looking for 6 parents to accompany our class, who are willing to enter the water (waist deep) to help keep our children safe. The students will travel by bus to Raglan, parents will car pool in personal vehicles, so we require a couple of people prepared to drive and also take adult passengers please.

### **Keeping in Touch**

Many of you are already connected through Class Dojo, which is the main communication tool we have been using this year. If you are not connected, please let me know so I can provide you with connection details. The app is free and can be operated from any device. This is a quick and easy way to stay in touch and can also be used to send me queries and messages. There are a few new families that are not connected - it would be great to have you all on board.



# What's on When!

## WHOLE SCHOOL FUN RUN : Wednesday 16th October

As the weather prevented us from running this event last term, we will try again this Wednesday (week 1). The times for this event are: seniors 1.40pm, middles 2pm and juniors 2.20pm. You are welcome to join us at the Clyde Street Park - the same park we held the cross country run at.

## SWIMMING

We will be swimming every **Wednesday** and **Friday** and are lucky to have qualified instructors coming into school to teach the students. It is an important part of our programme (given the amount of water we have here in NZ - rivers, streams, beaches and backyard pools) and lots of fun. Your child will need to bring their togs and a towel each day, inside a waterproof bag. If your child is unable to swim due to illness, please let me know either by email, Dojo, or send a note to school. Our first swimming day is this **Friday**.

## LIBRARY

Unfortunately our library remains closed to students as the space is required for a classroom. Please encourage your child to bring books from home to read during silent reading time.

## My Duty Days:

Wednesday 12.30pm - 1.05pm

Thursday 1.05pm - 1.30pm

Friday 8.25am - 8.55am and 1.05pm - 1.30pm

## Important to note...

- **Monday 28th October:** School **CLOSED**. This is a public holiday in celebration of Labour Day. School continues from Tuesday 29th October as normal.
- **Wednesday 18th December:** This is our **LAST** day of school for the year. School ends at **1pm**, so please remember to organise someone to collect your child at this earlier time.
- **Medication:** A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the office for any medication administered at school. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- **Cell phones:** We prefer children to leave cell phones at home but understand that some children require a cell phone for safety reasons and to contact family members after school. Children must be responsible with their cell phones, using them appropriately and not during the school day.
- **School Payments:** To avoid office queues, and to ensure your payments are accounted for correctly, we encourage all 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](http://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 to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags.

You are welcome to visit at any time, so please pop in and see us.

It's going to be a great year!

Kind regards

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