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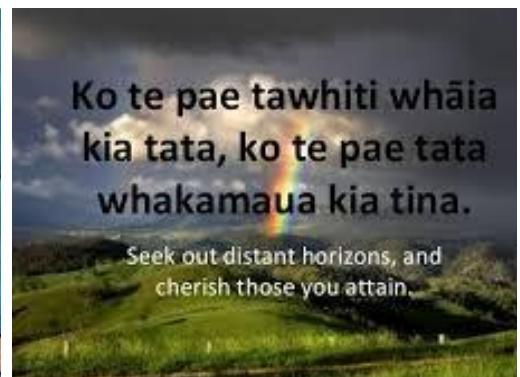
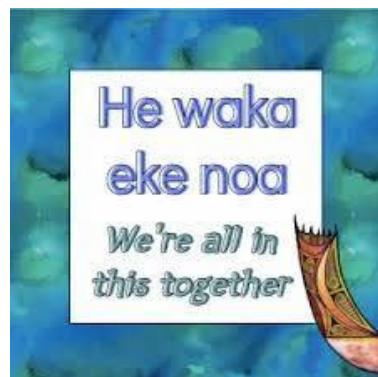
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Tēnā koutou e te Akomanga Toru whānau,



Welcome back to term 2 - and what a busy term we have ahead.

I am super excited that Akomanga Toru is a part of the Wonder Project this term. We are completing the Rocket Challenge (making and launching rockets) with the support of our ambassador, Rebekah McIndoe from Fonterra. Thank you to everyone who has collected bottles for us for this exciting project.

We will also be embarking on a dramatic inquiry where we learn about Kupe and his discovery of Aotearoa. We will be mapping and looking at all the places he found in his journey.

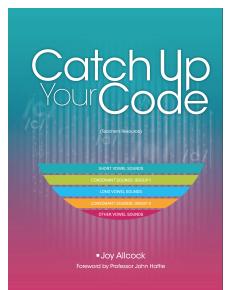


Fuse drumming will become a part of our classroom routine. We are learning to play the drums on buckets, learning songs by reading Fuse music and creating our own riffs. We have been writing waiata in te reo and using drums to support our songs - it is WANANEI!

On a Friday 11-12pm there is tuakana-teina time with Akomanga 25 ½ - some children are working on a mural project with Mrs Gardener-Ward and others are working on art with me.

A few of the cool events coming up this term are a visit from Gavin Bishop this week, the winter sports day (optional), Matariki week (closer to the end of term), parent-teacher conferences, and we will also be having our student teachers on a full-time practicum for 5 weeks during Week 6-10. Our student teachers are currently here every Wednesday working with the kids - they are Miss Kim Chiang and Miss Laura Kerin. So if you are around on a Wednesday please feel free to pop in and meet them 😊

We will continue the 'Catch Up Your Code' programme to learn, remember and practice all the sounds for spelling in English. We also have maths in the afternoon using PR1ME and the children all have a maths class based on their learning needs. Some remain with me and others have been put in other classes. We also do Move 2 Learn everyday, moving our bodies in ways that support our brain, motor skills and learning. Some of us also lead this in our neighbouring classroom, Akomanga 4. Te reo Māori, reading and writing also remain as integral parts of our day.



We also have Food for Thought later this term, which concludes in a visit to the local New World. We do need parent support for this short trip. We will leave school just after 9am and return by morning tea on Tuesday 22 June. Please email me if you can help onthat day.

KNIGHTON WAY AND VALUES



REMINDERS

- I use Class Dojo to share some of the great things that we are doing in the classroom and share messages. If you are not already linked to the Room 3 Class Dojo, please email me and I will send you a link via email. The site is safe, locked down and private and is only accessible to the people I share it with (our whānau). If you are unsure about having your child's photo or work shared on the site or have questions please come and talk with me or send me an email, hopefully I can alleviate any concerns people may have.
- The children all have a Google login, which is used at school. They are also able to access them from home. I have full access to their account to keep it all safe. 
- 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 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.
- Please help ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag every day, just in case they are needed after messy (but fun) play! This is especially important in the winter months.
- A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the school office for any **medication** administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- We would prefer if your children kept their **cell phones** at home. However, if they need to bring it to school, please understand that it is your child's responsibility. They are welcome to keep them in their teacher's desk drawer, however the teacher is not responsible for them.
- If your child is **late** please ensure they report straight to the Smiley Face door to get a late slip, even if they arrive just after the bell. If your child is **absent** please be sure to inform the school. Also remember, from 9:15 am the only unlocked entry into the school is the front gate on Knighton Road.
- The school term calendar was sent home last week. If you are wanting to access this online, along with copies of the weekly newsletter sent home each Tuesday, please visit www.kns.ac.nz
- I actively check my emails and Class Dojo throughout the day so please email or message me with any questions, concerns, or sharing great things your children are doing, on nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz However if it is urgent it is best to contact the office and they will send a message to me, as sometimes I may not be able to check when I amwith the tamariki.

Thank you in advance for all your support and help in 2021.
Nga mihi nui e te whānau.

Hei konā mai rā, nā Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or WhaeaNicole)

