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Akomanga Tahī

Newsletter Term 1 2023

Welcome to Akomanga Tahī

Kia ora koutou katoa nau mai haere mai - a warm welcome to Room 1 for 2023. We have a very exciting and engaging year a head of us, filled with many different activities and topics to extend, nurture and challenge our tiny humans.

I am excited to be working with your children this year and am very much looking forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, concerns or celebrations please do not hesitate to contact me via dojo, the details below, your child's homework book or pop into our classroom before school.

Ngā Mihi,
Steph Wilkinson :)
Room 1 Teacher
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This term in A1

Alongside our core curriculum areas such as reading, writing and maths we will explore the following topics through quality discussion, questioning and hands-on learning.

All about Me: we will be sharing and celebrating all the wonderful things that make us unique as individuals and as a collective class.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi: what is an agreement? Who was there? How does it affect us as Kiwis today? What is our job going forward?

Whare Tapa Whā: we will explore all aspects of our health and well-being, and uses Sir Mason Durie's Te Whare Tapa Whā model as a way to kōrero about the different areas that contribute to our Hauora.

Save the Date

Waitangi Day - Monday 6th February
School Closed

Whānau Picnic - Tuesday 21st February
All whanau are welcome.

Cultural Festival - Wednesday 5th April

Good Friday - Friday 7th April
School Closed



Nut Free Classroom

Akomanga Tahi is a nut-free classroom. We have a child in our classroom that has a very serious nut allergy. This includes all nut butters including Nutella, peanut butter and muesli bars containing nuts. Thank you so much for understanding and helping to keep our children safe.



Swimming

Our swimming days are Thursdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child has their togs and that all clothing items are clearly named.

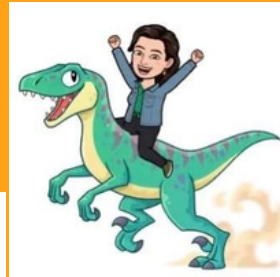
Reminders

- **Water bottles**- We are a water only classroom. We encourage all children to bring a water bottle to school each day to help them stay hydrated. Please make sure these are clearly named.
- All students must bring their **book bags** and home learning books to school every day. They are responsible for putting their books bags away in the morning before the bell rings.
- **Dojo** - It would be wonderful to have all families connected to our classes Dojo - it is the main platform for sharing messages or photos from our day
- **Home learning**-Reading books come home most nights. Poem books and library books on Friday. Remember to check Dojo for photos to talk about.
- **Sunhats** - All children are required to wear their Knighton School sunhat when outside. They will be kept at school. Knighton School hats can be purchased from the school office for \$10.00. These must be worn in terms 1 and 4.



Meet Hannah

This year Akomanga Tahi has the privilege of having the wonderful Hannah Walshe working with us as a Kaiawhina. She is skilled in New Zealand Sign Language and is working alongside one of our tamariki who is deaf.



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