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Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome back to Term 3! It was great to meet some of you during Parent Conversations and share the progress your child has made. For those of you that were unable to make it I hope you enjoyed reading their report instead. As usual, we have another busy term ahead and lots to look forward to. The main focus for the term will centre around the Olympic Games and Te Whare Tapa Wha (4 elements of wellbeing) Taha tinana / physical health, Taha hinengaro / mental health, Taha wairua / spiritual health and Taha whaanau / family and friends.. My main form of communication will continue to be via Clasdojo, please let me know if you have any questions with regards to using this app.

The Knighton Way: Persistence / Whaikaha



Many of life's failures
are people who did not realise how close
they were to success when they gave up.

Thomas A Edison.

F.E.A.R has two meanings
Forget Everything And Run or
Face Everything And Rise;
it's your choice.

Being persistent means...

- We try our best and do not give up, even when the task is hard.
- We are resilient when we fail, knowing we are one step closer to achieving our goal.
- We believe in ourselves because we know we can accomplish our task.
- We gain strength from our whaanau and friends when we need help.
- We know that being persistent doesn't mean we are alone.

Literacy

I will continue to choose writing themes that are of high interest to year 5 and 6 learners. The students will practise a range of different genres with links to other curricular activities. Each student will also work on their individual writing learning intentions that were identified at the end of term two and discussed during parent conversations.



School Journals, chapter books and readers will be sent home each week for you to read and discuss nightly with your child. If you are able to do this regularly it makes a huge difference to their learning.

Maths

The senior school continues to have maths in our cross group classes every afternoon. The children are in class groups that suit their learning needs, challenge their thinking, extend their understanding of mathematics concepts and encourage them to work both independently and collaboratively to solve number and word problems.

Topic

During term 3 students will design and create their own medals, mascots, and stadium before hosting our own opening ceremony. We will then look to compare and contrast the ancient and modern day Olympics with traditional Māori games played by different iwi. Akomanga 32 will then hold its own Olympic Games using the Sphero's (coding robots) to compete in different events.

Library

Our library day will continue to be Friday during term three. It would be greatly appreciated if you could remind your child to bring back their library books on this day. Students are also able to issue or return library books during most lunchtimes.

Class Dojo:

I hope everyone has enjoyed viewing what we have been doing at school through Clasdojo. I will continue to upload a photo every couple of weeks during term 3. If you haven't received a Class Dojo login please let me know and I will arrange one for you.



Here we are testing the optimal amount of water needed to make our Wonder rockets fly.

Ngā mihi
James Penman