



Friday 19th October 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora and welcome back to Term 4, I can't believe that we are in the final term of the year already! Term 3 was a busy term that began with an awesome performance at Polyfest and ended with some really pleasing results when our end of term testing was conducted. I am so proud of the way the children have developed their confidence in their own abilities over the last few terms, as this is having a huge impact on their learning.

This term is a busy one for the Room 13 with high school new entrant days, the Year 8 item, swimming and Pet Day! We also have a student teacher from the 23rd of October until the 9th of November. Marina Marie is a first-year student at Otago University and will be putting into practice all of the knowledge and skills she has gained this year. Under my guidance she will be working with groups of children and teaching a range of lessons.

We have a focus on a community project this term and have started learning about the Student Volunteer Army that was invented after the Christchurch earthquakes and how they have completed projects that benefit their community. We will be completing our own community project later on this term and are excited about the ideas that we have already brainstormed.

Other upcoming events include:

- Swimming – Weeks 2,3 and 4.
- Pet Day – Friday 2nd of November
- CSC Orientation Day – Friday 16th of November
- Technology – Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd of November
- Tough Kids – Wednesday 5th December
- End of Year Reports – Tuesday 11th December
- Prizegiving Assembly – Tuesday 11th December
- Water Fight - Wednesday 12th December
- Year 8 BBQ - Thursday 13th December

This week the children should have brought home their homework. You will find a description of the task the children are to complete and the timeframe given inside their homework book and on the class Facebook page. Homework tasks are constructed to reinforce classroom learning, to develop good work habits and to teach time management skills.

I am looking forward to what will be a very busy but exciting final term with your children.

If you have any questions, concerns or celebrations please don't hesitate in contacting me, either in person, by phone or email.

Regards

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