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Kia ora Koutou - Greetings

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please note that teachers' and principals' (Primary and Intermediate Schools) across New Zealand, that are members of the NZEI Union, are currently voting via a ballot to whether to take strike action on Thursday 16 March, to demonstrate to the Government that their collective bargain offer has been rejected. Secondary Schools have already decided to take strike action.

We will know definitely if the strike is to proceed this Thursday 9th. If the strike does go ahead our school will be closed for instruction. Students will not be able to attend school. We will confirm as soon as we know if the strike will go ahead or be postponed.

Student Roll Numbers: At the end of last year we finished with 110 students. We started this year with 101 and already have moved to 104 with 2 more applications in with the Ministry. Based on last year's gain in student numbers, our prediction is that we may well go past 110. While roll growth places pressure on our range of facilities it also helps us to support our case for the establishment of more satellite facilities to be established in the Tauranga region.

Ngā mihi nui - Regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION TERM 1

Kayak day - 14th March at Ōpūpū - Rotary Park 10 till 12:00 pm

End of term 1 - Thursday April 6th 2023

Term 2 starts 26th April - No school Monday 24th April (Staff only day) and Anzac day Tuesday 25th April

WELCOME BAY KAHIKATEA

Toroa Class:

Toroa class has had a fantastic start to the year! We have enjoyed a range of activities such as cooking, RDA, literacy and turn taking skills. So amazing to see our students engaging, playing and making fantastic progress!



Kea Class:

What a great start to the year we have had. So many fun experiences and ways to learn and explore. We are a busy class who like to be active and explore the world around us. We are so grateful for all the input we have from different teachers and therapists which help to keep us engaged and motivated to learn. Keep up the great mahi little Kea! Ka mau te wehi!



ROOM 4

This year, Room 4 used the story of Te Tiriti ō Waitangi to explore the world map, talk about waka, explorers, the kiwi and moving to new places. Students used cardboard, cellotape, scissors and paint to create their own new dwellings. Through our inquiry and some fantastic thinking, there was also a rocket built and a mention of outer-space and other planets.

Oh, the places we could go!



It has been lovely getting out into the community on our van trips this term. We have been focussing on visiting Rotary Park to prepare ourselves for Kayak Day (week 7). Initially, students chose to stay close to the playground. Recently however, some students ventured onto the grass and enjoyed looking out over the water.

Does anyone have a kayak we could borrow for our classroom on Monday 13th March?
It would be great to practise sitting in one before we hit the water :-)

Text Cat on 021 025 74612



ROOM 2

Room 2 students have been getting to know the class routines and enjoying the activities. Particular favourites are swimming, life skills and physio times. Ka Rawe Room 2.



PHYSIOTHERAPY

Our school wide goal this term is to practise our walking in the community. Starting with walking next to an adult on the footpath, progressing to road crossing using traffic signals. All the classes are walking and are having fun on their walks.

Our swimming goal this year is survival skills. Our goal for our swimming students is to know that if they fall into a pool or body of water, they are to turn around and get to the side.

The 2023 physio team is made up of Karen and Megan, physiotherapists and Thelma and Kim, Physiotherapy assistants. Please contact at school anytime if we can be of assistance.

