

Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter #2

Term 1 ~ Week 5&6 ~ 2020

What an exciting week it has been getting our silver enviro-schools award! Congratulations to all the children for their efforts. Next step: continue to improve our environment and sustain the systems we've put in place.

Kia ora koutou whanau

Our routines are really beginning to be embedded now. Hopefully all children are bringing their notebooks to you every afternoon and reading for 15 minutes as well as taking time to learn their spelling words.

Lateness: If your child is late for school in the morning, after the bell, then please get them to go through the office area first to say they have arrived. The TP teachers take the register at 9 a.m.

PE: Just a reminder that PE is now on a **Monday**. Children can wear their PE shirt under their uniform or change at lunch time into their PE gear. Friday is an active day and PE gear may be worn on that day to avoid wear and tear on clothing.

LIGHTS: As TP has less time to do our LIGHTS inquiry during the normal school day we are having an immersion week each term where we will do LIGHTS activities for most of the day over a week long period. This term's immersion week starts on Wednesday the 18th and goes to Tuesday the 24th of March. There will be lots of engaging activities to do with Aotearoa/New Zealand that we hope will help children to better understand the 'L' phase of LIGHTS, (look at the current situation) and begin to investigate the current situation. We are exploring cultural practices and food from the ethnic backgrounds of our TP children. If you are able to come in and do some baking/ craft/dance/songs/games with a small group of children Ira and I would love to hear from you!

Guided Learning -Must do, Can do

By now you may have heard your children talk about 'must do' and 'can do' tasks.. Essentially 'must do's' are the activities and tasks that the teachers set for your children to reinforce their learning. They are non negotiable and are set at each child's level of ability so as to be easy enough to complete independently and challenging enough that the child is practising a new skill or reinforcing a new concept they've learned. If they finish these before the next lesson they are able to choose a 'can do' activity. The 'can do's' are also reinforcing learning however, they're disguised in games and activities that the children are motivated to do without much encouragement from us. For example there are literacy and maths games on a trolley to choose from. On a Friday we have a finishing 'Must do's' session where work that wasn't completed during the week gets completed before they can have a 'Can do' time that has extra 'Can do's' such as sandpit time, basketball, lego, art, construction etc. We're finding that so far this has been a great incentive to get cracking during the week!

Living Christianly: Weeks 5-6

Knowing that you are loved. God sees us as precious and unique. Who loves us?

Memory verse: 1 John 3:1 The Father has loved us so much! He loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children.

Last week we looked at who we are to God. What is our identity? There is nothing we can do to separate ourselves from the love of God. This is a huge concept and the sooner we trust and believe in this the sooner we are on our way to really understanding who God is and the power of his love.



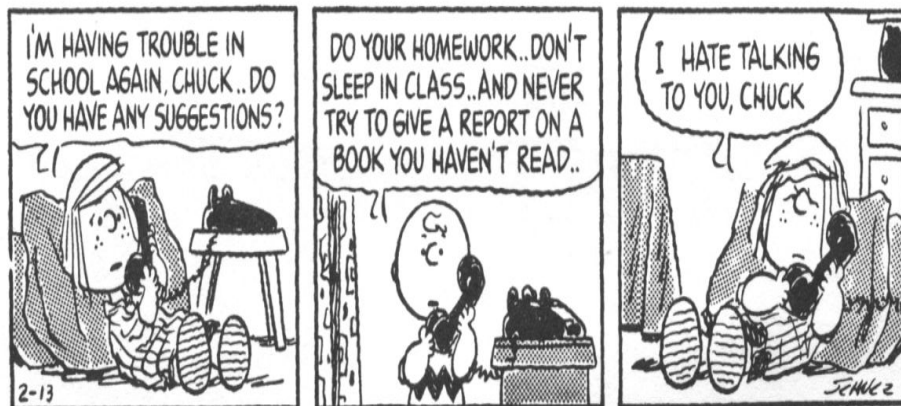
Reminders

- **NOTE Books:** These have your child's reading log and spelling words for learning. **PLEASE** help your child remember to bring this to school everyday and especially on FRIDAY. Spelling is tested on Friday and new words for the following week are added.
- Teachers are available from 3:10-3:30pm to talk about anything that you may be curious about or need clarification of. For a longer discussion please make an appointment at a mutually convenient time..
- **PE shirts worn under uniform or changed into on at lunch time on Mondays for PE and worn all day on Friday as this is an active day with whanau groups.**
- **Please** insist on the correct uniform being worn to school. This includes black shoes, black socks, long hair tied back, black tights or base wear for under the shirt. Also, *only* school hats which are compulsory in the first and fourth term of the year.

Up-and-Coming Events

Week 5	Tuesday 3rd March 3.30 - 4.35pm Or 6.00 - 7.05pm	Parent Information Sessions: These sessions are to inform you of what is happening in class with your children and discuss the current practices and philosophy of our school. We also seek feedback from you on points of interest to the school in moving forward. Please do attend one of these sessions.
Week 6	Cheese Roll Order Forms	Cheese Roll Order Forms: This week the order forms for the cheese rolls will come home. This is our main fundraiser for the school year and we'd encourage you to get your order in early. Don't forget to ask family, friends and neighbours!
Weekly	Monday/Tuesday	Meetings: Please be aware all teachers have meetings on these days, so please pick your children up promptly so we can get ready for these.
Weeks 1,5,10	Wednesday (except for week 1 when it is Monday)	Whole School Assembly: at 2:25pm in the Te Pihinga building. There is no Te Pihinga assembly on those weeks.
All Other Weeks	Wednesday	TP Assembly at 2:25pm in the shared space. We invite you to join us! There is no Whole School assembly on those weeks.

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Blessings,

Mrs Lynda Siave -
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Mrs Beth Marlin:
Teacher/ ELL assistant