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Kōwhai Newsletter



WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone had a relaxing and refreshing break. A warm welcome to both our returning families and those joining us for the first time. Our Year 0-2 students are ready to embark on an exciting year of learning, and our teachers are excited to guide them as they explore, discover, and grow.

Teachers have already jumped straight into teaching and learning, with both whole class and small group approaches. We begin the term with a mathematics focus on statistics, alongside number and problem solving. Both teams (Year 0/1 and Year 2) will continue to build foundational knowledge and skills in literacy. Home Learning pockets will start coming home from Monday 9th March.

The Year 0/1 students will be learning about their bodies and how to care for themselves through the science and health and physical education curriculum. They will explore body parts, senses, healthy habits, movement, and wellbeing through hands-on, play-based learning.

This term, our Year 2 tamariki will be learning about Aotearoa New Zealand Māori myths and legends. Through the social sciences and history education curriculum, children will explore Māori culture, values, and connections to the land and nature. Alongside this, the students will create their own pepeha, building on their Year 1 knowledge. This is a wonderful way for our tamariki to learn about each other's cultures, families, and special places, while celebrating the diversity within our classroom.



REMINDERS:



- Our Kōwhai Toy Sale is coming up - please put aside any toys you would like donate.
- Please make sure your child has their Adventure School hat at school every day. We are encouraging children to put these straight into bags when not in use, but as you can imagine this can be challenging with young children - so naming your child's hat is crucial!
- We encourage all Year 1 students to bring a change of clothes to school in their bag (T-shirt, shorts, underwear and socks). It does not have to be uniform.



THE KŌWHAI TEAM