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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back. It was wonderful to hear about all the different activities the children enjoyed over the holiday break. Welcome also to Mrs Bridget du Plessis who is teaching in Tipu 3 for the remainder of the year. We are very grateful for the excellent job Mrs Judith Hayman did to give the children in Tipu 3 such a wonderful start to the year and we look forward to them continuing their learning with Mrs du Plessis.

Our STAR focus this term is Attitude / Wairua. In Tipu we will be talking about developing a positive attitude toward our learning, making sure we remain focussed on our learning tasks so they are completed to the best of our ability.

For Inquiry this term we are studying Space. During the first week the children were introduced to three different areas of interest: Rockets and Astronauts, The Moon and Planets, and Stars, Comets and Black Holes. They have been given the opportunity to choose which topic they wish to learn more about and have been grouped accordingly. The children have been very engaged in the learning so far and we are looking forward to having fun exploring further.

In addition, during Week Three we will be celebrating Science week. During this week each class will have a science discovery table set up for the children to explore and learn with before the start of school. There will also be a home question for the children to answer each night. If children return these sheets with a correct answer they will go into the draw for a prize at the following whole school assembly. There is one prize per team.

Our PE sessions with North Canterbury sport will have a focus on large locomotor skills, so learning activities will include walking and running, jumping and dodging, hopping and skipping.

Oral Language News, Spelling and Reading homework continues this term. The news roster remains the same as last term for each class. The spelling homework is discussed and given out on a Monday which gives all children plenty of time to complete the task and practise writing their spelling words ready for Friday's test. Please encourage your child to complete the weekly spelling activity and to hand their notebook in for marking to their home room teacher each Friday.

Seesaw - All Tipu home rooms now have Seesaw accounts. This is a wonderful way for your child to share their learning with you. We hope that it opens up learning conversations at home and provides another view into your child's school life. You are welcome to make comments and give feedback to your child. Please be assured that your child's learning is only shared with you. If you require another copy of the information and sign up for Seesaw please see your child's home room teacher.

Learning Conferences - These will be held in Week 9 to discuss how your child/ren have progressed with the learning goals set in Term 1 and what their goals will be going forward. It is important the children attend these conferences as developing students' ability to talk about their learning and their progress makes a difference and raises student achievement.

Please remember toys are not to be brought to school by the children, unless they are for own choice news items. We also have a number of children with little trinkets and soft toys attached to their school bags. Unfortunately some of these have been taken from some children's bags, and therefore we request these also be removed.

We are looking forward to another wonderfully busy and exciting term. If you have any matters you wish to discuss about your child/ren then please feel free to make an appointment to see your child/ren's home room or group teacher.

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