



Growing Together For Success

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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.

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.

With the assistance of Constable Ken Terry we will be using the **Keeping Ourselves Safe** programme to teach children safety skills that they can use when interacting with others, to recognise the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and how to seek help when needed. The following link from the Police Education portal gives more information about the programme <http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping>, or alternatively you may attend an **information session with Constable Terry at 9.00am in the school staffroom on Wednesday next week (May 8th)**.

To complement this programme St John's in School will be visiting Tipu Team on the 27th May for Injury Prevention Education.

During Week Three we will be celebrating **Science Week**. Each class will have a science discovery table set up for the children to explore and learn with before the start of school throughout the week.

During Week Four Tipu children, along with the rest of the school, will be taking part in the Get Wise Financial Programme presented by the ASB bank.

In June we will be celebrating **Matariki (Māori New Year)**. An important part of Matariki is the coming together as a whānau and sharing kai. The children of Tipu are invited to attend a shared breakfast on Friday (14th June) at 8.30am in the learning areas of Tipu 1 - 4. A separate notice about this will be sent later in the term.

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.

Oral Language - In addition to learning their He Mihi as part of our oral language programme we will also be introducing a news roster this term. The teachers will model this during Week 2 and send the roster home for each class to begin in Week 3.

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.

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 teacher.

Ngā mihi nui

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