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Welcome back to all parents and caregivers of our tamariki to what we are sure will be an exciting and fun-filled last term of the year.

Term 4 is a very busy and important term. You will receive school reports for your children in December and the opportunity to meet with teachers for interviews. Children will also be preparing to transition to new classes for 2018.

Sports and PE

This term we will keep up our fitness, coordination and motor skills through athletics.

Our whole school athletics day is on Thursday 19th October (week 1) and will continue to develop our skills for the first half of the term before we focus on small ball skills and striking and hitting to help develop our summer sports skills.

In order to ensure that all students are safe and comfortable when doing sports or PE, we encourage them to bring appropriate footwear. Fitness activities are scheduled daily which is why students need to bring/wear appropriate footwear EVERY DAY. All students are expected to participate in PE unless they have a note from parents or caregiver.

Inquiry Topics

The Rakau team has a big focus on Safety during the first half of the term as we explore the Fire Wise and Road Safety programmes. Classes will choose their own inquiry to explore before we begin our Christmas celebrations.

School Events

Every Monday is our Koru/Rakau team Kapa Haka from 2:30 in our school hall. Our Koru/Rakau Team Assembly is on Friday from 2:30 in our school hall. School assemblies are held twice a term at 9am in our school hall. Please feel free to come along and watch or join in during these school and team events. We have Powhiri for new families Monday 16th October, Monday 13th November and Monday 11th December at 9am in our school hall.

Reminders

School starts at 9.00am. We usually start by discussing KURA Values, what is coming up and set ourselves up for the day. The school day finishes at 3.00pm. We often finish by reflecting on our learning and reminders for the next day. Children who miss these times often feel unsettled and miss out on opportunities. Please help your child by getting them to school on time and collecting them after the bell.

Toys

We prefer that students don't bring in precious items from home as they are often misplaced or go missing. Teachers will not take responsibility for these items unless they are part of the class programme and it has been agreed that they can be brought to school the day before. This also includes Cell phones/electronic devices

Homework

Homework will continue coming home this term. Students will have daily reading sent home in book bags. These will be familiar text that the children may have read more than once. Reading can be done by the child, parents or together. Some children may bring home sight words to learn and support their reading. During the term some basic facts maths work may be sent home.

Water & Milk

All children are allowed (and encouraged) to have a water bottle at school. Children are allowed to drink water all day. Being well hydrated helps them to learn. We are part of the Fonterra Milk for Schools programme. They supply us with milk for every child, every day. We usually have the milk around 1.30pm straight after the lunchtime break. If you would prefer your child not to be given milk please let your child's class teacher know.

Hats

It is important that all children have a hat to wear at school during term 4. We encourage children to wear sunblock and each class has some available.

We look forward to another amazing term with your child.

The Rakau Team

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