

# Te Whānau Whāriki

Week 1 Term 2 2016

Nau mai, haere mai kōutou katoa ki te wahanga tuarua. We hope that you have enjoyed the holidays with your tamariki and they are ready for another term of learning in and out of the classroom. One focus this term is understanding the school values within classrooms, the whānau and within the school.

## **Does your child know and understand the new school values and their meanings?**

Last term, the seniors made predictions that tamariki throughout the school did not know these values. The statistical investigations showed that their predictions were correct. Our goal is to ensure that we learn and demonstrate these values in our daily learning.

**Ask your child if they know the school values**

**Ask your child if they know the “whakatauki o te kura”.**

On Tuesday during week one, ‘Whareako’ will be implemented. ‘Whareako’ as discussed with the whānau throughout term one is our attempt to gradually transition the learning within Te Whānau Whāriki to the modern learning environment philosophies occurring within the school. ‘Whareako’ or cross grouping is not a new concept to us and has been implemented by TWW during 2004-2007.

The kaiako have already informed parents during last term’s goal setting conferences as to whether their child is in another class for tuhi, pānui and pāngarau. Our kaiako have also taken into consideration the feedback given by parents at the last whānau hui about ensuring clear communication in relation to children’s progress during this phase of ‘whareako’. If you are unclear about any aspects of your child’s learning, please don’t hesitate to ask the kaiako.

Our kaupapa topic will be based upon Matariki, the functions and importance of the moon, sun and stars (pūtaiao) to Māori traditions of planting and everyday living for Māori. The learning relating to Matariki, as a time of whanaungatanga will be reinforced with the annual Matariki celebrations with Kowhai Intermediate and New Windsor Primary school during June. (Details –in the next newsletter)

Nana Huia and Mohi will continue to implement our ‘Huinga raukura’ reading programme and in class support with Ruma 16 and 17. Don’t forget our committed parents who are still helping Nana Huia with our English reading support within the senior class. Tau kē kōutou katoa.

## Dates to remember for term 2

Wiki 1 Hui whānau ( Thursday 5th May @6pm) One whānau representative to be present for each child in TWW.

Wiki 2 Laela at swimming (Thursday 12th May)

Wiki 3 New Arts rotation begins for the whole school.

Corbans Art trip (19th May-cost/permission slips)

Wiki 5 Samoan language week

Wiki 8 Matariki with Kowhai Intermediate (date tbc by Kowhai)

Wiki10 Māori language week.

Goal sheets to go home.

## Ngā whetu o te wiki (last term)

Ruma 18- Remy Papst (Kaha rawa ia ki te whakamutu ngā momo tuinga i te wā tika)

Ruma 17- Mahinaarangi (Kei te piki ake tō kaha ki te kōrero Māori)

Ruma 16- Ryu (Tō kaha ki te mahi tuhituhi)