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Term 2

Week 1

Hello,

It is nice to be back at school again and especially to see the children so happy to be back too!

The term promises to be a busy one and already we have had Noah from Northland Rugby here working with the children from Rooms 3 and 4, and a visit by a team from TVNZ (see below).

To come is Road Safety Week, which will include the ever popular 'Bike Day', 'I wish I was' day, the 40 Hour Famine team will go without for others, the most tense day of the year will occur when we have the annual battle for the Spelling Bee trophies, Cross Country at both Totara North and for some in Kerikeri, Wear a Wig (or hat) Wednesday and we will host a cluster Rippa Rugby day for our years 3 and 4 children.

There will be more including lots of learning of course including continuing our work focusing on science, NSW tests begin, and we will be preparing for next terms 'Discover Northland' theme by raising some money through a run-a-thon. Lots of learning, lots of activities, and a whole lot of fun!

Paul Barker.

School Surveys

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete a school survey during parent/teacher interview time last term. I'm happy to report that 86% of respondents think that their child is learning very well or excellently, that 96% of those surveyed think that our school is going very well or excellently.

Mostly people like our teachers and staff and the friendly, caring, approachable manner of our school and as far as improvements the most popular ideas were more trips for children (especially those not in Room 1) and more focus on Te Reo Maori.

Your thoughts and comments are appreciated – we will do our best to keep up the good work and make some progress on the other things where we can.

"Happiness depends upon ourselves." - Aristotle

Students of the Week

No Students of the Week because the last day of term one was rained out! Instead here is a lovely picture of past pupil Moana Hape and her mum Tangi. Last term we were approached by Moana to help her raise the funds necessary for her to travel to China as part of the China Maori Friendship Trust.

We are happy to say that Moana will be on that plane and that our school contributed \$395 towards her costs through everyone's support of two special fundraising lunches. We wish Moana all the best and safe and happy travels!



Reading

We have three main goals for reading this year. They are that by November:

- 85% of all children will be reading at the expected level for their age.
- Less than 8% of all children will be reading more than 6 months below the expected level for their age,
- That 50% of all children in Years 4-6 will be reading at a level at least 12 months ahead of that expected for their age.

So far we are largely on track towards these goals and, happily, are a little ahead of where we were at this time last year.

Children requiring extra assistance are working in either our Quick 60, Rainbow Reading or STEPS groups to help them make the expected progress. Thanks to everyone who takes the time to read with their children – this makes a big difference too. Nice work everyone!