

Te Rito



9 February 2018

A warm welcome to everyone in our Te Rito Learning Team. We look forward to an exciting year building on the core curriculum areas of reading, writing and mathematics whilst encouraging our students to take ownership of their learning. We will also be learning about leadership and the wider world during our inquiry unit this term.

Te Rito 4 and 5 will be working together as a team; we have high expectations for success, combining fun, with learning and caring for each other. Our students will be working hard to be independent and talk about their learning. Please encourage your child to talk about what they have been learning about in Te Rito. Miss Fane de Salis and Miss Scarlet will be supported by Hilary Jones (our Teacher Aide) teaching our curriculum during the morning.

Every student needs a hat labeled with their name. It would be very helpful if sweatshirts, lunchboxes etc. could also be named. Physical Education is an important part of our day; we encourage everyone to have appropriate footwear to be able to take part safely.

Seesaw is our main way of sharing student learning and our class blog with you. Please do ensure you are connected to your child's learning journal via your phone or computer so that you can see the regular updates and photos that will be shared with you. Individual and whole class seesaw entries will begin next week. We have sent home notices for any students not connected at the moment.

Home reading started this week and our weekly home learning will begin next week. Reading books should be returned to the browsing box at the beginning of each day. Home learning books should come back to school each Friday. Please look out for the sheet in the front of the home learning book outlining how this will run throughout the year.

On **Fridays** we would greatly appreciate parent helpers to assist sorting and putting away returned reading books. The time of day is negotiable to suit you. With lots of parent support a roster could be made so your commitment would only be 2 to 3 times a term. Please give your name to one of the Te Rito teachers, if you are available to help with this.

We are always available before and after school for a quick chat about day-to-day matters. If you would like to talk in more depth please feel free to arrange a meeting time with us. We have staff meetings on Monday and Tuesday. Our email addresses are: fanedesalis@greenacres.school.nz and nscarlet@greenacres.school.nz

We look forward to getting to know you and our fantastic Te Rito students throughout the year.

Kind regards

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