

Ngahere



Tuesday 13 February 2018

Tēnā koutou katoa. We hope you have had a lovely break and enjoyed a relaxing holiday. It has been a wonderful start to the year and we are excited to be working with a great bunch of children. Below are a few points about how Ngahere will operate this year. Please come and ask us about anything you or your child are not sure about.

In Ngahere, we will be working to build independent learners who are aware of what helps them to learn and what their next learning steps are. Your child will be expected to articulate what they are learning and how it will make them a better learner. We encourage you to talk with your child from time to time to find out what they are learning about at school. Seesaw will be a great starting point for this. Be sure to check it out regularly to see what we've been up to in class!

Digital technologies have become an integral part of our learning programmes at Greenacres School. Your child has their own google account and is expected to behave appropriately on a range of devices. From time to time, students may wish to continue their work at home. Please talk to them about their work, ask them to share it with you and encourage them to be good 'digital citizens' by being responsible when on the internet. Your child will have recently brought home a Responsible User Agreement, and it would be appreciated if this was read through and returned to the classroom teacher.

Homework will come home weekly and starts in Week Four. This will be accessible via google classroom. Your child will be able to access this through their google account from home. It will consist of reading every night for at least 15 minutes, spelling words linked to students' next learning steps and a maths question. Also when required, an inquiry activity will be added that links to work students are doing in class. If you have any specific requests about homework, or would prefer a paper version, just email your child's teacher.

Please ensure that your child has a hat for Term One. It is essential that your child has a hat for break times and so they can fully participate during physical education. Hats must have a wide brim. Physical Education is an important part of the school curriculum. It encourages team building skills and fair play as well as improving students' balance and movement. Your child will be engaged in physical activities daily so please ensure that your child wears appropriate footwear as well.

We are very much looking forward to our time at Forest Lakes Camp in Week 11 of this term! It will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience Education Outside the Classroom. There will be more information coming home regarding this in the coming weeks.

If you would like to have a chat with us about anything, please don't hesitate to ask. If it is something minor, try and catch one of us before or after school. If you would like to talk a bit more in depth, please arrange an appointment time. We generally have meetings after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You may wish to contact us by email. Our email addresses are as follows:

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Thank you very much and we look forward to working with you and your children throughout the year. It is our privilege to work in Ngahere this year.

Kind regards,

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