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Thursday 23 February 2023

#### This week's PB4L Focus: Showing Kindness and Compassion

This week learners have been discussing what it is to have a compassionate mindset and demonstrating acts of kindness. They have been discussing ways to show kindness towards their friends, classmates and teachers and display qualities of being a good friend. You can help by encouraging your child to demonstrate acts of kindness, contributing to a more positive school environment.



He aha te aha? What's on top? - with Mr Kaiser.

## Supporting People Affected by the Floods - A gold coin non-uniform day!

One of our students suggested to us that Tirimoana School could have a non-uniform day and raise funds to donate to the cyclone flood relief. At our PTA AGM this week, parents agreed to support this initiative. Thank you to Natalia Tolich from Room 17.



**Next Friday, 3rd of March**, we will have a non-uniform day and request that children bring a gold coin to donate to the disaster relief fund.

## **Toys at School**

Current school practice is that we allow children to bring small toys to school to play with at break times, because we know that this helps some children build friendships and engage in social play. This is how young children learn to take turns, to share, to accept loss if a toy goes missing, and to judge who is trustworthy to play with, in a supportive environment at school.

We have the following conditions:

- parents give consent to their children to bring a small toy
- teachers are not responsible for these small toys
- they are for play outside at break times and not for in-class use
- that they have little dollar value

Currently we see children with small toy cars, soft toys, small toy animals and Pokemon cards. At any time we might discourage certain toys, or suggest alternatives when the toys become a problem.

Pokemon cards are very popular but we know that these can become a problem when children trade unfairly, lose them, have them stolen or just become too obsessed with them. *Next Friday we will have a pokemon day in the hall at lunchtime.* This will be the last day for pokemon cards this term. After that we recommend that children leave their pokemon cards at home until we have another pokemon season later in the year.



#### **New Teacher**

Welcome to Miss Sara Sherwin who is now teaching in Room 14 until the regular teacher returns from leave. Miss Sherwin comes to us from Gladstone Primary.



Attendance Matters- Children should attend school every day unless they are sick.

Our aim for 2023 is for all students to attend school for at least 90% of the school year.

90% attendance means no more than 5 days absence across a 10 week term.

## We are asking parents:

If your child is going to be away from school you should let the school know as soon as possible.

You will need to let us know that your child will be away, why and for how long.

You can contact us via the school app, email or phone call.

## What school is doing:

Your child's safety and wellbeing is a priority for the school. If your child doesn't turn up to school we will be concerned for their safety.

If the school doesn't hear from you, we will get in touch with you to make sure your child is okay.

If your child is away for more than 3 days without you contacting us, the classroom teacher will contact you to see how your child is doing.

**If there are repeated absences**, the classroom teacher will also make contact with you to enquire about your child.

We are here to help: make contact with your child's classroom teacher or a member of the senior leadership team.



# What can I do to make sure my child is going to school?

To make school a priority, there are things you can do at home, and things you can work alongside the school on:

- talk to your children about why it is important to go to school every day ask them what they want to be in the future. Their education is the key to doing well in life
- be positive about school
- set good habits about going to school from day one
- prepare your children the night before for school have they have done their homework, do they need to take anything along tomorrow?
- have a consistent good morning routine, so its not too rushed and they have time to get everything they need
- don't let them have the day off just because they would rather be at home
- don't keep them at home when you know that they are just nervous about school – talk to your child and talk the school about how they are feeling
- check in regularly with your child, listen to what they are telling you or not telling you this may make it easier to pick up on any worries they have
- keep family holidays outside of term-time, every day at school is an opportunity to build their knowledge and skills, and repetition is critical for learning – especially for primary school children
- don't overload them school may be exhausting for some children so make sure they have some downtime after school to relax and have a break.



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## Reporting an absence

Reporting Absences is easy using the School App				
<b>∢</b> Back <b>Absentee</b>				
All fields are required.				
Student's Full Name				
Student's Class or Room No.				
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Parent's Full Name				
Parent's Email Address				
Email	Places let us know if your shild			
Parent's Contact Number	Please let us know if your child			
+641234567	will be away for more than one			
Absent From	day.			
Wednesday, February 8				
Expected Return				
Thursday, February 9	Clearly state the reason for your			
Reason	child's absence.			
Reason	5. ma 5 ab 5.100.			

You can also email your child's teacher, email the office or leave a message on the school answerphone.



Kia ora and Welcome to Tirimoana School



Year 1:	Tara Bhaskaran	Lupe Maka	Carmel Shi
	Rosylia Teuisi	Raahim Ahmed	
Year 2:	Seqkrit Nathan	Anahera Kingi	
Year 3:	Ngatai Te Whata	Maleta Telupe	
Year 6:	Eva Hodges-Revil		



### **Parking Along Metric and Divich**

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parked illegally. Our Traffic Wardens cannot see when it is clear to cross our learners safely. Please note that cars that park illegally can be fined if and when Auckland Transport carries out a check.

#### Kāhui Ako Whānau Picnic



Come along to our first combined

# One Day Fun Day

schools Kāhui Ako Picnic. This is a fun event for all children and families from our community of schools. To be held at Te Atatū Intermediate,

Thursday 23rd March 4 - 6pm. Come and enjoy

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