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## Principal's Message

### Greetings Everyone

Student safety and well-being are extremely important to us all at Morningside School, and following are a few safety questions and reminders.

1. Do we currently have your own and emergency contact details? Anytime you change any of these, please let us know in the school office.
2. Do your children know arrangements for after school when these change i.e. who is picking them up? Where from? Where they are supposed to wait and what to do if no one arrives for them?
3. The school carpark is potentially a very dangerous place which is why we do not allow parents' vehicles to use this to drop off or collect children. This is particularly important on wet days.
4. Do you model safe practices with your children when walking by using the pedestrian crossing or "golden pathway" inside the school carpark?

All these will have a positive impact on the safety of your children and we thank you for your support.

David Prchal

Principal

## Parent Meetings

Thank you so much to those parents and family members that attended our parent meetings last week. Your thoughts, ideas and suggestions were greatly appreciated and have provided us with a lot to consider moving forward this year. If you would like to contribute to this conversation and have your say regarding communication, consultation, connections and collaboration, please pick up a copy of the survey at the office or follow the link on our Facebook page.

## Easter Tuesday

Morningside School will be closed on Tuesday 3rd April for Easter Tuesday. This is a New Zealand school holiday and not a general public holiday. Usually, Easter falls in the school holidays, meaning that Easter Tuesday passes unnoticed. However, this year it falls in term time, so enjoy the extra day with your tamariki. **Please note, Morningside After School Care will not be open on Easter Tuesday.**



## BOT By-Election

### **Nominations for one vacancy on the Morningside School Board of Trustees close this Friday, 21st March.**

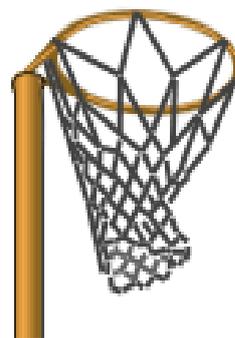
Nomination forms have been posted to all families, and further forms are available from the school office.

Please consider how you may contribute to our school and community by either nominating yourself or someone you feel will continue the positive work put in by our board members. An Electoral Roll will be available at the school office and candidates will be listed as they are nominated.

**If you wish to discuss what is involved, please feel free to contact one of our current BOT members:**

Ben McInnes, Lynley Duffull, Ivan Gurney, Gina Kitchen or David Prchal.

## Netball Reminder



Fees (\$37) are due by this Friday 23rd March. Please pay at the school office (Cash only).

## Important Dates:

30th March - Good Friday (School Closed)

2nd April - Easter Monday (School Closed)

3rd April - Easter Tuesday (School Closed)

13th April - Last day of Term One

30 April - First day of Term Two

(Incorrect dates printed in previous newsletter).

## Maori

As part of our focus this year we are setting up challenges for our kaiako and tamariki inside the classroom. This will encourage the use of Te Reo in everyday situations. We have also shared our Morningside school song with teams this week. Ask your tamariki to share it with you!

## The Arts

Ka pai to all the fantastic people who have superb self management and have been showing up every Wednesday at morning tea time for Glee Club! We have been experimenting with different tones in our voices and focussing on not shouting when we sing. We are looking forward to our end of term performance!



## **Hari huritau ki a koe!**

21st March - 3rd April

Team Kakariki - No birthdays

Team Kea - No birthdays

Team Tui - London, Jessica, Harith,

Te Rangimarie, Honor

Team Pukeko - Patrick

Team Kotare - Peti

Team Kereru - Chloe C, Ava

Team Kiwi - No birthdays

## P.E.

Over the next week we will be beginning cross country training in preparation for cross country next term! We will be focusing on having fun with running games, running technique and endurance. Cross country training would be a great opportunity to get outside and active with your tamariki over the weekend or the school holidays.

## Ngal mihi! Thank you!

This week we would like to acknowledge Jasmine Lowe-Arrol from First National Whangarei, who made a recent donation to the school after a sale in the area. Thank you Jasmine for your ongoing support!

## Library

Check out EPIC! A fabulous digital library for kids with access to over 25,000 ebooks, audiobooks, videos and quizzes. The EPIC app is great for both beginning and advanced readers and also features a 'Read to Me' function. EPIC has a range of different genres and includes many popular collections. You can trial the app free for one month. If you would like your child to sign up to the Morningside School Library account, they can sign up in the library during break times or you can [emailchloem@morningside.ac.nz](mailto:emailchloem@morningside.ac.nz)

## What's happening in the Teams?

**Roopu Kakariki:** He wā tino pukumahi i ēnei wiki i roopu Kakariki! I whakanuitia mātou i a mātou tipuna, me a mātou whānau hoki, ahakoa te huarere tino ua, i haere mai tonu i ngā whānau. He rā miharo me angitu hoki i te kai ahiahi whakanui. I tenei wiki, kua pūkaitahitia e whitu ngā tamariki ki Team Kea!! He wā whakahihi, ā kua reri rātou ki te rere!

E tupu ana ta whānau kura ma te timata e whā ngā akonga hou ki Morningside. Nau mai haere mai koutou!! Ka nui tena no Roopu Kakariki, kia pai o koutou hararei Te Aranga!

It has been busy in Roopu Kakariki these few weeks. We celebrated our grandparents and our families with an afternoon tea, and even though it was raining, our families still came. It was a wonderful and successful afternoon! This week 7 students graduated to Team Kea! It is an exciting time and they are ready to fly! Our school family is growing with 4 new students starting at Morningside these last 2 weeks. Welcome to Morningside to you and your families. That's all for now from Roopu Kakariki, have a great Easter break!

**Team Kea:** Kia ora whanau, we are very excited to have had our first visit with Elle (Miss Mark's Rescue Dog). Thank you to all of the families who came in to meet Elle, she was very well behaved and the Team Kea tamariki absolutely LOVED her. They are eagerly awaiting her return this Friday. We are also looking forward to our trip to Active Attitude tomorrow. Photos to come on Seesaw!

**Team Tui:** Kia ora koutou! Tomorrow is our first Whanau Sharing Day. Our tamariki are very excited to share their learning with you and some of their favourite things about Morningside School. We are still missing lots of whanau on our Seesaw sharing space. Please keep an eye out for the newsletter with our Seesaw QR code to get signed up or pop in and see us if you would like some help connecting. We are on the hunt for any toys that are no longer wanted in your home, especially old McDonalds toys or other characters that may support our literacy programme.

**Team Pukeko:** Team Pukeko have been very busy planning a trip to clean up an area in our community. After surveying our school, we have decided upon the Town Basin. Our tamariki have planned the timeline, completed the risk assessment, co-written our newsletter and will have a multitude of other jobs to do before we set off on Wednesday 28th March. A newsletter will be coming home today, so please keep an eye out for it. It would be great if you could fill in the permission slip and send it back to school as soon as possible. We are very excited and would love for you to join us on our adventure.

### Team Kotare:

We are busy at the moment with our Inquiry— interviewing staff, students and parents to find out ways that we can make our team even more positive! It has been great to see our tamariki so involved and excited about the "Finding Out" stage of the inquiry process. It has also been wonderful to see more of our whanau connecting up to SeeSaw, it's a great way for you to share in your child's learning and comment on what they have been doing!

**Team Kereru:** We are really impressed with the tamariki's Discovery projects! They have been thinking through their plans carefully and gathering all the resources they need. Thanks to all the parents who have been providing cooking supplies, their creations have been yummy.

**Team Kiwi:** So far this year our walls have been slightly empty so we are thrilled to be getting into our portrait art, based on work by famous New Zealand artist, Rita Angus. We will share this art on our experimental class website that we have started this year where we also share our weekly Kiwi Star recipient. Ask your child to log on at home and show you all of the exciting things we have been doing in class.