



TE KORERO A TE HEAMANA

Friday 2nd July 2021

Tēnā koutou e ngā whanau o Te Kura Māori o Ngā Tapuwāe. E rere ana ngaa mihi ki a koutou. Aanei weetahi koorero tiipako o te marama kua hori. Kia aahuru mai oo koutou raa oo Matariki.

Year 7-10 Girl's Camp

Our daughter attended and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I was rapt to hear of the team building exercises and celebrating being themselves in a safe environment. I also heard how it extended them. I couldn't think of any more extension needed than getting into the water in mid-winter, but they all enjoyed it immensely. A huge acknowledgement to our kaiako and the staff at the Sir Peter Blacke Marine Education and Recreation Centre for facilitating a fun and safe excursion for our koohine.

Storypark

The updates I see on Storypark are awesome. What a great platform. It adds to my daily email pile, but in this regard, it brings a smile to my face to read the activities our tamariki are getting up to. I enjoy reading of their achievements and creations. I think I reflect the feeling of many of our whanau here, especially when I read the words "piiwari" captioned by our maamaa and paapaa. Ka mau te wehi!

Behaviour

Whanau maa, I'd like to acknowledge everyone for improved behaviour on our buses, around our carpark during pick-ups and drop offs and our kura generally. You heard me speak to this at our whanau hui so this is great to now receive feedback from our kaiako and Tumuaki that this has settled. Please keep on to this. Maatua ma, we lead the behaviour in our homes, behaviour of respect to all and calmness regardless of the situation. How we react to a given situation is an example for our tamariki. Please set the best examples.

Social media

This message is around safety and social media consciousness. Whanau, please take some time to talk to your tamariki about the positives and challenges they face in everyday learning and wrap into this a koorero on social media safety. Perhaps collaborate on a set of rules or guidelines around device time and being respectful in communication. Don't forget that sleep is most important for learning and development. If they are not getting the sleep they need, it is an immediate challenge to their ability to learn to their potential. And at the end of the day, we want all of our tamariki to be successful. Here is a quote a close friend of mine once said that resonates with me.

"Strive to be the best you can be. Be strong when you need to be. Show courage when you have to. Have empathy for people because in another life they could be you. Be firm but fair. Be professional in all you do. Love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don't and believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it".

Poowhiri

I mentioned at our last whanau hui how grateful I was to our kura for hosting my poowhiri. I am extremely humbled and thankful. I have heard so many positive messages from our wider community about our kura and haapori of Mangere. I think we will be getting some extra enrolments over the coming months and years.

Kaiako

Lastly and most importantly a huge mihi to our kaiako, kaimahi and Tumuaki of our kura. You all do a wonderful job in teaching our tamariki. If we as maatua don't find time or forget sometimes to acknowledge you for your efforts in often trying circumstances, please know that we value your efforts immensely. You inspire our tamariki to learn.

Ngaa mihi nui ki a koutou katoa ki teenei waa oo Matariki.

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