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Welcome to the 2018 school year!

We are proud of welcoming you back to our homey and exciting school. Special welcome to our new families joining us this year. We hope that you all had a wonderful, restful holiday and prepared yourselves for the new academic year.

This year we have welcomed our new teacher, Ms. Sophie, who is teaching year 2. Congratulations to Mr. Karl as the new NZIS Head of Secondary. We have the school board that will run the new management of NZIS.

Our first special event for the year will be Waitangi Day which we will celebrate as a whole school on Friday, 9th February 2018. This is a significant day in New Zealand to commemorate the signing of the treaty of Waitangi in 1860, where an agreement was made between the indigenous Maori people and the Crown.

More information about the Waitangi Day Celebration will be released next week.

Warm regards,

School Board

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 9, 2018:

Waitangi Day Celebration

FEB 16, 2018:

Chinese New Year

FEB 28, 2018:

Swimming Sports
Primary/Secondary

MAR 2, 2018:

JASIS STEM Competition

2018 SCHOOL TERM DATES

As below these are our term dates:

Term 1 : Jan, 18th - Mar, 23th

Term 2 : Apr, 09th - Jun, 08th

Term 3 : Jul, 09th - Sep, 07th

Term 4 : Sep, 27th - Dec, 12th

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PRIMARY POST! Kea & Kiwi Class



Welcome, Term 1
from Early Years

A warm welcome to all of our new parents and caregivers enrolled with Early Years this term.

Welcome back to everyone, particularly to our new families and children, Rebecca and Shakila in Kea class. We look forward to strengthening relationships with you and your children. They are wonderful students and we feel privileged to have them both in such a lovely class.

This term we will continue to focus on child-initiated activities learning through playing. The New Zealand Early Years curriculum Te Whaariki encourages learning through playing. The aspiration in early childhood is for children "to grow up as competent and confident learners and communicators, healthy in mind, body and spirit" Te Whaariki Early Childhood Curriculum.

Kiwi class is led by **Ms. Sunita** supported by **Mr. Rizky**
Kea class is led by **Mr. Sam** supported by **Ms. Sophie.**

Communication book

The communication book will inform you about the activities throughout the term and upcoming events. Please feel free to communicate any queries or concerns about our programme or the activities your child will be involved in by using the communication book that will come home with your child and returned to class each day.

Daily things to remember to bring to Early Years:

- Black book bag for library and communication books.
- Please pack healthy snacks: fruit, vegetables, sandwiches and rice etc. Please note: no fast food, chocolate, candy or fizzy drinks.
- Healthy nutrition food at all times.
- Please name all of your child's clothing, water bottle and lunch boxes.
- Pack a spare change of clothes and a plastic bag for wet clothing.

Portfolios Educa

Please note that portfolios for children are transitioning to an e-learning program called Educa. To access your child/ren's e-learning, it is imperative you log on to Educa. Please see your teacher for further details. This is a new e-tool the school has purchased to allow parents to access information, gain instant feedback and keep in touch.

Key dates to mark on your calendar:

- January 25th Info Evening
- February 6th Waitangi Day
- February 23rd Term 1 ends

The early year's team strongly encourages you to read with your child, as shared reading is an integral part to learning and a way to spend quality time with your child/ren.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards
Early Years Team





Welcome to all the children and parents of Rapeti Class

What a beginning to Term 1 2018! In our class we have been working so hard to learn alphabet letters and sounds to help us with our Literacy learning. We have been doing heaps of fun hands-on activities to help us recall them. We've been on a teddy bear treasure hunt, created collage apples and made slithering snakes. A big thank you to our parents for working so hard at home to practise our sight words!

In the coming weeks we will explore numbers, shapes, forces, Taonga (our treasures) and so much more. Watch this space as we grow into smart and well-rounded children of the future!

Here are some photos of the exciting memories we have made so far.

Ms Amanda & Ms Eveline



Hello and welcome back Hipi Class!



I would like to start off by saying how excited I am to be teaching the Year 2 'Hipis', alongside Ms. Yuyun and Ms. Siti. We have a lot of exciting things planned for this upcoming term!

Treasure!

This first week back has been a getting-to-know-you week for year 2 and we have introduced this term's Inquiry theme of 'Treasure'. This theme will be incorporated into our lessons, where we will look at what treasure means to us, our friends and our families.

In week one, Year 2 used mosaic tiles to make a golden sheep (or Hipi!) for our wall. We also drew self-portraits as a class, using mirrors to help us. In Maths, Year 2 have been practicing addition and subtraction and in English, we have practiced our sounds 'A' and 'M' to write full sentences.

I'm very excited about this new school year and am looking forward to getting to know everyone!

Ms Sophie, Ms Siti & Ms Yuyun





A Big Welcome from Class Tia!

Welcome back from all of us in Class Tia! Year Three have got off to a fantastic start to the academic year. Our class name 'Tia' is the Māori translation of 'Deer'. In our first week, we produced a painting of our chosen class animal. It's safe to say that Class Tia were very happy with the final piece!

Punctuation Station!

This week, Class Tia have been learning all about punctuation. So far, we have focused on using full stops, question marks and exclamation marks! We even played a game of 'Pin the Punctuation' and mastered the art of 'Punctuation Kung-Fu'!

Ms Amie and Ms Rizky



'Hei Hei'

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all parents and students! We hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for the exciting term ahead.

We hope this year is going to be a successful and fun year for Hei Hei. The first week back, we created our displays for our new class room, which look great! We also created a 'Time Capsule' which will be buried and dug up in the last week of school in December! This will allow the children to see any changes to their favourite things, and we also included their height and weight!

The theme this term is 'Treasure' so we will begin to form ideas about what Treasure means to us.

The children have already begun to put in hard work and show their enthusiasm for the coming term.

We are very much looking forward to having Year Four for this year and are excited to see their progress across the year!

Ms Jemma and Ms Tika





Tita



The beginning of the term has been exciting for Tita. We began doing our fitness, reading, writing, and mathematics testing to find a starting point for the students this year and to see where improvements need to be made.

In mathematics, we have begun learning geometry with lines, line segments, rays, parallel lines, and perpendicular lines.

In reading, we have created goals to see how much Tita can read this term. Our class goal is 27,601 pages read by the time term one ends! We do 10-15 minutes of independent reading every day, and are well on our way to that giant number.

We have also started experimenting with static electricity, creating treasure maps, and putting together our very own drama to be performed during our assembly in week 9!

Ms Kate, Ms Ai, Mr Dafa and Ms Tri



WELCOMES BACK STUDENTS

After a pleasant Winter vacation the students returned to NZIS last Thursday to begin their new school year. Their subject teachers were given the opportunity to discuss their class curriculums and learning objectives with the students and to also outline their plans for subject related field trips. The students were pleased to know that all the teachers from last year have returned to continue their teaching at NZIS and that there will be a strong effort to incorporate field trips into their learning experiences this year. At the end of the information session the students were then assigned to their Form (Home Room) Teachers who will be responsible for them throughout the upcoming school year.

Following our early morning Teacher-Student information session, the students were broken up into two teams to compete against each other in a series of fun team-building activities designed by their teachers to promote communication, co-operation and strategic thinking in an atmosphere of fun and friendly competition.



Egg Drop- Team A



Egg Drop- Team B

The team-building events were spread over two days and included: The Amazing Race, The Straw Tower Build, Bucket & Ball Relay, Bucket & Ball Transfer, Ball & Pipe Relay, Chocolate River Transfer, Egg Drop and Students vs. Teachers Basketball game.

The students had a great time re-connecting with each other (after being apart during the Winter Break), working together and of course competing with their schoolmates and against their teachers (in some events).

SECONDARY STANDARDS!



Team A - Constructing their Egg Drop Devices



Team B - Constructing their Devices for the Egg Drop

The energy, communication, teamwork and strategic planning from the students was really impressive. It was a rewarding experience for the students and a real pleasure for their teachers to see the students attack each challenging event with great enthusiasm. It was a tremendous way to welcome the students back to NZIS and kick-off our new academic year. Without a doubt a fantastic time was had by everyone involved.

In closing I would like to thank the teachers for all their contributions and support in making this event a fun and meaningful experience for our students.

Karl M. Tinsley
Head of Secondary



Team A- Chocolate River Transfer



Team B - Chocolate River Transfer



WAITANGI DAY
CELEBRATION

Friday, February 9th, 2018

At NZIS Playground

Whole school Waitangi Day
Celebration

Students will be sharing songs
and activities related
to Maori culture.

Further information will be
notified next week.