

# RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

16 November 2017

Dear parents and guardians,

## **Term 4 Update**

We cannot believe how fast the term is whizzing by! There are lots of events and activities happening...thank you for supporting your child to participate in all that's going on...in and out of school!

### ***Keeping It Positive***

On Tuesday, we met with students to revisit our expectations so that we can maintain a settled and positive end to the term. The slideshow we shared is on Google Classroom, your child could share it with you. We also talked with students about some strategies for maintaining their wellness:

- Getting enough sleep, going to bed early
- Giving themselves a break from devices, social media, keeping devices out of bedrooms (especially at bedtime)
- Keeping themselves fresh...clean socks, having a shower, washing their uniform, wearing deodorant
- Eating well...maybe some more food in their lunchbox (fruit, sandwiches), no lollies before school

### ***End of term fun***

We also brainstormed with students, finding out their ideas for activities we could do to keep the last few weeks fun, especially with the beautiful weather we're having. We will keep these events updated on the TK Google Classroom which all students can access.

Many of these events are inter-class tournaments, and the students have decided to choose a class colour. This is will be posted on Google Classroom. There is no need to buy an item of clothing for this.

We are just confirming some special events such as a movie morning at Events, and a swim day at the beach. More to come on these.

### ***Kapiti Island***

A huge thank you to Dave Clare (room 12) who has organised these wonderful experiences for our students. Thank you also, to the many of you who are joining us...we couldn't do it without your support. Notices came home this week with final arrangements. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher with any queries...and cross your fingers for fine weather!

### ***Reporting to whanau***

Teachers are currently compiling your child's end of term written report. As earlier in the year, these reports contain "student voice" reflecting your child's perspectives on their learning.

### **2018**

There will be a few changes in Team Kapiti next year. We have two staff leaving: Amanda Jones will be taking a year's leave, and Hayley Tanga will be taking maternity leave. We wish them the very best for next year, and thank them for their dedication to the students in TK. New staff are currently being appointed...more soon.

There will also be some classroom changes: Wendy Keating and Dave Clare will be moving across to rooms 15 and 16 (whare ako). Our new staff will take up residence in rooms 18 and 17.

As in past years, your child will have an opportunity to meet with their 2018 class on transition day (6 Dec). Teachers are currently working on class placements; these are published on Friday 1 December.

### ***Dates for your diary***

22 November	Rock Band Fun Day at Te Horo School
24 November	Paraparaumu College Amazing Race (enrolled students only)
27 November	Kapiti Island: rooms 13 and 14
28 November	Kapiti Island: rooms 17 and 18
29 November	Kapiti Island: snorkelling excursion
30 November	Reports come home
1 December	Kapiti Island: rooms 19 and 12 Kawahaka hui 2018 placements published
4 December	Road Partrollers' Function Last day for technology
5 December	Parents' Thank You morning tea
6 December	Transition Day...spending a morning with 2018 class
8 December	Year 8 Dance
11 December	TBC: movie morning at Events, Coastlands
13 December	Year 8 Celebration and Prizegiving
14 December	TBC: beach day
15 December	Last day of school (12.30 finish)

### ***And lastly***

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, as your child's whanau, for your huge support of their learning. Thank you for communicating openly with us, for supporting trips and events, for all the many things you do as parents and guardians. We are enormously proud of the students in Team Kapiti, and they are a credit to you as a community.

Nga mihi tatou

Wendy, Karen, Dave, Hayley, Amanda and Kristy