

Room 7

THINKING

In our class we have been thinking more about our learning.
We have a 'Thinking Circle'. Students are encouraged to talk about their learning.

What did I learn today?
What do I need to work on tomorrow?
What do I need help with?



Parents

Try asking your child these questions when they get home from school. It will help them to be more aware of what they are learning and why.

Quinn - "I need to concentrate on finishing one task at a time."

Ina-Rae - "I learnt that the largest seaweed in the world is in the waters of California."

"Tomorrow I need to work on reading punctuation properly."

Max - "I need help staying inside the margin when writing."

Jesse - "I learnt how to spell a tricky word today (enough)."

Troy - "I learnt the freestyle swimming technique in the deep end of the pool."

Tane - "Our group needs to work together more to achieve our reading goals."

Koda - "I need to break hard words into chunks I already know when reading."



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) 'Snapped Ya!' of the Week

'Snapped Ya!' is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative. The PB4L focus for the week is **managing self**. This weeks 'Snapped Ya!' winners are **Troy Berghan, Caelisz Leef, Awa McCarthy, Charvel Tepania-Pipitolu and Chase Jones**.



2) Uniform

A reminder that our winter uniform consists of a polar fleece and a jacket. These items are available from the Warehouse. If your child wears long sleeved clothing under their polo shirts could you please ensure that they are school colours. If children are wearing **PLAIN BLACK** sweatshirts, cardigan, jerseys, etc they will not be asked to remove them.

3) School Book Amnesty

Please, could you look around home for Junior Readers, Library Books, Journals and Senior Readers. They could be lurking, in wardrobes, behind shelves, beds, etc. The replacement of these books cost the school a great deal of money, money that could be spent on other resources. If you find any, please return to your child's class teacher or the office.

4) Swimming Sports

Junior Swimming Sports

These will be held next **Wednesday 23rd March**. This will involve Rooms 1/2, 9, 10 and 7. This is a non-competitive event and start time is **12.30pm**. You are all welcome to join us.

Senior/Middle Swimming Sports

The Middle and Senior Syndicates will be holding their annual School Swimming Sports **Tuesday 22nd March** at **9.00am**. The events will be a mix of fun and competitive events. Come along and support your tamariki

Far North Zone Swimming Sports

This will be held next **Wednesday 23rd March** at the Kaitaia Swimming Pools. We have a total of 23 pupils who have qualified for this event, however we still

require **parental support to help with transport**. If you are able to assist please leave details at the office.

5) Board of Trustees Elections 2016 “Make a difference for our school”

In May we will be holding ‘Parent Board of Trustee Elections’. What it is like to be a board of trustees member and what are some of the roles and responsibilities involved I hear you ask! Watch this space over the next few weeks so that you can see how wonderful it is to be on our board. And if you are not convinced then please ask one of our current board members to give you some information on what they do for our tamariki and school community. Our current board members are Richard Tepania, Patau Tepania, Angela Harrison, Ken Mullarkey, June Matiu and Carole Harding. I’m certain they will be only too happy to have a chat with you. Over the next few weeks we will be providing you with more information about the actual election process and who is eligible etc. **Election day is on Friday 3rd June.**

6) Important Notices

School Photos

Orders can still be taken for class photos.

Bus Fees

The town bus run is not part of the Far North Bus Transport Network but is a separate bus run organised by the school to assist parents who wish to send their children to our school rather than send their children to their closest school. If they wish to use this bus, rather than provide their own transport, they have to share in the costs.

Costs are \$4.00 per child or \$6.00 per family per week.

There are times when your child would like to use this service on a casual basis and we can usually accommodate requests, but only if these requests are in the form of a note or verbal message from parents, not from students, as this is obviously a safety precaution.

No Parking Zones

Could you please refrain from parking in the bus zones and in front of the school gates. These are not drop off zones and they need to be clear at all times.

Students After School

Over the last few weeks we have noticed that some children are not being picked up until well after 4.30. As you would know this could be a real safety issue as teachers are off duty after the last bus which leaves 3.40. Please ensure that your children are picked up when school is finished at 2.45. It is very difficult for both our teachers and very upsetting for students when we can’t get in touch with parents to find out what is happening.


7) School Break

Reminder that school finishes for Easter next **Thursday 24th March** at the usual time and reopens on **Wednesday 30th March**.

Kia Ora

Jackie Osborne

Tumuaki/Principal



Ways to help your child with maths at home. Get your child involved in helping at the supermarket. Help younger children choose items to weigh. Ask how many apples or bananas weigh about a kilo?

For older children, ask them to look for the best buy, choosing between different makes of the same item (for example, blocks of cheese) and suggest they check out the amounts of sugar, salt and fat per serving.

Numeracy
Numeracy is focused on developing children's understanding of numbers and their ability to use numbers to solve problems. Children may solve number problems by counting, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, or combinations of these. Children are encouraged to learn a range of different ways to solve problems and to choose the most appropriate one for each problem. You may be familiar with certain 'rules' for doing maths. While these will still work, your child will also learn different ways to solve problems. Often these methods involve mental strategies, or working things out in your head, rather than written methods. You can visit this website to find some good ideas how you can support your child with their numeracy development. <http://www.nzmaths.co.nz/Families/index.aspx>. Watch this space for other maths tips.

Have you any comments or feedback about our school? We welcome all ideas for improvement.