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## **Newsletter 19.02.20**

*This will be the last 'paper newsletter' sent out to all families. Future newsletters will be available on our web page, our school app or emailed to your email address. If you would still like a paper copy of the fortnightly newsletter please contact the school office.*

*Welcome back to DJ Watson who has returned to our school and Welcome also to Donovan Houghton, both students have joined Nikau room.*

### **Camp**

*A reminder that our school camp for year 4 – 7 students will be at Taupo Bay from March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Please return the notice sent home with your child earlier this week, so that we can begin organising numbers for tents and cabins and also transport requirements.*

### **Police Vets**

*Any parents/caregivers who would like to stay overnight at camp do need to have a current police vet. Please collect an authorisation form from the school office and return it with proof of identity so the vetting process can be completed.*

### **Meet the Teachers**

*Next Tuesday evening we will be holding a 'Meet the Teachers' evening. This will be an opportunity for whanau to come along to school, and meet your child/childrens teacher as well as play some fun games. We will also have a sausage sizzle and ice blocks for sale. The evening will run from 5.00 – 7.30*

*Each class will have 20 minutes where the classroom teacher will explain about their classroom organisation and routines and their expectations for students.*

*Kowhai – 5.00 – 5.20      Rimu – 5.20 – 5.40      Puriri - 5.40 – 6.00      Kauri 6.00 – 6.20*

*Totara – 6.20 – 6.40      Manuka – 6.40 – 7.00      Nikau – 7.00 – 7.20*

### **Swimming Sports**

*Our school swimming sports will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February starting at 10.00 a.m.*

*Children will be competing in their age groups from 8 years up (as this is how they are run for the Eastern Zone and Far North competitions) These children will compete in 50 metres (approx 3 lengths of our school pool) Freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke, as well as open butterfly.*

*After the age group races children in Kowhai, Rimu and Puriri rooms will demonstrate their usual swimming lessons. We will also have house relays and a students 'v' teachers 'v' parents race. The parents will be looking to reclaim their title from last year!*

## ***Water Safety***

*We are very fortunate to have Aevril Hibbard running the Top Energy Water safe programme in our school. This programme aims to:*

*1. Promote the importance of learning water safety and swim to survive as an essential life skill.*

*2. Coordinate the provision of appropriate water safety education and tuition in Northland Primary and Intermediate Schools.*

*3. Increase participation in aquatic activities, specifically facilitating access to, and involvement of primary and intermediate school aged children in, exposure to fundamental water safety skills.*

*4. Reduce number of preventable drowning and hospitalisations due to near drowning incidents in school aged children years 1-8.*

*Our students have been having a great deal of fun whilst learning these skills.*



## ***Important Dates***

***Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> – Junior school picnic at the Wetlands***

***Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Meet the teachers evening 5.00 – 7.30***

***Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – School swimming Sports 10.00a.m start***

***Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Beach Day***

***Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Eastern Zone Swimming Sports.***