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Term 1

Hi All,

Welcome to 2021 everyone, so good to be back at school and to see all those smiling faces and hear what they've been up to over the holidays. We've had a lot going on over the holidays with our classroom wet area upgrades. Unfortunately it isn't quite finished yet but the builders tell me that it will all be done by the end of next week - the hold up is with getting the bench tops. We've had new cupboards and draws installed in both classes, lino in the rooms and hallway floor, and we are also getting both hot and cold water in the classrooms. It's made such a difference to the look and feel of the school.

We're looking forward to a positive and enjoyable year, and hoping that COVID doesn't interrupt our learning again. We are fortunate that in New Zealand to have no community cases but we need to make sure we keep up with our good hygiene practices.

We will be reminding our students about the importance of good hand washing and drying, using sanitizer, coughing into our elbows, and staying away from school only if they are unwell. If you are visiting school, please make sure you sign in when you come into the hallway - even if you're only there for a minute or two. The visitor's sign in sheet is on the table inside the door.

Kim

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Monday 9th Feb
School Closed
Waitangi Day Holiday

Monday 15th Feb
Fruit in Schools starts

Friday 26th Feb
Wings over Wairarapa

Tuesday 16th March
Swimming Lessons begin in town

Welcome back to all our students and whanau. We have a busy year of learning ahead. A special welcome to our new entrant Amelia who joins our school family this term.



School Organisation

This year we will have just one class, as our numbers don't warrant having two full-time teachers. Kim will teach Monday to Wednesday, with Rochelle taking over on Thursday and Friday until the end of term 2. Lucy will return from maternity leave at the beginning of term 3. Amanda will work in the classroom, alongside Kim and Rochelle, in the mornings (Monday to Thursday) to support the teaching of literacy and mathematics. She will also take one student on the Reading Recovery programme.

The teachers will be supported by Kelly King and Tanya Adams, our teachers' aides. Kelly and Tanya will work with both individual and small groups of students to help support them with their learning needs.

Brigie will be in the office Monday, Tuesday and Friday each week. Please remember that with less staff in the school we may not always be able to get to the phone or check messages as regularly as we'd like to. If you need to contact us urgently please keep calling - don't leave a message and expect it will be picked up before the end of the school day.

You can also message us on Facebook but if you don't receive a reply or a



we haven't seen the message.

Permissions

Please sign and return the enclosed emergency information and permission forms to school by Friday, thank you. It is **really** important we have your correct contact details, and an emergency contact for your child/children.

Waitangi Day

Next Monday, 8 February the school will be closed. As Waitangi Day falls in the weekend Monday is a public holiday, we will be back at school on Tuesday, 9 February

School Events coming up

Swimming - we plan to head into Masterton for swimming lessons again this term. These will start on Tuesday 16th of March. There will be two lessons per week for 5 weeks.

Wings over Wairarapa - it's exciting that we get to attend this fabulous display again this year. We will need parent helpers for the day so put this date in your diary and come along to this fun and interesting trip. **Friday 26th February.**

Teacher only day - Thursday 1 April, there is a Masterton Primary Schools Teacher only day, where we will all come together to participate in some professional learning and networking. This is the day before the Easter break.

Fruit in Schools

Fruit in Schools starts up again the week beginning Monday 15th February so you may like to include fruit in your child's lunchbox for the first two weeks of the term.



Healthy Lunches in school

Lunches in school will not be starting until Term 2. We hope to have more information about this initiative for you later in the term.

Sun Hats

Please remember all our students need to have a brimmed hat at school each day, the Resource Centre and Salvation Family Store often have brimmed sunhats for a couple of dollars. Students that don't have hats must stay in the shade.



Juicies

We will be selling juicies at lunchtimes again this term starting from next Tuesday, \$1 a juicie, all money to your teacher at the start of the day please.



New storage and wet areas in our classrooms, the benchtops and sinks are to be installed this

