

# TUMANAKO TEAM NEWSLETTER



Term 3, 2021 (Term 3 dates: July 25<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>)

## KEY DATES:

Teacher Only Day

– 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Parent/Teacher Interviews

– 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August

Class Photos

– 12<sup>th</sup> August

Primary Info Night

– 24<sup>th</sup> August

Tumanako Speech Finals

– 24<sup>th</sup> September

Rolling Stones Performances  
and the CrossFit Games

– 1<sup>st</sup> October

## WELCOME BACK

We trust you had a fantastic holiday with your children and are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead. It's hard to believe that half the year has gone already! This term Mrs Jae Lee will be heading away on maternity leave. We are excited to have Miss Bronte Tongs starting a transition early in the term. Also, C2 welcomes Mrs Kristen Peters, who will be teaching each Friday for the rest of the year.

## OUR LEARNING THIS TERM

Our main focus is 'How can I build my relationship with Jesus?' and our key value is Kindness.

### Other learning topics are:

- Reading – Journal stories/articles, and novel studies. (Each class will also work on other skills relevant to their specific needs).
- Writing – This term we will be learning speech writing and public speaking.
- Mathematics – Numeracy (Fractions or Multiplication and Division) and Measurement. Please ensure that children continue to work on Mathletics as part of a regular home learning programme. Children should aim to know all of their Multiplication Tables by the end of Year 5.
- Theme – This term we will be exploring the Olympic Games, the ancient Olympics and how the Bible fits into the picture.
- PE – We will be doing indoor hockey and gymnastics this term.

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## **SOME HELPFUL REMINDERS**

- Please feel free to join us in assembly on Fridays at 2:15pm.
- There has been a lot of sickness around school. Please remember to keep your child at home if they are sick, to avoid spreading the bugs.
- School lunches – Some students are eating all their lunch at morning tea time. Please have a chat with your child to make sure they have enough food to get them through the day. Please also avoid giving your child lollies and drinks other than water as we have noticed a few students starting to bring these to school.
- Please check your child has the correct stationery as some items have been misplaced. Also, a reminder that you can provide headphones and/or a mouse to assist with your child's digital learning.
- There are a number of toys being brought to school by students. If these could all be left at home, unless arranged with the teacher. For example, an e-mail to the teacher regarding a fidget tool.

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

At Cornerstone we are always working on improving our behaviour management. We are part of a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) program. Part of this has included the addition of the Tuakiri Tokens throughout the school in order to acknowledge students showing the school values in the playground. Also, we have thought carefully about the way we teach students to do the right thing when they have made a mistake. We do not have 'detentions' in the primary school. Sometimes children have to stay in to finish work that wasn't completed during class time. Teachers usually manage this within their own classroom but if it happens often, we have a 'lunch work' club where they can go and be supervised while they work. If there is an ongoing behaviour problem, the child would also sit with the 'lunch work' teacher and write on a 'Thinking Time' page so that they can reflect on their choices. A copy of this page is sent home with the child. Our desire is not to punish children for their actions but rather to teach them a better way to manage things next time.

Kind Regards Jae, Gareth, Casey and David