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### WEEK 4 TERM 1

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Kia ora parents and whānau,

Principal Tumuaki comment

We had a fabulous day with the Harold and Pip from the Life Ed bus on Friday, and are looking forward to learning more tomorrow. Then they are off down the road to our friends at Lee Stream School. Last week saw Les' last day driving the Mt Stoker bus. We wish you all the best Les on your move, and we welcome Annie and Donna to the team as they share the drivers seat.

Last week Teachers were busy conferencing with children and getting them ready to upload their individual learning goals on Hero. Keep an eye out for these on your children's Hero profiles and it will be great to see progress and evidence added on throughout the term/year.

Ngā mihi nui,

Lisa Bankshaw 😊

Due to swimming, the kids seem to be super hungry so please pack an extra snack or two in their lunchboxes please.



Please continue to bring swimming togs etc to school each day as we will keep swimming training going up until the Swimming Sports next week

## PERISTORTH STROS



Digby, Riley, Milly and Rosa were rewarded with demonstrating our school values by using their initiative and helping out an adult without being asked this week. Ka Pai kids - you are awesome!!



Big jobs on in the sandpit



Feeding Mama Cat



Harold and Pip fun



Patiently waiting for our yummy Burgers for Hot Lunch Fridays



Some of you may have noticed during the past week that we are utilising more of our school Hero app. This means that we will no longer be using 'Class Dojo' to communicate with parents - everything will be able to be done on Hero so there will only be one app to use. Yay!

Under each child's profile, is a page called 'Contact the Teacher' where you can directly message your child's teacher if you need to contact them.

We have enabled all children to be able to login and post their learning to their individual profiles as well as accessing the 'Student Feed' where Teachers can post tasks and activities for their class. Please interact and comment on posts as the kids love getting feedback! There is also a 'Time to Shine' page where parents and whanau can upload posts, photos, and videos about things the kids get up to out of school.

## **✓** GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS ✓

This year we are trialling a different approach to our beginning of the year Goal Setting interviews. Each teacher is going to have a 1:1 conference with every child in their class and together they will formulate 2-4 realistic goals for their learning. It is expected that the older the child is, the more student voice and ownership they will have in creating these goals.

Once the goals have been decided upon, each child will upload these to their Hero profile, and teachers and students will upload evidence onto Hero to show their progress towards completing their goals. We are hoping this will make the goal setting process a lot more meaningful and relevant for the students, and showing evidence and activities that kids complete towards achieving these goals will make the whole process more meaningful for everyone involved.

If you don't have the Hero app but would like to, then please contact your child's teacher or Lisa and they can help you login and gain access. All you need is an email address!

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## TEAM PIWAKAWAKA NEWS

What a fantastic start to the term Team Piwakawaka has had. We have been busy with swimming lessons, starting a new maths programme, writing our mihis and making art to go with it. Harold is up at the moment teaching us about our body parts and how we breathe and it has been great so far. We can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings!



## Term 1 Calendar

|                  | Monday                              | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|---|----------------------------------|
| Term 1<br>Week 4 | 24<br>Life Ed. Bus                  | 25      | 26        | 27  | Technology 28                    |
| Term 1<br>Week 5 | 3 MARCH SWIMMING SPORTS - new date! | 4       | 5         | 6 Teachers at a Maths course V0-4= Mrs Russell V5-8= Mrs Bankshaw | 7 Assembly: Room 5 2pm           |
| Term 1<br>Week 6 | 10                                  | II      | 12        | 13  | 14 Vear 5-8 Boys Multi Sport day |
| Term 1<br>Week 7 | Vear 5-8 Girls<br>Multi Sport day   | 18      | 19        | 20  | ZI                               |
| Term 1<br>Week 8 | 24<br>OTAGO<br>ANNIVERSARY<br>DAY   | 25      | 26        | 27 TEACHER ONLY DAY MOE Maths course                              | Technology<br>28                 |

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| Term 1<br>Week 9     | 31   | I APRIL                                  | 2   | 3                       | Assembly:<br>RI 2.15pm  |
| Term 1<br>Week<br>10 | 7 Mrs Becker away. Mrs Glass R3 Year 8 GRIP Leadership in Queerstown | 8<br>Mrs Becker<br>away.<br>Mrs Glass R3 | 9<br>Mrs Becker<br>away.<br>Mrs Glass R3<br>Mrs Bankshaw away | IO<br>Mrs Bankshaw away | II<br>Mrs Bankshaw away |
| Term 2<br>Week 1     | 28 APRIL TERM TWO STARTS! Mrs Bankshaw away                          | 29<br>Mrs Bankshaw away                  | <b>30</b><br>Mrs Bankshaw away                                | I MAY                   | Technology  2           |
| Term 2<br>Week 2     | 5  | 6  | 7   | 8                       | lechnology +            |
| Term 2<br>Week 3     | 12   | 13                                       | 14  | 15                      | Technology<br>16        |
| Term 2<br>Week 4     | 19   | 20                                       | 21  | 22                      | echnology<br>23         |