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## Akomanga (Class) 16 Term 1 Newsletter!

Teena koutou katoa  
Ko Whangaroa tooku awa  
Ko Moetonga tooku maunga  
Ko Ngaiotonga tooku marae  
Ko Ngaati Tautahi tooku haapu  
Ko Ngaatiwai me Ngaapuhi ooku iwi  
Ko Kootirana me Ingarani ngaa whenua tooku  
whanau whaea  
Ko Waata raaua ko Ngaamoko ooku tuupuna matua  
Ko Robert raaua ko Marian ooku tuupuna whaea  
Ko Hoori Okeroa tooku matua  
Ko Frances tooku whaea  
Ko Nicola ahau  
Ko Grant tooku hoa rangatira  
Ko Caleigh raatou ko Jamie, ko Ashley aaku tamariki



*Greetings everyone. Whangaroa is my river. Moetonga is my mountain. Ngaiotonga is my marae. Ngaati Tautahi is my hapu. Ngaatiwai and Ngaapuhi are my iwi. My mothers family are from Scotland and England. My father's parents are Waata and Ngaamoko. My mother's parents are Robert and Marian. My father is George Okeroa. My mother is Frances. I am Nicola. My husband is Grant. My children are Caleigh, Jamie and Ashley.*

### A little about what to expect in Akomanga 16;

- Akomanga 16 is taught by Whaea Nicky and every second Tuesday by Ms O'Neill.
- To help keep you informed about our learning, Class Dojo will be up and running by week 2 so the kids can share their work with you from time to time. I will be sending an invitation to join via email. Please let me know if you need a paper copy.
- This term, we will be learning about class routines and school rules, focusing on one aspect of the Knighton Way: mahi tahi (getting along). We will get to know each other and learn about the many cultures represented in our class and school.
- Ruben the Road Safety Bear is a special visitor coming in Week 2 to talk to us about the importance of being safe around roads and traffic. We will be following this up with some fun activities, songs, and safe walking practice to help us remember the rules.

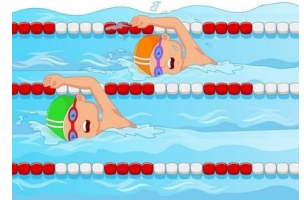


## Cultural celebration

This is our chance to celebrate who we all are and learn about our many different cultures. Most importantly, it's a chance to celebrate as a community. As a school, we will share cultural activities throughout the week, ending with a special parade on Thursday, 26th March, so please look out for that information as we'd love to see you there.

## Swimming

Swimming this term will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure your child's togs and towel are brought to school on these days in a separate bag. It's also really helpful if they wear clothing for easy changing. All students are expected to participate unless they are unwell and bring a note.



## Library

The library will be open from week 3, and Akomanga 16 will be going to the library on Wednesdays. Students will be able to take a book home from the library each week (as long as they have their bookbag) and will need to return it every Wednesday.

## Lunches

Just a couple of reminders (but REALLY important ones) -

- Absolutely NO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS in school lunches. This includes spreads like Nutella. Thank you for supporting us in our efforts to keep all tamariki safe.
- It will be great to include a small, easy to eat healthy snack in their bags / lunch boxes for our morning kai so they can keep going until our first lunch break.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle at school each day.

## Important Dates:

Tuesday 17 February - Whaanau Picnic

Thursday, 26th March - Cultural Day Parade

We look forward to getting to know you throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to come and see us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Whaea Nicky and Ms O'Neill

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