



Friday 26th July 2019

Dear Whānau,

Welcome back for T3. This is our term to consolidate learning, concentrate on next steps and most importantly continue to "make a difference" to our world around us. Each block will be working on inquiry projects this term that are focused on our BIG school wide topic of "Make a Difference" We will be showcasing all our learning in week 9 and inviting you in to see all of the exciting projects the children have been investigating this term.

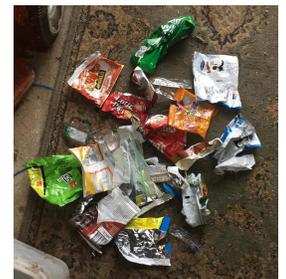
**Starting the Day:**

In order for the children to be ready for learning in the morning it is important that they get into school on time. We will be ringing an **8.30am** bell in the morning to signal that children can come into school and classrooms will be open. We are finding that far too many children are coming into school earlier than this when there is no supervision on the playground and around the school. Sadly we also have children that arrive after the bell has gone at **9.00am**, which means they miss out on settling into class and begin the day flustered and off balance.

*Please can we make a concerted effort to have children at school between these times this term.*

**Rubbish Around Our School:**

We have a fantastic Eco group that work with Jamie and Whaea Julie to ensure that we recycle and reuse as much of our waste as possible and they have some great projects that they will be running this term. Please can we ask that you try to reduce the amount of soft plastics that come into school and ensure that all snacks wrappers that are eaten on the playground after school hours are taken home - *we do not have any outdoor bins.* (photo taken on Tuesday afternoon of playground rubbish which was not there on Monday morning)



**Slippers and Extra Clothes**



This is the muddy season and children will be encouraged to take their shoes off when they come into class. All children are welcome to bring in slippers that they can leave in the cubbies to wear in class. We also suggest that children pack an extra set of clothes, especially if they like playing in the forest or on the football field so that they have something to change into if they get muddy :)

**Lunches:**

<b>Monday</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>Sausage Sizzle</b> <b>Subway</b> <b>Sushi Planet</b>	We will continue to provide lunches on these days. Please order through Kindo, Subway and Lunchonline if you would like to use these services
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### Sickness:

Continuing on from last term, please ensure that you keep children home for at least 48 hours after the last episode of symptoms such as vomiting and diarrhoea. Please ensure that you inform the school if your child is not going to be in by **9am** at the latest.

### Morning Tea Duties:

Our staff have a morning tea together every Monday. This is the only time that staff can have morning tea with everyone together as on all other occasions they have to do duties. We would love it if we could have some volunteers that are happy to come in on a Monday from 11am-11:30am to cover this one duty a week for teachers.

### Helping out with classroom programmes:

Teachers are always in need of some helping hands in classrooms. If you have an hour or two free at any time we would love to have additional in-class support. This does not have to be at a regular time or specific days, we really just want to encourage whānau to spend some time supporting children in class.

### Community Meeting:

Birchville will be hosting one of these meetings and some of our Y5-6 children will be sharing what they would like to see in their community. We would love as many community members to attend these meetings as possible. This is an opportunity to work with a range of agencies to make a difference for Northern Upper Hutt and the Birchville area.

### Contact Details:

Please remember to inform the office of any changes to details such as a change of address, phone numbers etc



Ngā mihi nui

**Robyn Brown**  
Principal

**HAVE YOUR SAY**  
Community Meetings

We want to discuss questions like.....

- How can we make the Northern Suburbs of Upper Hutt more vibrant?
- Do you want to see changes in your Neighbourhood?
- What needs does the community have that aren't being met?

Where: Maoribank School Hall  
When: Wednesday 7 August 2019  
or  
Where: Birchville School Hall  
When: Wednesday 21 August 2019

We will provide a Soup and Bun meal for a voluntary koha  
The meal starts at 6.00 pm  
The community meeting starts at 7.00 pm  
RSVP for Meal to [Office@Maoribank.school.nz](mailto:Office@Maoribank.school.nz) by 5 August  
or [Office@Birchville.school.nz](mailto:Office@Birchville.school.nz) by 19 August

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