



Tuesday 10 September 2019

Dear Whānau

### Inquiry Learning at Birchville School

You may have heard us using terms like *Our Learning Process*, *Inquiry Learning* or *Deep Learning* at Birchville School. This is where we encourage children to pose questions about topics they are interested in. They investigate, explore and learn about the topic in order to answer their questions.

- The teachers use a variety of learning tools to assist the children's understanding of the topics.
- They encourage the children to make contact with others that can help with their learning.
- The tamariki use digital technologies to communicate, design and present their learning.
- They use a variety of learning environments to make learning interesting and engaging.

Through these processes the children deepen their learning and understanding of the topic they have decided to inquire into.

This **Thursday 12th Sep** you will be receiving invitations, handwritten by the children, to come into school so that the tamariki can share their ako (learning) with you.

This is an opportunity for you to see your children's learning within the school environment and celebrate all they have created, investigated and applied knowledge to. In Term 3 we do not have reports or interviews but we would love for parents to share in the amazing learning the tamariki have been involved in.

### Celebration of Learning Day:

Wednesday 18th September 2019

- 9.30 - 10.00 - Emerald
- 10.00 - 10.30 - Moonstone
- 10.30 - 11.00 - Sapphire

Followed by a shared morning tea in the hall. Please can all parents attending bring a plate of eats to share.

### Assessment information

Each term teachers are assessing learning and looking at where children have made gains, but also finding out which children may need additional support or direction in Term 4. Please be sure to log into your child's eTAP Parent Portal to have a look at the progress your children have been making.

If you do not have a password or login details we will get these sent out again in the next day or so.

Ngā mihi nui  
Robyn and Birchville Teachers

**Love to learn. Learn to love. Aroha ki te ako. Ako ki te aroha.**

