



# Kiwi Flyer

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of week three, I am reflecting upon all the positive things I have seen and heard around the school this week. The children have settled into school really well and there is a lovely calm and focused atmosphere in each classroom. I have now had the pleasure of leading two celebration assemblies and am really proud of how well all of the children are embracing the key school rules of being ready, respectful and safe.

I see that some children have filled their token jars and had their class treat this week also. I'm sure all the other classes will shortly follow suit. It has been lovely to be able to start to meet some parents and I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Eatherington

*At **KIWI** we are soaring...*

**Striving for success**

**Owning our actions**

**Ambitious**

**Respectful, reflective, resilient**



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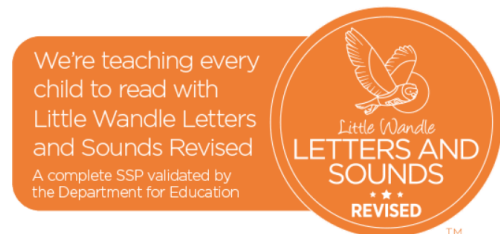
### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning on **Friday 29th of September** at 9:00am for parents. We will also be holding a children's cake sale in classes at breaktime. Children can purchase cake at breaktime for 50p each cake. We would be really grateful if parents and carers could donate cake to the school. Please bring your donations of cake to the School Hall at collection time on Thursday 28th of September or on the Morning of the 29th of September. Please do not send cake containing any nuts as we are a nut free school. Please come and join us to raise some money.



### Nut Free School

Please remember we are a nut free school. We have a number of children and staff with nut allergies and it is important nuts are not brought into school. This includes things such as cereal bars, crepes filled with nut spreads, sandwiches containing nut spreads. Please help us to protect others in our community.



### Phonics Meeting

We will be holding a meeting for parents to discuss Phonics and early reading on 25th of September. We would like to invite parents of the children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 to come and find out about our phonics scheme Little Wandle and how your children are learning to read at Kiwi. This will also be an opportunity for you to meet some of the team and ask any questions you may have. Refreshments will be available.

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## Wrap Around Care Competition

In wrap around care club there is currently a competition running. Children from wrap around care have been invited to draw their 'perfect pet'. The current standards of drawing are high! If a Child's art work is chosen it will get featured in a special 'Perfect Pets' book series. The best perfect pet drawing will become the book's title and the artist will receive a goody bag of creative supplies. The wrap around care club could also win a very generous £1000 to help them buy any new resources.



## Physical Education

We ask that all children bring their PE kits on a Monday and leave it in school until Friday.



## Southampton Sports

Southampton sports for this term will be as follows

Monday—Okataina, Waitangi

Thursday—Aratoro, Rangitoto



### School Attendance

#### Attendance Award Winner

Week Commencing 11/09/2023

Okataina – 99.3%

Well Done!

### School Attendance

#### Attendance Award Winner

Week Commencing 18/09/23

Okataina – 99%

Well Done!

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## Promoting Positive Behaviour

If you attended the 'Meet the Headteacher' you would have heard a great deal about our new trauma informed approach to life at Kiwi. We have a new policy for *Promoting Positive Behaviour*. The new policy has been shared with staff, children, governors and parents in a series of meetings over the last few weeks and the document itself can be found on our school website. We are sure your children will have told you that they have been earning yellow tokens for following our three new school rules which are.... **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. These tokens are put into a jar and when the class jar is full children vote for a class treat.

This week has seen the first classes enjoying their class treats.

Well done to the children in **Manawatu** and **Papamoa** for filling up their pots.

**Papamoa** have decided to wear their own clothes to school today and will be having a movie treat this Friday afternoon. Manawatu had a PJ party and watched a movie



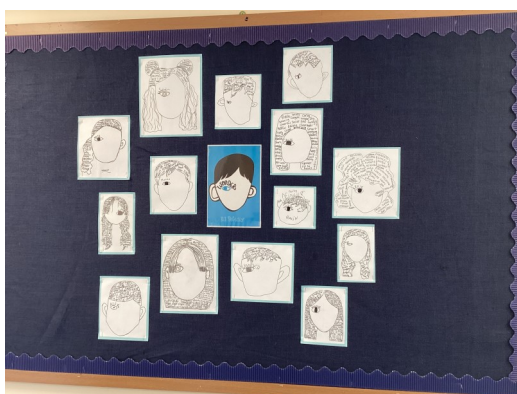
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## Learning Environments

You may be noticing some changes at Kiwi. The staff have been working incredibly hard recently as we are trying our best to update the learning environments for the children. Over the summer and during many evenings and weekend lots of staff worked to help spruce up the school. We aiming for the environment to be welcoming to children and families. We want to show the children we care about the environments in which they spend much of their day. The library has been re-arranged and some new cosy areas installed as well as books sorted onto more suitable shelving. The resource base corridor has had a lick of new paint and classrooms and corridors have been cleaned and tidied. We have some new signage and are awaiting our new decals for the large blue board installed at the entrance to the school. We still have many more plans to improve the site for the children. If you have any free time or skills you can offer to support us with this we would love to hear from you. We have a large number of tasks to be completed. Some pictures of the amazing learning environments below for you to see.



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## Year 2

Year 2 took part in an online workshop learning all about Rosa Parks. The children learnt about her life and how she fought for equal rights. The children were immersed in learning through drama.



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## A letter sent out earlier this week

Dear Parents/Carers,

For those of you who were unable to attend the 'meet the new Headteacher' event last Friday afternoon, I would like to share some of the key messages with you.

It has been an absolute privilege to get to know the Kiwi staff and children over the past few weeks and it has been a really positive start to the school year for many. As with any new start, there have been changes and there will be further change as we move forwards together. I would like to reassure you all that any changes made at Kiwi Primary School both now and moving forwards are done with the children's best interests firmly at the heart.

We are developing a new vision for the school. It is still based on the Kiwi logo and acknowledges the rich history and military links this symbolises. In fact, our new vision has been created specifically with service children in mind. I have significant experience of supporting military children and their families and improving outcomes for this community is something I am passionate about.

We are also developing a new behaviour policy which is based on a trauma informed approach. This is an evidence based approach which puts the emotional wellbeing of children and their families at the heart of everything we do. The token and jar reward system is proving to be very positive and effective and the children are very proud of how many tokens they have gained already. Indeed some classes have started to fill their first jar and are planning a class reward already.

Some of the changes being made are more visible and I understand this has caused some concern. Kiwi Primary School as a learning environment is also being developed. The old building at the school in particular has required some attention. In order to make these changes as quickly as possible, myself and many other members of staff spent a considerable amount of time in school during the summer holidays and using the Kiwi royal blue theme, we have tidied up the communal spaces ready for the children's lovely learning to be displayed as it is completed. We have also removed the very faded old Kiwi Primary School signs and replaced them with child friendly and welcoming Gruffalo ones. There is a new board outside the Reception area which will hold a parents' notice board and will have the traditional Kiwi logo on it. This is a work in progress, so do please bear with us as it is being developed.

I would like to reassure you that there are no plans to change the school uniform or logo. These will remain the same and the school identity will still very firmly be that of Kiwi Primary School with all of the history and military links that signifies, for example the class names with their links to the New Zealand culture will remain.

We are very keen to welcome parents into school more often, so in addition to the meet the Headteacher and teachers event that we have already run, we are planning a phonics workshop for parents of children in EYFS to Year 2 on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September. We are also in the early stages of planning a 'stay and do' session on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. This will provide parents with the opportunity to come into school and visit your child/ren's classes and undertake some fun activities with them based on a bonfire night theme. We really hope to see lots of you there.

In the meantime, I operate an open door policy, so do please contact the school office and ask for an appointment if there is anything you would like to discuss with me. I am looking forward to working in partnership with you to support the children.

Yours sincerely,

L Eatherington

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# Diary Dates

## September

<b>Monday 25th of September</b>	Parents Phonics information presentation 2.30pm
<b>Thursday 28th of September</b>	Flu Vaccination Day
<b>Friday 29th of September</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am

## October

<b>Monday 9th of October</b>	Individual Photographs
<b>Tuesday 10th of October</b>	Fiji Day
<b>Tuesday 10th of October</b>	KS2 Harvest Festival in school
<b>Wednesday 11th of October</b>	Year R, 1, 2 & 3 Harvest festival at St Georges Church 2pm (Parents Welcome)
<b>Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th of October</b>	Parents Evenings

## November

<b>Friday 3rd November</b>	Parents Welcome to 'Stay and do' bonfire night afternoon.
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