

** Make the most of all the opportunities you have.**

**Dear Whānau,**

 Principal: Linda McCabe



**Welcome to Term 4, 2020 at Insoll Avenue School!**

Te Whānau Kawakawa, is a Team of *four* New Entrant/ Year 1 and Year 2 classes: Whaea Nicky with the Room 9 learners; Whaea Anna with the Room 8 learners; Whaea Debbie and Whaea Tavoi with the Room 13 learners and our newest children are joining Whaea Indira in Room 15!

****This Term** our new experiences include: learning activities within the Science Curriculum area **“Physical world”** -we will be conducting experiments involving forces, eg. gravity, friction, and making our own predictions and conclusions; our finalthree **music sessions with a “Jellybeans”** music teacher; as well as **Kapa Haka** with Whaea Gazelle! During the Term we will be involved in ‘Run, jump and throw’ practise sessions towards our Team Kawakawa **Athletics Day** -we hope you will be able to come along and watch us!

Every week, each class celebrates a learner that has shown a strong HERO value/s, and a learner that has demonstrated notable learning growth, -with certificates and special prizes!

Our weekly activities, involve: learning to be an **Insoll HERO** -with a

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focus on ‘E’ for excellence; having a **Growth Mindset** ie. *“I can try my best in this activity/learning”;* and **Mindfulness** *“I can be calm and focussed towards my learning, as well as allowing others to learn, too.”*

These actions and outlooks will support us to have happy, powerful school days.

We are continuing to utilise ‘learning through play’ throughout our day/week, to

encourage the growth of our oral language and social skills.

Reminder messages:

* We need to bring our **book bag** **every day** –with our reading book that we have read at home;
* To be sun safe, we **wear our green Insoll School Hat each break and sport time**, that we have purchased as part of our stationery;
* **Named belongings** are easily returned;
* Our **shoes** come off and go on many times during the day –it is important your child can do this **independently**;
* **Water** or milk bottles/drinks at school are the best for our bodies;
* **Attending school regularly, and on time**, supports our learning. We currently have team wide punctuality competitions that encourage each child’s prompt arrival.

**Please turn over!**

Counting in sequence *to, and backwards* from 10, then 20, and as these are mastered … 100, is an important part of our number knowledge.

Learning to *spell simple words* increases our memory, makes our daily reading and writing easier as we use and grow our alphabet name and sound knowledge, and is fun!

Short amounts of time each evening with a learning focus, help to build skills and confidence for school! ***What will be your learning focus tonight?***

If you need to contact your child’s teacher and are unable to see them in person, here are the Team Kawakawa email addresses:

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The teachers are **looking forward** to a further inspiring learning Term!

**Thank you** for supporting your child *to be successful at school*.

Nga mihi, the New Entrant Team ☺

Te Wh**ā**nau Kawakawa



**every day!**