



## Dear Parents/Caregivers – Year 3-6 Waka Kōpapa & Tētē 2020

### **This envelope contains:**

- Placement information for 2020
- A footprint sheet that you will need for the Getting Connected interviews at the beginning of 2020 (4 & 5 February 2020) (available on the website)
- Information about Summer Slide and how you can promote positive reading habits
- 2020 stationery list (available on the website)

### **Reports**

At Somerville Te Kura Wairepo we teach the New Zealand Curriculum which is divided into levels. A level spans approximately two years. This report gives information about your child's achievement against year level expectation for reading, writing and mathematics. As well as progress made from mid-year. It also gives an indication of the SMART strengths your child exhibits.

The report shows your child's achievement against **the end of year expectations** for their curriculum/year level. Teachers have come to their Overall Teacher Judgement about your child's progress towards these expectations by referring to assessments, observations, conversations and book works.

Teachers must make judgements against a number of indicators and moderate their judgement against these. This is not an exact science and our teams work together to help ensure judgements are consistent.

### **Goal Setting/Getting Connected Interview – Tuesday, 4 February & Wednesday, 5 February 2020**

The school is open on these two days for children and their parents to book into a session which includes:

- A ropu meeting where the teachers will introduce themselves, outline the team procedures and information. This will be at the start of each session.
- Each child, parent/caregiver will have a meeting with the homeroom teacher to review last year's report, discuss the footprints sheet and begin the goal setting process with the focus on Term 1
- Welcome back and getting to know you activity

#### **4 February 2020**

##### **Sessions**

11- 12.30am  
1.30-3.00pm  
4.30-6pm

#### **5 February 2020**

##### **Sessions**

9-10.30am  
11-12.30pm  
1.30-3pm

**To book your 'Goal Setting/Getting Connected 2020 interview go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code 34e7r**  
**Classes begin on Friday, 7 February 2020**

### **Summer Slide**

Children make progress in reading with regular and consistent practice. You may think it is a good idea to take a break from all school work over the summer however reading is a lifelong skill to be nurtured. For many children, six weeks with little or no reading can be detrimental. Summer Slide refers to children sliding back in their enjoyment of and achievement in reading. It is essential for many children that parents and caregivers carry out reading, go to the library and practice basic words and sounds during the holidays to consolidate and maintain learning.

Research shows:

- The consequences are cumulative and long lasting
- The slide can have a powerful influence on reading scores throughout high school and beyond
- Low-income children fall further behind than their classmates
- The loss is less pronounced or absent in students who have access to books and holiday learning experiences such as travel, museum visits etc

What works?

- Your child seeing you as a reader
- Students' own choice of books – visit the local library
- Aim for variety of reading material – recipes, word find and crosswords
- Reading a little and often each day works best

Regards

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