

## Nau mai, welcome to Term 3...

It has been wonderful to see all our tamariki back at school after the holidays. We trust everyone has had a restful break despite the wet weather! A special warm welcome to our new children Ida , Maverick and Luke who have joined our Junior Room over the past half term. We are excited to have you as part of our amazing Junior Class!

This term Philippa continues to teach in the Junior Room on Mondays and Tuesdays and Anna on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you need to connect with us about anything, you can contact Philippa on [philippa@sfs.school.nz](mailto:philippa@sfs.school.nz) or Anna on [annah@sfs.school.nz](mailto:annah@sfs.school.nz). If you would prefer to talk on the phone, we can arrange that.

### **Some reminders as we head into Term 3...**

#### **Drink bottles**

Please send a named drink bottle that can stay at school during the week and be refilled each day. We will send these home on Fridays to be washed.

#### **Bookbags**

Bookbags with a reading book are sent home each day for your child to read the page/s they have been working on in class. These need to be returned each day for continued reading in class.

#### **Poem Books**

Poem books come home each Friday with a new poem to read and enjoy together over the weekend. Please make sure your child returns their poem book to school on Monday.

#### **Seesaw**

We are thrilled that many of our whānau have signed up for Seesaw, a platform to share your child's learning with you. If you haven't already, please follow the steps and sign up for this. If you have any issues, don't hesitate to ask for help!

#### ***This term:***

We continue to prioritise 'Learning Through Play' where children can explore their interests and passions across a range of curriculum areas, from movement skills to science concepts to visual arts and dramatic play. Our children love starting the day with LTP and it is also a great way to support and develop other skills and capabilities such as social and emotional skills, problem solving and so much more!

Literacy continues to be developed and extended through the Better Start Literacy Approach with storytelling, sounds and spelling patterns, and of course a variety of reading and writing experiences.

In Maths we are strengthening our number sense and developing problem solving skills to explore a variety of mathematical concepts. We are also introducing the early stages of multiplication and division with lots of practical opportunities for grouping and sharing as well as learning to count in groups of 2, 5 and 10.

We are so looking forward to continuing our exciting learning journey this term.

#### **Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu**

*Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar.*

Learning a new skill, solving problems, and helping others are just some of the many "feathers" you can wear in order to soar high. Let's give our tamariki those feathers (experiences) so they may soar!

Ngā mihi

*Philippa and Anna*