

Team Two Newsletter 2010

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to some of our families and welcome to the families of children moving into Team Two this year. The newsletter will cover the curriculum area as well as camp and waterweek, which take place later in the year. We welcome to the Team Natalie Hill in R18 and to Fliss Higginson in R14. We welcome regular contact with parents and encourage you to let us know sooner rather than later about any queries you may have. Please use the following contact ladder if you have any concerns to address. Contact the classroom teacher first as they will be the day to day liaison with your child. If you have any further concerns then please make an appointment with the Team leader, Viv Mallabar R19. If there are still outstanding issues then contact the DP or Principal. Following these steps will ensure all possible help is given to you.

Camp & Waterweek:

This takes place in week 2 of Term 4 this year. Our Year 6 pupils will attend Shakespeare Lodge which is situated at the end of Whangaparaoa. Activities include Archery, Kayaking, Abseiling, Orienteering and Multi-Sport events which engage and challenge the children. This is a great camp, which we have enjoyed successfully for many years. If you are a parent who wishes to attend, then we will be looking early in Term 3 so that you have plenty of time to organise with work. This week usually costs around \$330 so we offer weekly payments through the office from Term 1. All food, accommodation, activity and instructor fees are included in this price.

Our Year 5 children will participate in a range of water activities to familiarise themselves with safety and skill aspects, for example we have snorkelled at Goat Island, visited the Maritime Museum and the Millennium Institute in the past. This week usually costs around \$125.

Dates to watch out for are at the end of this newsletter.

Mathematics:

Our strand this term is Statistics and children will be involved in investigations and graphing activities. Our ANP (Number) strand is Addition and Subtraction and all children will be directed in their Stage groups within classes.

Reading:

Our teacher directed focus is reading text at age levels with a focus on Inference and developing the use of key words or phrases to help with comprehension in a text. Within Tumble activities children will complete independent tasks associated with reading skills.

Writing:

Our Formal writing this Term will focus on developing language features needed to complete a Recount. We will also be writing daily in class (SSW) as well as looking at handwriting features to improve independence in your child's work. We are introducing a new spelling programme based around recognising sounds in words and will be revising wordstudy skills as well.

PE/Fitness/Sport:

Our PE skill lessons will focus on throwing, batting and catching using a variety of ball shape and sizes and then analyze as to what sports they would be appropriate to. We want the children actively thinking about skills needed for varying sports. Our sport programme develops further with modified games to practice these skills. Fitness this term will run on a 4 day cycle with each class participating in endurance and flexibility and aerobic exercises. The children are taking their own pulse and using it as part of a Statistics investigation which will look at their own class fitness over the term.

Inquiry:

Our school wide theme this year is “Our Life Long Journey”. We are using our school logos as part of our school identity journey. This Term our context is “Friendship”. Children will be applying various “Thinking Strategies” to move through the stages of learning to address our Team Fertile Question, “How does friendship affect relationships?” Our Key Competency is “Relating to Others” and the value we will be working with is “Compassion”.

ICT:

The team will be working with Ms Corsan in the ICT suite developing various skills as well as the use of the classroom computer, library resources and the school fax/e-mail as required in our studies.

The Arts:

Visual Art this term will focus on developing the use of tonal colours and understanding using primary colours to create the secondary colours. We will then use these skills developing individual artworks. Drama and Music will be integrated into reading and class activities as appropriate.

All other topics will be integrated as required in each individual class.

Class rewards and discipline programmes across the team, while varying slightly will be based around House and group points. All team discipline will be followed up by the Team Leader as necessary.

We look forward to a happy and productive year and your continued involvement in the education of your child.

Regards**Team Two Teachers**

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Important Dates:

PTA Chocolate Fundraiser –out in week 2
Team 1&2 Swimming Sports Thursday 9th March Week 6
Disco-TBA
Cake Stall-TBA