

# Team 4 News, Term 1 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a fun filled year of learning. A very special welcome to all the new families that have come to Whenuapai school. We hope you all enjoy your time here.

This year Team 4 is made up of 4 classes of year 1 and 2 children. They are:

Room 2:	Amanda Cochrane	(Year 2)
Room 3:	Lissa Pine (Team Leader)	(Year 1)
Room 4:	Mary-Anne Carr-Neil	(Year 2)
Room 8:	Marie Waters	(Year 2)

Each term you will receive a team newsletter to let you know what is happening in the term. You will also receive a weekly school newsletter and occasional letters to inform you of trips and special events so please remember to check your children's book bags for these. We value the input you have towards your child's learning and we are keen to establish strong links between home and school. If you would like to discuss your child's learning please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Before school is not always the best time to talk to the teacher as they are usually very busy at this time. You can also contact the teachers via e-mail.

School starts at 9am, therefore it is important that children arrive at least 10minutes before 9 to give them time to complete their classroom responsibilities before school so they are settled and ready for the day.

The children look very smart in their uniforms. Thank you for this. If for any reason your child is unable to wear their full school uniform please send a note to your child's teacher. As there is no whole school lost property area, make sure your ALL your child's belongings are named.

Thank you for having all of your child's stationery ready, and the exercise books covered to protect them. If you have not yet covered them could you please do this as soon as possible.

As the morning block is two hours long, at 10am the children have a quick break and have some 'Brain Food'. The type of foods that are acceptable for this are: dried fruit or cut up fresh fruit, crackers and vegetables. (PLEASE no sweet biscuits, roll ups or chips) The 'Brain Food' should be put into a separate named container so they can bring it into the class before school. **Please be aware that we have some children in Team 4 who are highly allergic to traces of nuts. We request that you avoid any food containing nuts when packing lunch boxes.** Thank you.

It is also a good idea for the children to have an extra named drink bottle that they can leave at school for the week. This drink bottle is for water only which they can drink throughout the day. The bottles should be taken home on Fridays to be cleaned out for the next week.

If you are able to help in the classroom please approach your child's teacher and let her know. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Terms 1 & 4 are compulsory hat terms. If your child does not have a hat they will be asked to play in shady areas. With this sunny weather it is imperative that every child is wearing their hat for all outside activities. We are strongly committed to establishing sun safe practices.

The children will be bringing a reading book home to read on Monday to Thursday and a poem book on Fridays for weekend reading. Please fill out their log books as a record of their reading. There are also some very good pointers in the reading log that can help you with your child's reading. Please help your child to be organised and ready for school by ensuring they keep their things in their book bag.

We use an integrated learning approach at Whenuapai School, with this year's whole school theme being "Our Life Long Learning Journey". This term our focus is "Friendship" with our key competency being "Relating to others", and the value of "Compassion" will be explored. We are also continuing to celebrate excellence in the children's work presentation, displaying "A1 Quality Work" on a special table in your child's classroom. We are also encouraging "A1 Quality Behaviour" supporting your child to achieve consistent pro social behaviour.

Please respect all the "out of bounds" areas at school. Parents with children are not permitted in the carpark areas. Please help us to keep your children safe by using only the designated paths. The Junior Adventure Playground is out of bounds before and after school due to safety and supervision concerns.

Children can often take some time to settle into their new classes, learn the rules and routines and the ways of their new teacher. Please keep encouraging and reassuring your child as they become familiar with their new surroundings.

Dates to Note:

Team 4/5 Assembly & Teddy Bears Picnic: Friday 26 March  
Term 1 Report: Monday 29 March

Thank you for your continued support in your child's learning. We look forward to a great year with your children. Kind regards,

Team 4 Teachers.

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