

Team 4 News, Term 2, 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to another busy term of fun and learning. We are continuing with the whole school theme of "Our Life Long Learning Journey". This term our topic is "Changes", with a brief focus on Seasons. We will also be introducing the Sun and the Solar System as an explanation for Earth's changing seasons. To further our learning in this, we will be visiting the Observatory in Week 4 of this term. This unit will progress from **Science**, learning facts and scientific concepts, to **Technology**, learning about design and construction processes.

Our literacy program this term continues with learning the basic skills of reading and writing. We will be sending a literacy report home with each child detailing their levels and achievements at the end of this term. A big thank you to all of you for your time spent supporting and encouraging your child in their reading every night.

In Maths we are continuing learning about number knowledge, and developing strategies for addition and subtraction. If you would like to help your child practice number knowledge skills, we would be very happy to supply a list of skills they are currently learning. We are also exploring time, specifically days and months, and reading calendars and clocks.

In Maori we are learning to count numbers to 10 and beyond, and days of the week, extending to months of the year. We will explore the legend of Maui and the Sun as part of our integrated studies. We are also continuing to practice greetings, farewells and some body parts learnt last term.

In the Arts, we are learning to play percussion instruments, and exploring beat and rhythm in music. We are combining visual art with technology this term to design and construct something on the space theme, so we would appreciate donations of small boxes and construction materials and maybe some time to help in the classroom, later on in the term.

In PE, we are learning some basic gymnastics skills for the first 6 weeks, then practicing big ball skills and winter games for the rest of the term.

Things to Note:

We have had a lovely first term this year and we all very much appreciate all your help and support in your child's learning and development. Thank you for helping your child to be organised and ready for school. Just a reminder to make sure your child has brain food and morning tea even when they are having a lunch order, as it is a very long morning until lunch time!

Thank you again to all those wonderful parents who spend an hour or so every week in the mornings helping with our parent support programmes in reading and maths. We would really appreciate some more helpers in these areas to cater for more children, so if you have 30minutes to spare one or more mornings a week, please send a note or come and talk to Mrs Pine in Room 3. It's very easy and a lot of fun!

Important Dates to Note for Term 2:

Paid Union Meeting	Tuesday 4 May (School finishes at 1.30)
Observatory Trip	Monday 10 May (Rms 1,3,6 & 7) Wednesday 12 May (Rms 2.4 & 8)
Book Fair	Week of 24 May
Cake Stall	Thursday 10 June
Disco	Friday 25 June
Literacy Reports home	Monday 28 June
Parent/Teacher Interviews	Wednesday 30 June
Last Day of Term	Friday 2 July

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