

## Team 5 Newsletter Term 3 2010

Kia ora and welcome to all the new families joining our learning community this term. We welcome Miss Georgina Johnston who will be working in Room 5 with our next New Entrant class starting on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Uniform:** Please ensure that your child's uniform items are clearly named. We are doing our best to return lost items but this is very difficult when they are not named. If your child is wearing incorrect uniform please send a note and your child will be issued with a uniform pass.

**Parent Helpers:** A huge thank you to those parents who are giving their time to support children in the Junior School. If you are able to assist please see your child's teacher. A special thank you to the many parents from Rooms 1 and 7 who recently celebrated 100 days at school with class parties.

**Arrival at School:** Please try to support your child to manage their before school routines themselves. We are aiming for independence with bookbags and brainfood, and cloakbay routines. Children need to be at school no later than 8.45am to allow them time to get ready for their day. As our Key Competency this term is "Managing Self" and our value is 'reliability', this is a great way of helping your child to achieve success.

**Curriculum:** The Team 5 Inquiry Learning focus this term is on The Arts, in the context of our theme "Story Magic". We will be looking at various story genres to develop understandings through music, dance, drama and visual art. We will be working on some Te Reo action songs and Poi dancing as well. For Maths we have a strand focus on Measurement, along with our Early Numeracy focus involving basic facts. This term we will be reporting on your child's progress and achievement in Maths. Physical Education involves skipping skills for the first half of the term, then we begin training for our Cross Country. This will be in week 9 and we look forward to your support for this special event.

**Home reading:** This is a very important part of your child's transition to school and is a good routine to establish at home. Please check your child's bookbag daily for their reading book and reading diary. This has some very helpful pointers for supporting your child's early literacy development. If you would like further information on how to best to support your child with reading please approach any of the Team Teachers. We are always happy to help at any time.

### Important Dates:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
8	Cake Stall	9.9.10
9	Cross Country	16.9.10
10	Numeracy Report	20.9.10
	Final day Term 3	Friday 24.9.10

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