

Team One Newsletter

Term One 9th February 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Your child is a member of Team One this year. This consists of Room Fifteen with Ms Nicole Wilson, Room Sixteen with Ms Donna Hird and Room Seventeen Miss Jo Osborne. Ms Nicole Wilson is Team Leader. We would like to welcome all returning students and extend a warm welcome to new students in our classes. Come and meet the new staff and hear about the 2009 programme at the 'Meet the Teacher Evening' this Wednesday from 6 pm onward.

We have a busy term ahead!

We are learning about each other and identifying the criteria for a successful year at school. Adapting to a new class can be difficult for students so we aim to make this transition as smooth as possible. If your child expresses concerns we should know about, please contact us through the school office.

In Mathematics we will be reinforcing basic facts recall and in numeracy cover number knowledge. We are also looking at statistics this term and students will be familiarising themselves with a variety of graphs and methods of data collection.

In English we will be focusing on personal recounts with an emphasis on the features of good writing including punctuation, grammar, revising and paragraphing. We will be starting the reading programme for the term with a shared novel before focusing on short stories in guided reading groups.

This term Health is the major focus area of the curriculum with an integrated theme 'It's All About Us'. In Team One we will be specifically focusing on our past (family history) and future (setting goals), ways of looking after ourselves (nutrition and exercise) and ways of expressing our experiences, thoughts and feelings.

P.E. will include fitness twice weekly and a build up of small ball skills for the interschool softball tournament on March 5th. Team 1 will be joining Team 2 (Year 5 and 6) on Wednesday February 25th at the base pool for a swimming sports day. Team sports are on Wednesday afternoons.

We continue our Technology classes at Te Atatu Intermediate on Friday mornings. Students are required to be ready to board the bus at 8.45 sharp. This means arriving at school in time to order lunch if needed, put away bag, and get Tech book and pencil case from desks. Covered footwear is necessary for classes in the workshops and students with long hair need to ensure that it is tied back. The cost

for Tech is \$40 per year or alternatively \$10 per term. An invoice from Te Atatu Intermediate will go out following the first Tech visit and payment can be sent along with your child on Fridays.

In Week 5 (March 2 - 6) we conduct PAT testing. Teachers use these results to group students and teach according to where each student is at. Please ensure your child is here so that catch up tests are not needed.

The homework programme begins this week, with new tasks being given out each Friday and collected the following Thursday. Homework will include some general language exercises, reading, spelling and mathematics. Homework should not become a teaching experience for you as a parent and caregiver, it is expected that our students will complete their homework tasks independently. This terms homework will also include an oral language assignment, all students are expected to prepare and present a talk on themselves to share with the class.

As part of our EOTC programme this year we will be attending MERC camp for 4 days in late March early April. Permission, parent helper and medical forms have already been sent home to be completed and returned promptly. If you have not received these yet please visit your childs classroom as soon as possible to collect another copy.

Important dates to remember:

February

11 - Meet the teacher evening

25 - Swimming Sports

March

5 - Softball Tournament

2 - 6 PAT Testing

31 - 3 MERC Camp

April

9 - Team 1 hosts senior school assembly

9 - Term 1 ends

Kind Regards,

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