

Team Two Newsletter Term Two 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term two. This is a very busy Term with the excitement of our wonderful Stage Challenge in Week 9, an Art gallery trip in Week 2, and the first of our Ripa and Junior Tackle Rugby Tournaments taking place this term. There will be reminders at the end of this newsletter with important dates. Thank you to all parents who have helped with any sporting events or been a class helper so far this year. Your help is invaluable and we look forward to this continuing.

Last term we did not have enough parents available to run our parent reading programme. If your circumstances have changed and you have an hour a day available to help with either Parent reading or maths please let me know and we will organise this extra help.

Once again, remember that our Year 6 camp takes place in Week 2 of Term 4. It is expensive but a memory that can be life long. If you would like to organise weekly or other payment options throughout the year please let Joanne know at the office. We are expecting the price to be around \$250-\$260 inclusive of all food, activities, instructor expertise and accommodation. Year 5 Activity Week will be priced at a later date but is usually around \$120. If you are a parent wanting to be a camp helper we will be looking for commitment next Term.

Please fill in the parent help form at the end of this newsletter if you are able to help. We look forward to a continued partnership this Term.

Curriculum Programmes:

Inquiry: This term our focus is “**What can I learn through what I see?**” We will be looking at signs and symbols within our global world. The Art gallery visit is part of this learning. The children will research and develop understanding that people can communicate their ideas through signs, symbols, objects and images. Each class will focus on differing areas from Aboriginal and Egyptian hieroglyphics to codes and signing of varying cultures and eras.

Children will be encouraged to develop more independence in their thinking skills and be involved through participating and contributing. Tolerance is the value being fostered this term.

Written language:

This term we will continue with Narrative and will complete a moderated writing sample that will be assessed. We will then move on to Report writing, involving factual research. A lot of oral discussion and sharing of ideas will occur along with graphic organisers for visual presentations.

Spelling /Wordstudy:

Children will again use list words at their own spelling level and will learn weekly in homework time as well as revising wordstudy activities looking at basic language features during class time.

Reading:

This term we will integrate with our inquiry unit looking at signs and symbols associated with comics and cartoon strips. We will look at language features used, learn the technical terms applied to features and complete our own comic strip. If there are any comics at home that you are willing to name and lend for this area in each class please see your child's class teacher and organise.

Mathematics:

We will start this Term looking at Measurement and focussing on Volume, Capacity and Mass as well as associated metric conversions. The children may bring in empty bottles for practical experiments as well as any empty boxes or tins (cleaned of course).

Our Numeracy focus will be Multiplication/Division. The children will be working at their current stage/ group and this may differ from last terms group.

PE/Fitness/Sport:

Our fitness programme will foster endurance and agility. We will continue with our weekly run, building up to Term 3's Cross Country. Large ball activities and agility exercises will complete the other day's fitness.

PE activities will encourage large ball handling and skills associated with these. Minor games and activities will foster this. Our weekly Sport will practice skills being developed with minor games using large balls.

This Term our Rippa Rugby teams and Junior Tackle team will have their first of the three day tournaments. Thank you to those parents who have already offered their help with coaching. Transport and tournament dates will be coming out shortly.

Congratulations to our Junior Tackle team, who because of last years second placing, will field a team for the Baba's Fun day on Sunday 17 May. Thank you to Mr Jolliffe and Mr Foulds for coaching this team.

Visual Art:

This term we will be completing Calendar art so look out for the opportunity to support the PTA and acquire some original art pieces from your child. Each class will also be focussing on various art types from different cultures supporting our signs and symbols unit.

ICT:(with Ms Corsan)

In this unit of work students will learn to identify the important features of verbal and visual language in advertisements and use them to create an original advertisement and cartoon advertisement. Our learning objectives are:

- To encourage cooperative learning skills and tolerance of others while working in groups to share information and ideas with the purpose of creating an advertisement.
- To provide students with an opportunity to experience and participate in using ICTs that relate to the school wide topic “Getting the Message”
- For students to develop an awareness of the ways in which computers can assist with communication
- To teach students skills in word processing , which will enable them to record and share their own ideas in a successful and powerful way.

Other Curricular subjects are integrated into any of the above programmes ie: Maori, Music, Dance and Drama.

We look forward to another term. Please don't forget to see your class teacher if there are any concerns you have as soon as possible to ensure our classes run smoothly.
Kind regards

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School wide events and dates to remember:

Week 2	Art Trips Wednesday 6 th May Room 19 Thursday 7 th May Room 20 Friday 8 th May Room 18
Week 3	Wednesday 13 th May Parent Evening- Active schools (Have your say on PE and Health within the school).
Week 4	19 th May APPA choir rehearsal
Week 5	27 th May Sausage Sizzle- Stage Challenge fundraiser 28 th May Parent Interviews
Week 6	1 st June Queen's Birthday 4 th June Ripa Rugby and Junior Tackle Tournament
Week 7	9 th June Mufti day- Stage Challenge fundraiser
Week 8	19 th June House Assembly
Week 9	22 nd June Stage Challenge Day Aotea Centre
Week 10	3 rd July Senior Singing Assembly 3 rd July End of Term.

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I can be a parent reader helper on these days _____

I can be a parent maths helper on these days _____

Name _____

Contact Details _____