

Team One Newsletter

Term Two 11th May 2009

Welcome back to another full on term. Our pupils continue to be busy around the school taking leading roles and being offered numerous activities to challenge themselves. We have school patrols, AV monitors, office monitors, prefects, buddy support mentors, senior choir members, gate message monitors, bus monitors, Gifted and Talented programmes, Sports Academy, interschool sport and last but not least Stage Challenge.

This term the focus is on the Arts with the theme being "Getting The Message". We will be considering the role the Arts play in communication. On May 26th we will be taking a special trip into the city to visit that Auckland Art Gallery and Albert Park as part of this inquiry. Students involved in stage challenge will continue to work every Thursday towards the final performance night at the Aotea Centre on June 22nd.

We will be assessing each student's competency at participating and contributing throughout the term. How they work with others, share ideas and roles, give and receive constructive feedback, participate with a positive attitude in different curriculum areas and respond to challenges asked of them.

In maths we will be consolidating knowledge of basic facts, moving onto fractions, ratios and decimals, and covering the measurement of length, time, and angles.

In literacy we will be writing narratives that will be marked for assessment. Reading will focus on developing inferential and evaluative skills as well as extending our vocabulary knowledge. All students will be assessed for their reading level and comprehension (understanding) this term. A literacy report will be sent home in the final weeks of term sharing your child's strengths and next areas for development in this area. Don't forget parent/teacher discussions will take place in Week 5.

French continues with Martine Strachan taking each class for a weekly lesson on French language and culture. Ms Corsan continues teaching information and computer technology lessons. PE and sports are based on large ball skills - throwing, catching, dodging, dribbling, and defending.

Technology lessons continue at Te Atatu Intermediate. Remember for safety reasons closed shoes are required to work in the workshops. The Intermediate will invoice each student \$40 for costs associated with materials used in their programmes over the course of the year.

Homework consisting of spelling, maths, language and a readers log began in Week 1. Homework is handed out on a Friday and is due the following Thursday. Marking takes place on the Thursday, homework that does not meet this deadline will not be marked. Please communicate with your child's teacher if there is a reason why homework is incomplete. Time management is an essential skill for students to have mastered before they leave us and enter secondary education.

With regards,

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