

Team 3 Newsletter, Term 3 2009

Welcome back to Term 3 and a very warm welcome to our new students. This term promises to be another busy one with lots of great topics planned. The team newsletter provides you with an outline of our activities, dates to note and some 'house-keeping' reminders. Please read through it carefully and keep it safe to refer to as needed.

Communication:

It was good to speak to most families at the Parent Teacher Interviews last term. Remember that if you have any questions or concerns please see your child's teacher in the first instance. Please contact the teacher to arrange a suitable time, as before school is very busy and teachers are not always best able to deal with your questions and concerns at this time.

Uniforms:

With the cold weather most children are arriving at school warmly dressed. As the day warms up many remove their polar fleeces and shoes. It is essential that all items are named, but particularly these items which are often left at school at the end of the day. If for some reason your child is not wearing the correct uniform please write a note which can be given to your child's class teacher who will issue a uniform pass.

Arrival at School

School starts at 9.00am. Children should arrive before this time in order to prepare for the day. Many have class responsibilities in the morning, and they need time to unpack their bags and organise their books. The children are well settled in the team and we are now asking that parents do not assist children in preparing for the day. You are welcome to come into the classroom and view work etc. but please ensure that you are not doing your child's preparation. Fostering increased independence in the children is one of our major goals in Team 3.

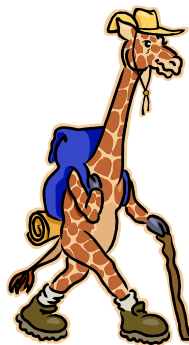
Homework:

Homework continues with spelling, reading and maths. Spelling words should be revised every night. We encourage the children to read each night, either a book from school or one from home and to record at least 4 books per week. Please ensure that children bring their book bag each day as books cannot be sent home without one. For maths they should be completing 2 pages per week (these are pre-dated at the top of the page). Regular practise of these essential skills is vital to support the children's learning. At times an additional small task relating to topic work in class will be given. All homework is due at school on Friday for marking.



Dates to Note:

24 July	Spell-a-thon
30 July	Rippa Rugby (year 3-8)
5 & 6 August	Electricity Shows
14 August	School Disco
18 & 20 August	MOTAT class trips
24 August	Life Education Sessions begin
2 September	Cake Stall
4 September	Trivia Night
10 September	Rippa Rugby (year 3-8)
17 September	Jump Rope
18 September	Team 3 Singing Assembly



Topics this term:

Our **Integrated Curriculum** continues this term with a Technology focus - "A New Way". The children will be learning about how new products are invented. The value for the term is Responsibility and the key competency is Thinking.

Maths: We are continuing to work on the Numeracy Project with a focus on Fractions. This involves a lot of practical work, as well as having direct links to multiplication and division. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes, and using simple maps to show position and direction in our Geometry unit.

Written Language: We will be learning how to write letters and instructions.

Reading: The children will continue to work on developing a range of reading skills using a variety of texts at appropriate levels. This may mean your child does not bring home a new reader every night.

Spelling & Word Study: Our Chunk, Check and Cheer programme continues as does weekly spelling lists. We will be learning about plurals.

P.E.: A very active programme is planned for the term. Weekly skill lessons will focus on skipping and in preparation and stamina building for cross country. Fitness will be aerobic activities to support our skipping and running. Friday sport will focus on a variety of Te Reo Kori games and skills.

Arts: For visual art we will be producing calendars which will be available for viewing/buying later in the year. Our focus is creating a 3D structure from recycled materials.

I.C.T: This term the children will be learning to create a digital book on inventions using Power Point, designing a computer game and creating an animated story using Marvin.

We look forward to a busy and fun filled term. Again, please feel free to talk to us about anything to do with your child's education.

Regards
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