

Team Three Newsletter - Term 4 2009

Wow! It is hard to believe that it is the final term of 2009 already! This term is a busy one with end-of-year trips and assemblies, assessment and reports and the usual busy classroom programme. Please take the time now to update your calendars with the following dates:

Dates to Note:

26 October	Labour Day
27-6 November	Marbles weeks
10 November	Iron Brian BBQ Roadshow
13 November	School disco
17-18 November	Mini Ball
29 November	PTA carboot sale
1 December	Junior Athletics Day (Team 3 & 4)
2 December	Cake stall
2-3 December	Kiwi Go!
4 December	Team 3 Assembly
8 December	Principals Morning Tea
11 December	Kiwi Valley End of Year Trip
11 December	End of year reports sent home
14 December	Graduation
15 December	School closes at 12pm



Reminders:

Hats - the children are required to wear a school uniform hat at all times outside during Term 4. Please ensure your child has their hat each day as they are otherwise required to sit in shaded areas of the school grounds at breaks and during class sessions outside.

Stationery - many of the children require some new stationery particularly glue sticks and pencils. Some children will require an exercise book to continue with some subjects; however class teachers will try to accommodate this work in an existing book where possible. Please check with your child on a regular basis whether there is any stationery they need. Stationery items can be purchased each morning before school from the office.

Communication - please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child. A quick note enables the teacher to contact you to arrange a suitable time to meet. Please remember that before school is a busy preparation time and teachers cannot discuss matters at this time.

Homework - Weekly homework covers spelling, reading and basic facts. The children should be completing some reading every night and recording it in their log books. Two pages of maths (these are predated) are to be completed each week. All homework should be handed in on Friday to enable it to be marked over the weekend. At times children may receive additional tasks related to topic work in class. These activities should be fun and enjoyable.

Curriculum:

Our Integrated Topic this term is "Moving On" which we will be looking at from a Social Studies perspective. We will be finding out about the dangerous jobs and how these jobs help keep our communities safe. Our key competency is Relating to Others.

In Writing we are looking at recounts and poetry.

Reading: The classes will be continuing with individual reading plans, utilising a variety of resources. A reminder that children who are reading above Gold will not always bring a book home but should be starting to choose books of their own for daily reading.

Spelling: Weekly spelling lists will be given to children for learning at home. These are tested weekly.

Maths: Most children will be revisiting Addition and Subtraction strategies this term in Numeracy. We are also learning about money in measurement.

P.E. / Sport: This term we will be focusing on Athletics. We will be learning how to run, jump and throw using appropriate techniques. Our sport focus is on team games and the classes rotate weekly around different games. Fitness continues twice a week for 15 minutes.

We are looking forward to an exciting final term for 2009.

Regards
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