

Team One Newsletter

Term Four 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4. It's another busy term ahead as we head into summer. Please remember all students must wear a blue school hat or cap outdoors.

An overview of this term's programmes follows:

In **Mathematics** we will cover problem solving, using the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in more complex real life scenarios. Basic facts and number knowledge continue to be a focus in class and students will be assessed for their numeracy levels again toward the end of term.

In **English** we will be focussing on character descriptions and poetry, studying the literary features of these and learning to craft our own poems. Weekly spelling lists are sent home to learn and used for word study activities in class. In reading we are practising our comprehension skills using fiction texts. We will be studying both fiction and non fiction texts throughout the term. Each student will be assessed to confirm their reading level and identify their next teaching needs during the term.

The **Integrated Study** for Term 4 is *Moving On*. We will be studying this through the Social Sciences and Health curricula. In particular we are focusing on 'Disasters' and 'Coping With Change'.

In **Art** we will be learning about dancing styles through the decades and working towards a special performance for our graduation night. We are very proud of our artworks in our classrooms. Call in and have a look at our colourful wall displays.

P.E. includes a build up of athletic skills leading up to the athletic sports this term. **Team Sports** continue to be on Wednesday afternoons and include long ball, summer 3-bat and volleyball. We will also be discussing how the human body changes during puberty in **Health** this term.

We continue our **Technology/Manual** classes at Te Atatu Intermediate on Friday mornings, and ICT lessons in our computer suite once a fortnight. Please remember to pay any outstanding ICT and Tech/Manual fees (\$10 per term for each of these) for this final term.

Homework will run for the first 8 weeks of term. Language, regular spelling lists and new maths will continue to go out weekly.

An important focus for most of the students in our team this term will be the **Graduation Ceremony**. Put the evening of December 14th in your diary now as an important time to be here. We require some parent help to set up the hall during the day and to organise and run the hall kitchen for supper that evening. Please contact Ms Wilson in Room 15 or fill out the slip attached and return to school if you are able to help with this.

Reporting to parents this term is by a final report in Week 9. Year 7's will be organised into 2010 classes by late November so if there is anything you need us to know such as your child not returning **please contact Ms Wilson** before then.

Some important dates for your calendar are:

23rd October - No Tech @ Te Atatu Intermediate
26th October - Labour Day (school closed)
27th October - Massey High School Assessments (take place at Massey at 8.35am)
4th November - Nor-West Touch Rugby Tournament
11th November - APPA Music Festival (Auckland Town Hall)
13th November - School Disco (Freaky Friday)
17th/18th November - Miniball
19th November - Senior School Athletics Day
27th November - Nor-West Athletics Day
30th November - Road Patrol Rainbows End Trip
2nd December - Cake Stall
2nd/3rd December - Kiwi Golf
5th December - Road Patrol Trip
10th December - Senior Singing Assembly
14th December - Team 1 Fun Day and Graduation Evening
15th December - Last Day of Term

Regards,

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Help For Graduation

Please circle below:

Yes/No I am able to help decorate and set up the school hall during the day on Monday 14th December 2009

Yes/No I am able to help in the hall kitchen to organise and run the graduation supper during the evening on Monday 14th December 2009.

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