

WEBSITE NEWSLETTER

Syndicate Organisation



Our team consists of the following staff:

Mrs Beverley Burke in Manuka
Mrs Kathryn Woodman in Rimu
Mr Peter Cooley in Kahikatea (Team Leader)

On Fridays Mr Cooley has senior staff release time and a relief teacher will take the class. Mr Robert Saelsman will be filling this role.

We continue to encourage communication between staff and parents at all times and we will endeavour to have an open door policy as far as practically possible. We see ourselves as partners with parents with a common goal to develop the potential of all of the children, and so we ask that you share any relevant information with us and we will keep you fully informed at all times, of developments at school.

We look forward to your continued support.

Activities Term 2

Our curricular activities for this term will include our Literacy programme, numeracy and our inquiry "Zero waste". This will include inquiring into reducing and using waste to compost and develop our own sustainable garden. We are working towards becoming an Enviro School and the senior syndicate will be developing a Pacific Island garden. More information on this will follow and we will be inviting our Pacific Island parents to help with ideas and information so that we can grow suitable crops.

The children will be participating in our Kiwisport programme this term where they will do netball. Other sports that will be offered for the children will be rippa rugby, netball, miniball and hopefully rugby league.

Homework

Our homework will continue as for term one and consists of the following:

- daily reading for 10 to 15 minutes each day (Mon. to Thurs.) This could be varied in many ways to include reading to you, the child recounting the passage, asking comprehension questions, reading a variety of reading matter (news papers, books, magazines etc).

- learning and practicing basic facts (could be written in homework books).
- spelling and the related exercises.
- other specific tasks as given by the class teachers.

We ask parents to ensure that homework is not an unpleasant experience but a way of developing independence and responsibility in the children. We also expect children, not parents, to complete homework. There is an explanation sheet pasted in to the front of the homework book explaining homework requirements. Please sign your child's homework and spelling notebook each week.

Camp and EOTC

Our year six children went on camp to Hunua Falls in the last week of term one (2 - 5 April). At the same time the year 4 and 5 children remained at school and participated in an outdoor programme conducted in and around school and the immediate environs.

We would like to thank all our parent helpers who gave up their time to assist with these activities and the whole school community for the outstanding support at the fun evening and the other fund raising activities. Your support with the fund raising made it so much easier for parents to enable their children to participate in these valuable experiences.

General

We would like parents to also be aware of what your children are having for lunch at school. We prefer and encourage you to support healthy practices so we will insist on healthy food for lunches. Please make sure that no fizzy

drinks are brought to school, we would prefer drink bottles with only water to be consumed on school grounds.

We ask parents to please make sure that everything your child brings to school is clearly marked with their name, this includes clothing as well as stationery. It makes things so much easier to return lost property when everything is named and marked so as to avoid any confusion.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of the team should you need any further information or help.

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