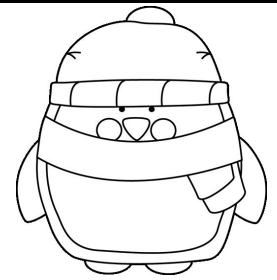


Team One Newsletter

Term Three 2017

Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September



Diary Dates

9 August - 6 September
Small Sticks hockey for Team 1, each Wednesday afternoon

11 - 29 September Year 2
swimming at Karori Pool each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

(Year 1s swimming in late Term 4)

Early September - date to be confirmed - *Calendar Art viewing*

14 September – *Team 1 Assembly, Viggers Centre 2:30pm - please note this is on Thursday this term because of Year 2 swimming schedule*

29 September - *Community Assembly*

Student Safety

We continue to strongly encourage good hand washing habits to prevent the spread of winter ills. If illness does strike, please keep your child at home until she/he recovers.

Nuts in Lunches

We have several children with nut allergies and ask that nuts, especially peanuts, pistachios and cashews, not be put in lunchboxes.

Keeping Warm

Have you checked the lost property baskets at school? Many items end up there. If named it's very easy for us to locate their owners.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We hope everyone has had a refreshing and relaxing break over the holidays. This week we welcome five new entrants to Team 1. Toby Clark, Matthew Parker, Sylvie Scrivener, Olivia Quinn and Sophia Tran joined the Room 3 group of learners who started school during Term 2 - Greta Dye, Tyler Lucas, Eleanor Zablocka, Pippa Norwood, Hollie Lawrence, Jack Lourie, Ella Matthews, Millie Crowe, Oscar Hill and Haaim Malik. Welcome to all those children and their families.

A position for a new entrant teacher in Room 15 is currently being advertised and it is anticipated that this class will begin in early September.

Before school time in classrooms

Before School Care is available each morning in the library from 7:45 until 8:30am. We respectfully request that children wait until 8:30am before coming into classrooms as we are busy with meetings or preparing for the day's learning. Thank you for your understanding.

Swimming at Karori Pool - Year 2s

The Year 2 students will be swimming later this term and a newsletter with more details about times for both classes will be sent later in August.

Thank you!

We very much appreciate all the help and support families give in a variety of ways - shelving books, processing new reading books, helping out at Quality Time Together (QTT) etc. It really makes a difference - thank you!

Resources

Thank you also for donating boxes, paper, containers etc. We are finding that although boxes, containers and general "junk" supplies are very useful and inspire children to be creative in their junk constructions, donations of the My Food Bag boxes are less useful and are taking up rather a lot of space. Ice cream containers, on the other hand, are always very useful!

Small sticks

We are participating in a series of hockey lessons this term. This has been a very successful programme over the past few years and it's great to see the skills our students learn through working with the hockey coaches. Start shopping for those mouthguards now as students won't be able to participate unless they have a mouthguard for each lesson. Please send them (named) to school and they will be kept at school ready for the lessons.

Team 1 Assembly

This term's Team 1 Assembly is on Thursday 14 September in the Viggers Centre at 2:30pm. We are looking forward to showing you a variety of folk dances, as well as other dances we will be mastering this term.

Requests for Help

Quality Time Together (QTT)

Coming home today is the roster for helpers who have volunteered to help out with QTT on Thursday afternoons. If you are unable to commit yourself to a rostered time, you are more than welcome to join us on any Thursday afternoon. As all our Year 1s and 2s are working together in Rooms 1, 2 and 3, there is very little extra space and we are unable to accommodate preschoolers. Please contact Marie in Room 3 if you have any queries about this.

Our list of helpers for QTT is lower this term - can you help out?

Shelving Readers

We have some fabulous helpers who regularly help with shelving the readers in circulation in Team 1 classes each week. If you are able to join this group, please email Marie or pop into Room 3 to see her. We read so many books each week!

Classroom Helpers

We will often send a letter or email requesting classroom help, but if you would like to be involved and lend a hand, please get in touch with the classroom teacher.

Learning this term in Team One

Topic - Friendship

We are beginning the term with a topic based on friendships within the class. Part of the theme of the topic is "Bucket filling" which children and their families will become familiar with. You will be sent a letter with further information and home based activities around friendship in the coming weeks.

Alongside our friendship topic is another one, Journeys through picture books. In this topic we will be looking at physical and emotional journeys as well as settings, character and plots within stories. Our Journeys topic is part of a whole school theme. Each Team is looking at Journeys from a different perspective.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we focus daily on building up Number knowledge and strategies. As well as focussing on strengthening Number knowledge and strategies, this term we will be extending our vocabulary when looking at positional language (left, right, quarter turns, half turns). We are also learning to tell the time. Both the positional language and time telling topics sit alongside learning about fractions.

Reporting to Parents

Our transition to reporting about student progress around the time of their 20 week (half year), 40 week (full year), 60 week (year and a half) and 80 week (two year) times at school is well under way. We will set up meeting times with parents around those benchmark times.

We are ready for a wonderful term of learning!

Kind regards,

Marie, Fiona, Hannah, Alice and Emma

Contacting the teachers

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to pop in, email, or arrange a time to meet.

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