

Welcome to Term Three

It is hard to believe it is already half way through the school year! I am sure this term will go very fast, especially with the excitement of the Arts Evening! Room Ten have started learning sign language to The Candyman song for part of our item. A huge thanks to Mrs Cox for the sign language.

It will be a busy few weeks putting these, and some dance moves together! We also need to make costumes.

If anyone has any big boxes, spare card, cellophane or materials that could be used to create 'candy' type costumes, please send it in or get in touch as soon as possible. And, of course you are welcome to come in and join us over the next few weeks to help with creating if you want or can. Come and see me or email if there is any times you are available.



A bit of what is happening this term...



Literacy – we are continuing to work on comprehension – understanding and using what we read. The students are learning different activities to help support this. Please keep encouraging your child to read every day. Remember home reading does not have to be the journals they bring home. It can be school or town library books, chapter books or books from the Reading Eggs programme library online. www.readingeggs.co.nz

This term, for writing, we will continue to look at ways of including more detail and evidence in our writing. We will also be continuing to work on punctuation and understanding some basic language features.



Mathematics – the students' will be continuing with our maths programme that consists of basic facts using 'club 100', word problems and 'practise it' which gives them a chance to practise in areas they need. This programme works alongside knowledge and strategy group work. Later this term we will also be doing more statistics, which we did start at the end of last term. Please continue to support your child's maths learning using everyday situations that make maths relevant, and by using the ideas in their homework books. Remember to use this website for ideas if needed: www.nzmaths.co.nz



Topic – The first part of the term, we will be busy with our arts evening item. After that, we will continue with an arts focus and look at different artists and work (drama, dance and music).



MPS & Class Expectations...

We will be

Motivated to Learn

We will show

Positive Behaviour

We will have

Successful Relationships



Stay on Target with a
Positive Mindset

	INSTEAD OF ...	TRY ...
VIEWPOINT	I have to be perfect.	I love a new challenge.
SETBACKS	I've failed at this.	How can I learn from my mistakes and move forward?
CHALLENGES	This is too hard!	I can do this if I put in the time and effort.
EFFORT	Why should I try hard?	I will always give my best effort.
FEEDBACK	That advice isn't helpful.	I will try those suggestions.
RESULTS	This is good enough.	I'm always making progress and improving.

Homework...

Please encourage your child to pack their bookbag back into their school bag after they have finished their work each day to ensure they remember it!

Homework expectations:

- Reading for at least 15 minutes a night (to be recorded in their reading log, in their homework book). Sometimes they will have reading from class for this or they can read own choice.
- Their poetry book to share over the weekend.
- Possible letter/word or number activities or topic related questions in their homework book. The intention is for it to be fun and to help reinforce any learning that is taking place within the class.

Your child should have their homework book in their book bags every day. Please sign the reading log daily to let me know reading has been done.

Coming Dates...

Week 2:

Learning Conferences – Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd August.

Week 4:

School photos – Thursday 17th August.

Room 10 Assembly – Friday 18th August at 12pm in the hall.

Week 5:

Arts Evening – Thursday 24th August. There will be 2 shows, 1pm and 6.30pm. Get in quick to get your tickets.

Week 9:

Whanau Day – Friday 22nd September.

Week 10:

Last day of term – Friday 29th September.

Health and Safety...

Uniforms – please make sure all uniforms are named, especially at this time of year when the weather changes over the day, and many tops are taken off. If there is no name in the top, I cannot return it to the correct owner.

Nits – please check regularly as these little critters are always around. Combing hair twice a day and using conditioner can help!

Road crossing – please remind your child that the safest place to cross the road is at the crossing!