

Room 2 Newsletter - Term 3 2017

Welcome back!

I hope you had great holidays, and stayed as warm as possible! As you may have read in the newspaper last term, MPS is bursting at the seams with children! Once Room 8 is full, Room 2 will take the next group of children, so there will be some new faces in class from about week 3 onwards. All current Room 2 children will stay with me, to be great little role models! ☺

Coming Dates

Miss Hoy will be out of the class on teacher release/course on the following dates:
Aug 2,4,18,30 Sept 1,15,27,29
(Miss Oakly or Mrs Tankersley will be here on these days)

School Photos: August 17

Arts Evening Show: August 24

Healthy Lunches Workshop: Sept 7

Spaghetti Buns Fundraising: Dates to be confirmed

Whanau Day: September 22

Learning Conferences: Sept 20/21

Disco: Date to be confirmed

End of Term: Sept 29

Homework

Your child has homework every night and it should be signed and returned everyday. Please read the inside cover of the Alphabet Book for the details. If you have any queries, please come in and see me, as I am only too happy to clarify.



Independence

One of the biggest things your child will learn in their first year of schooling, is independence. This is a vast area that covers everything from self-management skills to social skills in the play ground. Your help in the area of independence is appreciated immensely by us. Think about how you can give your child responsibility and independence. You can help by encouraging your child to:

- pack/unpack their own bag
- open packets of food
- help with jobs at home
- get dressed/undressed by selves
- put on/off shoes by selves
- talk about their feelings and problems in order to solve minor conflicts by themselves (using I statements)

Please save my sanity...

Please bear in mind that the children take their shoes off everyday for the following activities: PMP, singing in the music room, sandpit and just general play! Unless your child has mastered tying their laces, please send them to school in shoes that not only encourage their independence, but don't end up in a nest of knots, and hold everyone up whilst time is taken to put on and do up.

PMP

We are always looking for helpers for Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8.45am - 10.15am. You only have 4/5 children at one time in a group, and get to meet other parents and be involved. Please come and see me if you are interested in helping out with this.

Curriculum

This term will be divided up into 3 mini topics. The first 5 weeks we will explore Traditional Tales, focusing on literacy activities to explore and deepen our understanding of both written and read texts. This will culminate with our bi-annual ARTS EVENING SHOW, where the children will perform an item for a large audience in the evening (details below). Weeks 6 - 7 will have a topic of Healthy Food. We do this every year in Term 3, to coincide with the Holdsworth Lions group providing a healthy lunches workshop for the New Entrant children. This year we are inviting parents (details below). The final three weeks will be dedicated to finishing off some of our Planet Earth work from Term 2. We will be concentrating on the environmental side of looking after our planet - what small steps we can do to make a difference to Papatuanuku (Earth Mother). Other areas that will be covered throughout the term are: Health: the equal importance of food, water, sleep and exercise for our bodies; PE: Folkdancing and Gymnastics

For Literacy, our main focus, as always, will be for the children to learn their phonics, and their sight word lists. This knowledge underpins both Reading and Writing, and is ESSENTIAL. There will be a large focus on exploring language features and text types around our topic of traditional tales.

For Maths this term, we will cover the following strands:

- Transformations - Including reflections, line of symmetry, translations, rotations
- Position & Orientation - Giving and following directions involving direction, distance, $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{1}{2}$ turns
- Number Knowledge - Reading, counting, ordering numbers forwards/backwards, skip counting in 10s
- Number Strategies - Simple number story problems (starting with addition and subtraction)
- Minor units of work on - shape, time, capacity



Facebook

If you haven't yet become part of our Room 2 Facebook Group, and would like to, come and see me. All I need is your email address to send you an invite.



School Photos

Don't forget to get your order forms and money into the office. Photos are on August 17th, which is not very far away.

Lunches for Fundraising

Hot Dog for \$3 on Wednesdays

Pie for \$3 on Fridays

Order these on the day, at the office. Your child will get a stamp on their hand.

FOS - Friends of School

This is our PTA who are involved with various fundraising activities during the year (eg. discos, school lunches, etc). If any of our new parents would like to support this group, PLEASE come and chat to me. It is not a big commitment and is a great way to meet parents and staff, and get involved.

Nurse Danica Goldsmith

Our School Nurse is on site every Monday in the small office beside Room 1. She is more than happy to answer any questions you have. If your child has not had a New Entrant Check at their Early Childhood setting, she will contact you soon to arrange a meeting.



Healthy Lunches Workshop

For the last two years, the Holdsworth Lions have donated time and money into providing a fun morning of involving New Entrant children in making healthy lunches. They even won an award for this work they do with us at MPS. They will be running this event again this year, and this time we are inviting parents along too! Come and join in on the fun, take some freebies home and be in to win a prize!

Thursday September 7th



Arts Evening

On Thursday 24th August, we will have our Arts Evening. Children will be expected to come along in the evening to put on a show for the community. Tickets sell FAST and there is LIMITED SPACE, so remember to come into the office and purchase your tickets, as soon as you see them advertised in the school newsletter.

Costumes

I will send home details about costumes closer to the time, but don't worry, I always try to keep things fairly easy!

Junior Fundraising

Keep an eye out for the Junior Fundraising activities. We will need parents to support us in this venture to raise money for our end of our year trip. We will aim to do two spaghetti bun days this term. See me if you can help make these - very easy!



Due for reports and parent interviews this term will be:

Nikkita, Mere, Eli, Caleb, Shelby

(Information regarding booking a timeslot with me will be sent out to you in the coming weeks)

Spare Clothing for Accidents

It is very useful to include a change of clothes, in particular underwear in your child's bag. Although I do have spare clothing in the classroom, I often don't get clothing returned, so stocks are limited.

If you do have trousers in smaller sizes that your children have grown out of, I would very much appreciate donations of these.

