

# Syndicate Newsletter

**Welcome** back to all students, parents and caregivers. We have a busy term ahead with Arts Evening coming in Week 5 this term. There are also a number of sports tournaments coming up.

**School Bell Times:** It is essential that your child is at school and ready to start before the 8.45am bell.

Some Year 6 students have responsibilities e.g. Road Patrol, Fruit Monitor etc that require them to be at school by 8.15am. Please ensure they are organized and on time.

Here is a list of bell times.

- 8.45am School starts/Class time
- 10.25am Morning Tea/Playtime
- 10.45am Class time
- 12.30pm Lunch eating
- 12.40pm Lunchtime
- 1.10pm Class time
- 2.30pm Home time

**Uniforms:** The weather is getting cooler and its important that your child is dressed warmly for school. Please remember that school jerseys should be worn if the weather is cold. A jacket can be worn over a school jersey, not as a school jersey substitute.

Your child's uniform should be clearly named in a durable manner. This can ensure a return of lost property.

**Sickness:** There have been a number of children away with colds. If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they are no longer contagious. If your child has had vomiting/diarrhoea, please keep them home at least 24hours after symptoms have stopped.

Children need to be getting adequate sleep so they can focus at school. Please help your child's learning by making sure they are organised and ready for school each day.

**Nits:** These are a common problem and will continue unless treated regularly. We have a health nurse who is available to support your family if needed. Please contact the school office if you would like this help.

**Extra curricular activities:** Winter sports are well underway so please keep an eye out for your child's team newsletter. MPS Expectations apply at all times when in school/sports uniform. Please remember to pay all fees if you have not already done so.

**Year 6 Camp Payments:** Thank you to the families who have paid in full, or are making weekly payments. We still have a number of families who are yet to make any contribution. Please note that we have to have a significant portion of the camp payments in before we can confirm your child's attendance.

If you are interested in being a parent helper at camp, keep an eye out for a letter coming home soon. We have to get the police vet checks in as soon as possible. We will contact you if you are selected.

**Learning Conferences:** This is an opportunity for you *and your child* to come to school and meet with your class teacher to discuss your child's learning. Please make a booking at the office or online.

### Important Dates:

Wed 2 & Thurs 3 August—Three way learning conference.

Wed 9 August—Masterton Ball relay tournament

Thurs 17 August—School Photos

Wed 23 August—Arts evening dress rehearsal

Thurs 24 August—Arts evening matinee 1pm

Thurs 24 August—Arts evening show 6.30pm

Fri 25 August— Masterton Orienteering.

Please sign and return this form so we know you have received this important information.

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are all your contact details up to date? Yes / No (Please circle)

Please contact the office if you need to update your contact and emergency details.



## What's happening this term?

**Topic:** This term we will be very busy with our Art's Evening item practice for the first 5 weeks of term. Please keep an eye out for any notices about costumes needed or ticket sales which will be coming out in the weeks ahead. This evening is always great fun!

Our topic in class is going to be body systems with the main focus around what our body needs to be healthy, healthy eating, digestions, respiratory system, nervous system and internal organs. (This is not the Sexuality Programme which we run every second year).

**Numeracy:** We are starting off with a unit about measurement. We will be learning about time, length, volume and mass. A great way of helping your child learn at home is to get them helping at meal times by measuring food or liquids using measuring cups etc. They can also be learning to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks at home.

Please keep learning times tables up to 10x10 as these facts are very important when learning new strategies in class.

**Responsibilities:** There are a number of students who have already taken up the opportunity to join extra-curricular activities or groups. We highly recommend students being involved in sports or cultural groups if possible.

**Homework:** Each week I provide a weekly quiz about current events around our world. This is sometimes too tricky for a child to do independently but it provides a great opportunity for adults/parents to work with their child to find the answers together. Children should also be regularly reading their chapter book which we get issued from the library each Monday. They also need to be learning their times tables and practicing their basic facts at home. (Basic facts are all number combinations between 0-20 eg.  $2+2=4$ , half of  $18=9$ ,  $15-10=5$  etc.)

**Online Learning:** Each child in Room 3 have their own accounts on Reading Eggs and Studyladder. These online learning tools are great for practicing maths and reading. Please encourage your child to use these tools if they do have access to a device and internet.

It is important to remind your child about being safe online and how they should treat others while using the internet.

[Wwww.readingeggs.co.nz](http://www.readingeggs.co.nz) or [studyladder.co.nz](http://studyladder.co.nz). There are tasks which I have set on both sites for your child to do.

**3-way Learning Conferences:** This is an opportunity for you and your child to come and talk with me about the interim report which was sent home on the last day of last term. These learning interviews are happening next week (Week 2) so please make a time with the office if you would

*If you have any questions or need to contact me directly about your child, please email on [broughtons@masterton.school.nz](mailto:broughtons@masterton.school.nz) or phone the school office 06 377 5297*