

# Room 8, Term 3



## Welcome back to MPS for Term 3!

Welcome to our new students this term Rhyder, Lily, Naomi, Taimana, Kaiwero and Azaelyah. We have another busy term ahead of us. Please feel free to come in and chat about any queries you have throughout the term.

### Upcoming dates

#### Arts evening

Wednesday 23rd of August - dress rehearsal

Thursday 24th of August - Performances at 1.00pm and 6.30pm

#### Whanau day

Friday 22nd of September

End of term - 29th of September



### Curriculum

We are already busy preparing for our Arts evening performance in week 5. We will be singing Moana songs so there are lots of words to learn (if we don't know them already!). In weeks 6 & 7 we will be learning about healthy eating and are lucky enough to have the Lion's group coming in to make some healthy lunches with us. In weeks 8-10 we will be doing a technology project to finish the term.

#### **PE:**

Alongside our daily fitness, we are doing folk dancing from weeks 1-5 and then gymnastics from weeks 6-10.

#### **Maths:**

Geometry (Transformations) – Learning about translations, reflections, rotations, lines of symmetry

Geometry (Position & Orientation) – Use the language of direction and half/quarter turns to give and follow instructions

Number Knowledge – Reading, counting, ordering numbers forwards/backwards, skip counting

Number Strategies – Simple number story problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

#### **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.



### **PMP**

We do PMP three days a week and desperately need parents to help out on 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.

If you are available and interested please come in and talk to me.



### **Facebook page**

We now have a secret facebook page for Room 8! This is a forum for Room 8 pupils and their families to help increase home/school communication. If you are not yet part of this group and would like to join please email me or come in and chat and we can sort it out for you.

### **Homework**

Remember the motto, *little and often* when it comes to homework. It should take no longer than 20 minutes to go through a combination of the following: letter sound revision, read book, word revision, name or spelling practise. If no one is signing the notebook, I assume that it is not being done. If you are having trouble fitting it in, or want new ideas, I can help with this.

Sometimes older siblings can be helpful with providing a regular homework routine – get them to sign the notebook and feel empowered by being a teacher to their little brother or sister!

### **Arts Evening**

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Come into the office and purchase your tickets, as soon as you see them advertised in the school newsletter. I will send home details about costumes closer to the time, but don't worry, I always try to keep things fairly simple and easy!

### **Assembly**

Remember that every Friday, school assembly is held in the hall from 12 - 12.30pm.

Families are more than welcome to attend. A different class runs the assembly each week.

### **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.

Thank you for your continued support!  
Miss Southall