

Masterton Primary School
Term 4 Rm 14 Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Term 4 is well underway and a short but busy term lies ahead.

This term we are continuing with our study on Bugs and Beasties while Mr Alderson will be looking at Air and appropriate science and technologies around this topic. We will also be looking at making things move, including forces, wheels and pulleys.

Reading this term includes shared and guided reading in class. We will continue with regular guided reading in school time and this term we are continuing with a buddy reading system with Room 7. Home reading should continue with advanced readers reading chapter books selected from the library and others with follow up work from reading at school. Some form of reading should be attempted each week night. Library days are still Tuesday and Thursdays.

Maths includes revision of adding and subtraction, fractions and multiplication and equal sharing. A big focus is on learning basic facts and number knowledge with identifying larger numbers. Remember playing dice games is a quick way to recognise patterns and help speed up the recall of basic facts. We will also be looking at Patterns, Symmetry and Position.

We begin each day with a chat about current news items. This gives an opportunity to discover/explore the wider world and we hope to see all contribute to our discussions with things they have heard or seen on Radio/TV or read in the paper. A photograph can be a good starter for discussion.

We will have our run jump throw activities (17th November) and this will be in the form of a whanau day, to be run in tabloid form and organised by the middle syndicate.

Learning conferences will be held from 29th November . and written reports for those completing a time frame at school, will be distributed at the end of year.

Later in the term we intend to have a syndicate day (possibly 28th November) at a place to be decided. Parent helpers will be required that day and more information will follow at a later date.

Thank you all for the support you have provided throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge the support from Mr Alderson over the years as my part time assistant and reliever. As I intend to finish full time teaching at the end of the year I would like to wish you all the very best for the future. I have decided after 60 years at 'school' it's time to try something else. I've had a wonderful time in those years as I've worked with some great families and colleagues. I have my family and new grandchildren in Melbourne and I intend to spend a little more time with them.

I hope you all have a safe and happy term, a happy holiday and a prosperous new year.

Regards
Stephen Elliott