

# Room 2 Newsletter - Term 4 2017

## Welcome to MPS!

I hope you had enjoyable holidays. This is a very busy term with lots happening, so please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter. A big welcome to Mrs Ronny Tankersley who will be our additional teacher in Room 2 all term, and to the new children and families starting their school journey at MPS this term. Nau mai haere mai!

## Coming Dates

Labour Day (No school): Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Jnr Syn Mini Market Fundraiser: Nov 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Whanau Day (Sports focus): Nov 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Book Week: Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Harold Truck here: Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>  
 New Entrant Open Morning: Nov 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Parent Interviews: Nov 29<sup>th</sup> & Nov 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Junior Beach Trip: Dec 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Senior School Prize-Giving: Dec 12<sup>th</sup>  
 End of Term: Friday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> (Half Day only)

## 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)

## Curriculum

Our termly focus will be on 'Keeping Ourselves Safe', starting with a visit from the Masterton Fire Service. Keep an eye out for the useful family booklets for you to use at home. We also hope to touch base on home safety situations (fire, earthquake, water, sun, poisons and medicines, electrical, etc) and to begin learning home addresses in case of emergencies. Now is a great time to start practising saying their full name, address and phone number. Remember 5 years of age is not too young to save a life! We will also have a quick visit from Harold the giraffe in the Life Education Trust truck.

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. The older children will be extended to prepare for their move up into a Year 2 class next year.

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

- Number Knowledge - Reading, counting, ordering numbers forwards/backwards, skip counting
- Number Strategies - Simple number story problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication (grouping), division (sharing)
- Also the following smaller units of work: capacity, money, fractions, time, shape, probability



## Term 4 Safety Discussion Ideas for Whanau

- Discuss safe practises in a variety of situations around your home: fire, earthquake, rivers, pools, ocean, poisons, medicines, sun safety, hot water, safety around cooking in kitchen and BBQs, electrical safety, dog safety

- Prepare your child for various emergency situations that may arise, and your expectations around what they should do

- Begin to help your child learn their full name, address and phone number for use in an emergency

## Parent Interviews

The following children will be due for a parent interview at the end of this term: Sypris, James, Aaliyah, Tatana, Paige, Alexander, Noah, Jorga, Vainie, Georgia-Rayne, Hemi, Mia

## Lunches for Fundraising

There are now a variety of possibilities for ordering your child's lunch. See the office for details. Some of these are fundraisers for the school - so a really easy way to support us.

Tuesday - Tucker Box  
 Wednesday - Hot Dog  
 Thursday - Subway  
 Friday - Pie

## Book Week / Art Show

Book week is Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> and it is a busy week. It includes the following:

- a book fair and sale in library
- a dress up parade
- various other activities



## Shoelaces

Please send your child to school in shoes that they are capable of dealing with themselves.

## Sunhats

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a wide-brimmed sunhat. I encourage children to leave them at school for the duration of the term.



## 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.

## New Entrant Enrolments for 2018



If you know of any new children coming to MPS as New Entrants next year, please let Karen know in the office. The more accurate data we can have on numbers, means we are better able to plan the New Entrant/Year One classes with less movement during the school year.

Room 1 and 2 will have an Open Morning in November for any prospective new children to visit.

This term Mrs Tankersley will join Room 2 full time to support me. I am very grateful to have such an experienced New Entrant teacher on board. I am also grateful to the MPS Senior Management team for valuing the learning that occurs in a New Entrant room, and providing an appropriate funding solution to our roll growth. We will use the old dental clinic in-between the Kindy and Room 2 as a quiet break out work space (we are calling it 'The Hut') and will make use of outside more. By the end of the term, we will be approaching 30 children in Room 2, so please be patient with us!



## School Trip

Thanks for all of your support with fundraising. We have one last fundraiser planned - a Mini Market run by the children on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for trip information. To make our life easier, please return permission slips and money ASAP.

