

Senior Syndicate Newsletter

Welcome back to school for Term 4. We have already made a great start to the term. Let's hope the fine weather is here to stay!

School 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**

Hats: As it is now Term four and the weather is starting to warm up, wide-brimmed hats are compulsory for every student to wear whilst they are outside this term. Students without hats must play under the shade sails at break times.

Medical details: Please make sure that your medical forms are returned and details are up to date. Contact the office if you need to make a change to these; really important at this time of year with many bees around, especially if you have allergies.

Uniforms / Hygiene

Summer is coming and temperatures are rising! Can we please have your support to help keep our classrooms pleasant by reminding your child to follow the hygiene rules (Daily bath/shower, clean uniform and apply deodorant daily) Thank you!

Summer Sports

Summer sports will be starting soon. Our winter sports teams had a fabulous season this year and the students really enjoyed it! If your child is involved in a summer sport please pay subs promptly and keep an eye out for team notices.

Year 6 Camp:

Camp is approaching quickly! Please make sure you complete and return the latest forms.

You should also be checking your gear list and gathering everything together. If you able to lend or need to borrow any items e.g headlamp/torch/sleeping bag etc , please let us know. Thank you to all those parents that have helped with fundraising, as our camp would not be possible without you.

While the Year 6 students are at Camp, the Year 5 students (plus any non-campers) will be working with Mrs Smith and Mrs Hallett .

Athletics: Athletics training will be underway very soon to prepare our students for our whole school Athletics in week 5.

Kapa Haka Festival: Many of our senior students are involved in the Masterton Kapa Haka festival which is this Friday at Wairarapa College. The students need to be at school at 8.10am to get ready. Remember to return your slip and \$2 to the school office if you haven't already paid..

Whanau Day: This term's Whanau day is being organised by the Middle Syndicate (activity to be confirmed) This is a great opportunity to have a shared lunch with your child and the students would love to have you there so please come along!

Book Week: It is book week in week six. There will be book sales and a book character day as well, so keep an eye out for notices a bit closer to the time.

Final Assembly: Our final assembly will be on the 12th December (last Tuesday of term).

Year 6's should be continuing to show us that they deserve the special awards and year 5 students can be thinking about how they can strive for these for next year.

Important Dates:

Jerome Kavanagh Workshop at MIS (selected students only) - Tues 17th Oct

Kapa Haka Festival—Fri 20th Oct

Labour Day (no school) - Mon 23rd Oct

Year 6 Camp—Tue 7th Nov to Fri 10th Nov

Masterton Interschool Athletics - Wed 15th

Whanau Day - Fri 17th

Life Education Bus at MPS - Week 6

Scholastic Book Fair Show - Week 6

Book Sales open—Wed 15th Nov - Fri 17th Nov

Book Character day—Fri 17th Nov

Road Patrol Pool Party - Wed 29th Nov

Final Assembly—Tue 12th Dec

Last day of Term (Half day)—Wed 13th Dec



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?

This term we will be very busy with the year 6 camp, Athletics and organising end of year celebrations.

Topic:

Our topic in class is going to be Ancient Civilisations, (Egypt, Rome, China, India...). We will be exploring a range of civilisations and working out which are the oldest. We will also be looking at artefacts from each civilisation, how they lived, what they did for work and entertainment. We will also explore the role of an archaeologist and how they give us information about the past.

Numeracy: We are starting off with a unit about measurement and will be learning about time. A great way of helping your child learn at home is to encourage them to read the time on both analogue and digital clocks at home.

Please keep learning times tables and division facts up to 10x10 as these 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: Although no formal homework is given all students are encouraged to read every night and keep learning their times tables so they can recall them as fast as they can.

Online Learning: Each child in Room 4 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.

www.readingeggs.co.nz or 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 how the year has gone. These learning interviews are happening in week 7 (29th and 30th November) so please make a time with the office if you would like to discuss your child's learning.

If you have any questions or need to contact me directly about your child, please email on purcells@masterton.school.nz or phone the school office 06 377 5297