



Welcome to Room 1 and Term 3. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term, a special welcome to our new tamariki and their whanau.



Teaching Days for Term 3

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We will be alternating Wednesdays

We run a Playbased Environment and are working collaboratively to plan, teach and assess. It's going to be another great term full of new learning adventures. As always, if you have any questions please ask.

Busy Bees

We have a number of focus areas this term.

***Social Skills:** We will be focussing on social skills and teaching children about these, what they look like and the importance of these in everyday life. This week we have been looking at "kindness" ask your child about this. We have also welcomed our new class pet "Goldie" he has loved his first week in Room 1. He is very impressed with how "kind" the Room 1 children have been to him. Children who are displaying positive behaviour will be responsible for looking after "Goldie" during the class day.



***Growth Mindset:** we will continue to encourage and support our children to take risks, problem solve and learn how to be resilient.

***Healthy Bodies:** We will continue to be active everyday as we participate in PMP sessions, fitness, running, and Jump Jam. We will also cover Sexuality Education where we will learn about **respect, friendships, using "I" statements, expressing ideas and feelings, listening to others, Identifying body parts (including sexual parts) caring for our bodies and changes in our bodies.** If you have any concerns regarding this please contact us to discuss.

Literacy & Numeracy: These 2 areas will be integrated through our "learning through play" focus. We will have a variety of options and opportunities for the children to engage in. We are taking a different approach towards our Reading Programme this term see over.

Play means...

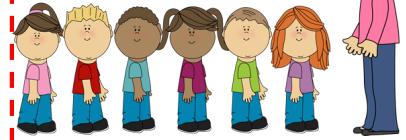
exploring, talking, thinking, trying, imagining, daydreaming, inventing, risk taking, giving, sharing, making choices, working, relaxing, challenging, turn taking, pausing, running, skipping, jumping, shouting, whispering, singing, making friends, being yourself, being someone else, role playing, acting, caring, negotiating, reading, writing, counting, measuring, trying things out, feeling, leading, following, problem solving, storytelling, building, laughing, smiling...

learning.

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
- *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).



Important Dates:

- ROOM 1 ASSEMBLY - Week 7 Friday 7th September 12pm
- Learning Conferences - Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th September
- Whanau Day— Friday 21st September
- Disco - Thursday 27th
- Last Day of Term—Friday 28th September

Please keep an eye out for **other special events** in the School Newsletter and on our Facebook Pages.

We encourage.....

- *Manners
- *Individuality
- *Communication
- *Self Managing
- *Creativity
- *Healthy Lunchboxes
- *Kindness
- *Risk taking
- *Being Inquisitive



Home Reading

We encourage reading every night, but realise at times our little people are exhausted by the end of the school day and households are busy places so we suggest you try different approaches: **Let them read, read to your child, read with them, let them read to an older or younger sibling, set up a Skype meeting/Facetime call with a family member** but most of all encourage and make it an enjoyable experience for all. Children will have access to a variety of interest books this term, some nights they will choose a book they have read in class or it may be one they haven't read. We have found some of our tamariki are not quite "ready" for structured reading hence our different approach. If you have any queries, please come in and see us, as we are more than happy to clarify.

BOOKBAGS ARE REQUIRED EVERYDAY

NITS are a fact of life, unfortunately. Please check your child's hair regularly & inform us if necessary.

Lost Property: Please ensure all uniform and belongings are named.

End of the school day: It would be extremely helpful to us if you could wait outside the classroom until your child is released as it becomes very distracting during pack up time, it is important for our tamariki to manage themselves during this time, gathering their belongings and packing their bags independently. We are more than happy to chat after the bell has gone.

WATER BOTTLES : Please send everyday.



TREASURES.....

We are always busy creating and making things in our classroom. If you have any creative resources or anything suitable for our Play based Learning they would be well received by the children and much appreciated by us. Also if you have a passion or talent you are keen to share with our tamariki please let us know.

Please check out our School Website or Facebook page to see what the latest happenings are. If you haven't joined our Room 1 page, search Room 1 Clever Cookies MPS 2018 & request to join. Any problems let us know so we can help. Kind Regards Bridget & Kate