

# Room 2 Newsletter - Term 3 2018

## Welcome back!

I hope you had great holidays, and stayed as warm as possible! Welcome back to older children and their families, hello to some new faces and a big welcome to Mrs Tankersley, who will be team teaching with me as our numbers grow. If you know of anyone thinking of starting their child at MPS this year, please let us know so we can make provisions for classes and teachers well in advance.

## Coming Dates

Miss Hoy will be out of the class on teacher release/course on the following dates:

Aug 1, 3, 15, 17, 31 Sept 12, 14, 28

School Photos: August 9

Spaghetti Buns Fundraising: Aug 23 / Sept 6

Folkdancing Demonstration: Aug 24

Learning Conferences: Sept 12 & 13

Whanau Day: Sept 21

Kapa Haka Festival: Sept 26 & 27

Disco: Sept 27

End of Term: Sept 28

## 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)

## Please save my sanity...

Please bear in mind that the children take their shoes off everyday for the following activities: PMP, singing in the music room, sandpit and just general play! Unless your child has mastered tying their laces, please send them to school in shoes that not only encourage their independence, but don't end up in a nest of knots, and hold everyone up whilst time is taken to put on and do up.

## Folkdancing Demonstration

We are doing folkdancing for the first half of this term. You are invited to watch what we have been learning (and reminisce your own folkdancing days!!) on Friday August 24<sup>th</sup> in the hall at 1.50pm. Warning: you better hone your Bird Dance skills! ☺

## Curriculum

We are going to spend the first part of the term creating some art works for our end of year Art Show (Term 4). We will then cover the health topic of My Body, which will include some basic health and hygiene practises, and how to be a good friend. We will also cover the Year One objectives in our school wide Sexuality Education programme. The objectives that we will cover in Room 2 are attached to this letter. As our class grows, we hope to make the most of any good weather by using the outside play space during class time as well.

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. We also hope explore language features through the use of traditional tales.

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

- Transformations - Including reflections, line of symmetry, translations, rotations
- Position & Orientation - Giving and following directions involving direction, distance,  $\frac{1}{4}$  &  $\frac{1}{2}$  turns
- Number Knowledge - Reading, counting, ordering numbers forwards/backwards, understanding doubles and halves, and recognising number patterns such as tens frame
- Number Strategies - Simple number story problems (starting with addition and subtraction, but also moving into basic grouping and sharing)
- Minor units of work on - shape, temperature, fractions, area, patterns



## Facebook

If you haven't yet become part of our Room 2 Facebook Group, and would like to, come and see me. All I need is your email address to send you an invite.



## School Photos

Don't forget to get your order forms and money into the office. Photos are on August 9<sup>th</sup>, which is not very far away.

## FOS - Friends of School

This is our PTA who are involved with various fundraising activities during the year (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. The group meets in the library at appropriate times, so children are able to play in the playground whilst you are at the meeting.

## Social Worker in Schools (SWiS)

This year we have a new Social Worker on site every Tuesday. Her name is Mereana Lopa. She works out of the small office beside Room 1 and is here for your support if required. She is able to access a range of services for family support.

## Nurse Rosemary

Our School Nurse is on site every Tuesday 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.



## Lunch Eating

Children are monitored eating lunch every day. Please chat to us about any concerns you have, in regards to your child's eating habits, so that we can keep a closer eye on if necessary. I try to encourage them to talk at home about what worked in their lunchbox and what didn't.

Some children have a lot of items in their lunchbox - you may want to try reducing the amount, if it is not being eaten. We only have a 40 minute lunch break.

Sometimes it is hard for me to see what they have eaten as their lunchboxes still look full even after 20 minutes of eating.

One more reminder - we are a water/milk only school.

## Sexuality Education

This term the whole school will be undertaking compulsory Sexuality Education lessons. The lessons build over the years your child will be at school, and aim to provide a holistic and age appropriate approach covering relationships, feelings, values, body awareness, body safety and seeking help when necessary. The learning intentions for Year One children are printed over the page for you to see what your child will be covering in school, and for you to support discussions at home.

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## Junior Fundraising

Keep an eye out for the Junior Fundraising activities. We will need parents to support us in this venture to raise money for our end of our year trip. We will aim to do two spaghetti bun days this term. See me if you can help make these - very easy!



Due for reports and parent interviews this term will be:

Liam, Courtney, Kahu,  
Gabriel, Quinn, Zion

(Information regarding booking a timeslot with me will be sent out to you in the coming weeks)

## Spare Clothing for Accidents

It is very useful to include a change of clothes, in particular underwear in your child's bag. Although I do have spare clothing in the classroom, I often don't get clothing returned, so stocks are limited.

If you do have trousers in smaller sizes that your children have grown out of, I would very much appreciate donations of these.

