

Room 2 Newsletter - Term 4 2018

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 and Facebook posts. A big welcome 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 22nd

Jnr Syn Mini Market Fundraiser: Oct 25th

Book Week: Nov 12th - 16th

New Entrant Open Morning (2019 enrolments): Date to be advised

Parent Interviews: Nov 28th & Nov 29th

Junior Train Trip: Dec 5th

Disco: Dec 6th

Talent Show: Dec 10th

Senior School Prize-Giving: Dec 13th

End of Term: Friday Dec 14th
(Half Day only)

Lunches for Fundraising

Remember that we have lunches available for order at the school office. This supports the school fundraising.

Wednesdays - Hamburger
Fridays - Pie

Reminders are in the newsletter every week as well as details around pricing

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.

Facebook

This has proven to be a very useful way for communications between school and home to develop. Most classes have a private group which you can join after being invited by the class teacher. The school also has a public page that you can easily find yourself.

We use these pages a lot for letting you know about various activities around school. It is really beneficial if you are a part of these groups. Also remember that a weekly newsletter comes home in the bag of the oldest child attending MPS every Tuesday.

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

Term 4 is always a very busy term, and this time around it is only 9 weeks long. I have decided to continue on with our theme of Traditional Tales with a slight focus on **Science**. We will cover the story of **Jack and the Beanstalk** (looking at living things and growing) and the story of **The Little Red Hen** (looking at doing some bread making). We will also be busy trying to create art works for the **Art Show** (week 5), preparing for our **Market Day** (week 2) and covering some basic **Health** topics around home safety (including the Nationwide Shake Out Earthquake Drill in week 1).

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**.

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, fractions, length, 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:

Lukas, Waimana, Tilly, Ari, Indi, Zeayk,

Book Week / Art Show

Book week is Nov 12th - 16th 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.



School Trip

Thanks for all of your support with fundraising. We have one last fundraiser planned - a Mini Market run by the children on Oct 25th. Keep an eye out for trip information. To make our life easier, please return permission slips and money ASAP.



New Entrant Enrolments for 2019



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 later in the term for any prospective new children to visit.