

# 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. 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 Clarke and Mrs McQueen.

**Athletics:** Athletics training will be underway this week to prepare our students for the Masterton Athletics in Week 5.

**Whanau Day:** This term's Whanau day is being organised by the Senior Syndicate and will be tabloid sports/athletics activities. 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 five. 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 13th December (last Thursday 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:

NZ Shakeout Drill—Thursday 18th Oct  
 Year 5 Road Patrol Training—Fri 19th Oct  
 Labour Day (no school) - Mon 22nd Oct  
 Junior Market Day—Thurs 25th Oct  
 Year 6 Camp—Tue 30th Oct—Fri 2nd Oct  
 Masterton Interschool Athletics - Wed 15th Nov  
 Scholastic Book Fair Show - Week 5  
 Book Sales open—Wed 14th Nov - Fri 16th Nov  
 Book Character day—Fri 16th Nov  
 Learning Conferences—Wed 28th, Thurs 29th Nov  
 Year 6 MIS Orientation Day—Fri 30th Nov  
 Year 5 Trip—Friday 30th Nov  
 Whanau Day - Fri 7th Dec  
 Final Assembly—Thursday 14th Dec  
 Last day of Term (Half day)—Friday 14th 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.

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## What's happening in Room 4 this term?

**The topic this term:** Enviro—schools, “How can we improve our school?” Room 4 are working on a proposal to improve the playground to make it more senior friendly and challenging. We will be designing an upgraded playground and writing letters to persuade management that it is needed. Alongside this we will be taking part in some more science activities.

**Numeracy:** Last term we spent a lot of time working on fractions so we are now exploring geometry. 2D and 3D shapes, reflection, rotation, translation, tessellation and enlargements. We will also be continuing with basic facts and number knowledge and strategies for adding, subtracting, multiplication and division.

**Written Language:** Currently, we are still learning about VCOP (vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation). Already we have noticed an improvement in confidence when writing. We will be writing persuasive texts, trying to convince someone with our own opinion. Every Thursday the students will have poetry with Mrs Gardener, the children are really hooked in to this!

**Reading:** This term we are focussing on the inquiry process and how we find and record information about a topic and presenting this information for our target audience. We are reading from the author Roald Dahl ready for book week activities.

**P.E.:** We have been trialling students for Masterton athletics in week 5 in long jump, high jump, vortex throw and short distance running. From week 4 we are focussing on team games e.g. softball, long ball, cricket... We encourage all students to participate it is a fun and relaxing way to exercise. Fitness this term is a three week rotation of Jump jam, fitness rotations on the court area and active activities on the field.

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