

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 are 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 Interschool 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 Nov to Fri 2nd Nov
 Masterton Interschool Athletics - Wed 14th 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.

What's happening in Room 5 this term?

The topic this term:

As part of our Enviro School topic, Room 5 will be focusing on their designs for a bike track.

We will also be looking at plastic waste in the environment and the effects of this waste. We will be making beeswax sandwich wraps. Hopefully this will encourage students to bring a sandwich for their lunch, as well as reducing the amount of plastic waste in their lunchboxes.

Numeracy:

In Numeracy we will be revising Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Fractions.

We will also be investigate Weight and Mass in Measurement, Probability in Statistics and Rotation, Translation and Reflection in Geometry.

Written Language:

Our focus in writing will be on using more advanced punctuation. We will be writing letters, biographies and narratives. Sentence structure will also be a key focus in Writing for us.

Spelling

Students bring home a list of spelling words each week. They are to learn these words at home. Each Friday, students are expected to bring their spelling book to school for buddy spelling testing. Results are recorded to monitor progress.

Reading:

In Reading we are working on our comprehension and evaluations of texts.

Our class novel will be *Boy*, which is Roald's story of his childhood. We will be researching facts about Roald and students will write a short biography of this well-known author.

During Book Week, the Senior Syndicate will have a Roald Dahl theme. In preparation for this we will be reading Roald Dahl stories.

Library:

Our class Library time is Wednesday afternoon. Students need to bring their Library book back to school when it is due. Books are due to be returned every two weeks.

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